

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

To: All new taught postgraduate Social Sciences students

Notes for New Social Sciences TPg Students

I am pleased to welcome you to the Faculty of Social Sciences. I hope you will find the upcoming year(s) at HKU both intellectually stimulating and academically rewarding.

2. You are required to complete the Online Master Registration upon your admission to the University. The computer account details to facilitate your registration will be sent to you by email from August 10, 2026 onwards and the set of application documents and materials have been uploaded to the Faculty TPg Orientation website at <https://web.socsc.hku.hk/TPg-orientation> for your reference and necessary action. You are advised to read through the documents and follow the submission due dates of the documents to the Faculty Office and other offices concerned.

Registration Procedures and Documents

3. To ensure timely processing of your registration, you are required to complete the Online Master Registration at <https://hkuportal.hku.hk/login.html> by using your computer account login provided and follow all the procedures laid down on “Registration Procedures for New Social Sciences TPg Students” (Appendix A). Failure to complete the Online Master Registration and/or to submit the relevant documents by the stipulated deadlines may result in non-issuance of your Student Registration Card.

Important Notes for Students Using a Visa to Study in Hong Kong¹

4. According to the Hong Kong Immigration Department, all visitors who do not have a right of abode in Hong Kong are required to apply for a student visa for study. Studying in Hong Kong without a valid visa is a breach of the Conditions of Stay under the Immigration Ordinance of the Laws of Hong Kong.

¹ Students studying in Hong Kong on a visa are defined as holders of the following documents issued by the HKSAR Immigration Department: a) dependent visa/entry permit; b) full-time employment visa/work permit; c) student visa/entry permit; d) visa/entry permit for Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents; e) visa/entry permit for Capital Investment Entrant Scheme; f) visa/entry permit for Top Talent Pass Scheme; g) visa/entry permit for Quality Migrant Admission Scheme; or h) visa/entry permit under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG). Alternatively, under the [Education Bureau’s definition of local students](https://www.jupas.edu.hk/en/page/detail/3670/) (<https://www.jupas.edu.hk/en/page/detail/3670/>), students without any LS1-9 documents are also regarded as studying on a visa.

5. After you have arrived in Hong Kong, you are required to upload your visa, landing slip, and input the visa expiry date via HKU Portal. The email for collection of Student Registration Card will only be sent to your HKU Portal email account and your student status at HKU will only be regarded as confirmed after you have completed the online submission of visa, landing slip and visa expiry date. You should bring both the original and a photocopy of your visa document(s) when collecting your Student Registration Card. Your visa record at HKU will be verified upon successful collection of the Student Registration Card.

6. Students who fail to upload their visa documents to the HKU Portal and whose visa status remains unverified will be issued weekly reminders by the Academic Support and Examinations Section of the Registry from mid-September; access to all University facilities (with the exception of the University Health Service) will be suspended from October; access to Moodle, University Halls, Residential Colleges and CEDARS services will be suspended from mid-October; and the studentship at HKU will be terminated with effect from November for those whose visa status remains unverified by the end of October.

HKU Email Account for University Communications

7. The University will disseminate important information and notices to students via the HKU Portal and the HKU email account, rather than personal email account. You are therefore reminded to check your HKU email account regularly or contact the Faculty Office for the most updated information regarding registration and related activities.

Instant Messaging Applications for Information Dissemination from the Faculty

8. The Faculty will pilot the use of instant messaging applications, including WhatsApp and WeChat, to broadcast important Faculty-wide information to students through the Faculty's designated account. Messages will be sent to the mobile phone number recorded in your student profile. Further details will be announced in due course. Please pay attention to any related messages or announcements from the Faculty Office, and keep your mobile contact information up-to-date in your student profile.

Regulations and Syllabuses

9. The Regulations and Syllabuses provide detailed information on the programme requirements and curriculum for your course of study. You are required to familiarise yourself with the Regulations and Syllabuses before the commencement of your studies. The 2026-27 Regulations and Syllabuses are available online at the Faculty TPg Orientation website at <https://web.socsc.hku.hk/TPg-orientation>.

Dates of Semesters

10. The first semester of the 2026-27 academic year will begin on September 1, 2026 (Tuesday). For key academic dates, please refer to "Dates of Semesters of the Taught Postgraduate Programmes" ([Appendix B](#)).

Course Selection

11. You are required to complete the course selection in the First Semester for both the First Semester and Second Semester, and where applicable, the Summer Semester for certain programmes via the HKU Portal. For course selection periods, please refer to “Online Course Selection Schedules of the Taught Postgraduate Programmes” (Appendix C).

12. The Faculty kindly reminds you to plan ahead by referring to the Regulations and Syllabuses and to select your courses within the stipulated period. Please note that course enrolment requests made after the designated timeframe are generally not accommodated. You may approach the respective Programme Offices for course details.

Orientation Activities

13. Before the beginning of the academic year, Programme Offices will organise orientation activities or induction programmes to welcome new students. You may approach the respective Programme Offices for further details.

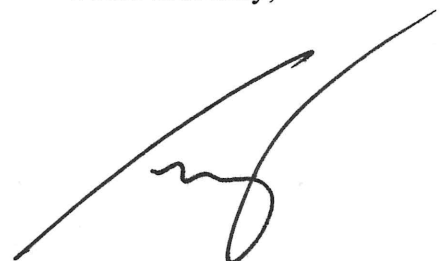
Information Technology Services Guide

14. For details of the services provided by the Information Technology Services, please refer to <https://www.its.hku.hk/>.

Enquiries

15. If you have any questions regarding your studies, you are welcome to contact the respective Programme Offices by email as stated in the welcoming email. The Faculty Office is pleased to assist you whenever possible. For general enquiries, you may contact the Faculty Office by email at socscpg@hku.hk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a long, sweeping horizontal stroke followed by a loop and a vertical stroke.

Tommy Fan
Faculty Secretary

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