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## Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Social Policy

2022-23 Full-time Undergraduate Programme  
for Associate Degree & Higher Diploma Graduates

Admissions  
**2022**  
(Year 3 Entry)

# Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Social Policy

社會政策社會科學學士 (榮譽) 學位課程



## Award

Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Social Policy awarded by Hong Kong Baptist University



This programme is offered by the College of International Education, Hong Kong Baptist University for holders of Associate Degree (AD) or Higher Diploma (HD) in the social-sciences-related disciplines who wish to continue on to a Bachelor's degree in social policy.

## Programme Features

- Provides a full-time, non-government-funded honours undergraduate programme, normally completed in two years;
- Develops students' understanding and ability to participate in the making and evaluation of social policies in local, regional and international contexts;
- Sharpens students' awareness of issues in social injustice and inequality, as well as the challenges in the contemporary society;
- Develops students' understanding of diverse social needs and the significance of social developments and the ability to integrate the theories of social policy, leadership and organisations into the public sector as well as the third sector, or non-profit-making organisations.



The Programme is tailor-made for students who are keen to explore and improve the world through the knowledge and practice of social policy.

Dr. Sam Yu | Programme Director



# Career Prospects

The programme will provide graduates with training in preparation for careers in a wide range of areas, for example: social services, politics, research and social planning. With an increasing demand for professional personnel with a strong background in policy studies in the Greater China Region, graduates can occupy mid-level administrative and managerial posts in various public, quasi-public and non-government organisations.

# Programme Structure

The four-year undergraduate programme requires students to complete a total of 128 units, including 63 units of Major Courses, 13 units of University Core Courses, 18 units of General Education Courses and 34 units of Free Elective Courses. Students with Associate Degree or Higher Diploma qualifications will normally be admitted directly into the third year of study to complete the programme in two years.

Specifically, students are required to complete 48 units of Major Core Courses, 15 units of Major Elective Courses and 3 units of General Education Capstone Course.

## Year 1 & Year 2

### UNIVERSITY CORE (13 UNITS)

The University Core is a requirement in the undergraduate curriculum which aims at providing students with the essential and transferable knowledge and skills that help them lead successful lives both during and following their university education, and ultimately supporting the University's commitment to develop the Graduate Attributes among students.

- University English<sup>♦</sup>
- University Chinese<sup>♦</sup>
- Healthy Lifestyle<sup>♦</sup>
- The Art of Persuasion<sup>♦</sup>

### GENERAL EDUCATION (15 UNITS)

The General Education (GE) Programme provides the foundation of a well-rounded university education. The goal of the programme is to promote Whole Person Education (WPE) through exposure to a range of transferable skills, guiding principles, and attitudes that all students will need in their future professional and personal lives.

- Level 1 Foundational Courses<sup>#</sup>
- Level 2 Interdisciplinary Thematic Courses

<sup>♦</sup> For Associate Degree or Higher Diploma applicants, a block transfer of University Core Courses will be granted.

<sup>#</sup> For Associate Degree applicants, a block transfer of 9 units will be granted.

### PROGRAMME PREREQUISITE / FREE ELECTIVE COURSES (34 UNITS)

Programme Prerequisite / Free Elective Courses are normally exempted for Associate Degree / Higher Diploma graduates seeking for year 3 entry.

Remarks:

1. The number of courses/units the students are required to complete will depend on the number of courses/units for which exemption and/or unit transfer will be granted. All unit transfer or course exemption shall be considered on a case-by-case basis upon admission. Students are required to complete all programme prerequisites, University Core and GE courses to meet the graduation requirements.
2. Students without social sciences background are required to take a prerequisite course Social Policy in the 1st semester of year 3.
3. Unit transfer equivalent to 28 units of University Core and GE courses will be considered by the Programme management on a case-by-case basis.
4. Make-up courses may be required on admission.
5. Students are required to complete a non-credit bearing University Life programme.



The programme provides opportunities for students to conduct voluntary community practices so that they can integrate theory into practice.



## Year 3 & Year 4

### MAJOR CORE COURSES (48 UNITS)

- Diversity and Social Structure of Modern States
- Principles and Theories of Social Policy
- Social Justice and Social Movements
- Social Research
- Communications and Networking of the Non-profit-making Organizations
- Culture and Social Policy
- Globalization and Social Policy
- Policy Processes and Politics
- Social Policy in Chinese Societies
- Policy Analysis and Evaluation
- Social Enterprises and the Third Sector
- Administration in Non-profit-making Organizations
- Challenges of Sustainable Development
- Comparative Social Policy
- Honours Project

### MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSES (15 UNITS)

- Community Development and Community Economic Practices
- Secondary Data Analysis, Mixed Method Research and Programme Evaluation
- Youth and Citizenship
- Youth in Transition, Employment and Education
- Gender, Identity and Young People
- Poverty and Social Exclusion
- Pension and Retirement Protection
- Public Health Care Systems

### GENERAL EDUCATION CAPSTONE COURSE (3 UNITS)

- Facing the Digital World and Issues

*Remark:*

*The University reserves the right to make changes to these courses without prior notice.*



128 UNITS



## Alumni Sharing



**Chan Ka Po  
(BSP Graduate)**

Currently working in the Social Service field

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“Since many people are suffering, I want to help the people in need and hope to make a change to society.”



**Wong Ka Yi, Maggie  
(BSP Graduate)**

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“The most unforgettable experience is the social service attachment where I was able to help people affected by urban renewal programmes.”

## Campus

The programme is offered at the Hong Kong Baptist University's Shek Mun (Shatin) Campus, which is located next to the Shek Mun Station of MTR Tuen Ma Line. With a gross floor area of 30,000m<sup>2</sup>, the campus provides full university facilities, including indoor heated swimming pool, gymnasium, fitness room, dance room, auditorium, multimedia laboratories, library and learning commons. Special learning facilities such as bioeco laboratory, creative science laboratory, food sensory laboratory, testing and analytical laboratory, food and nutritional science laboratory, active living laboratory, social science research laboratory, media communication laboratory, psychology laboratory and child assessment centre are also set up to provide students with practical experiences in their areas of study.

## Tuition Fee

HKD85,140 per year. Students are required to complete 66 units in two years at HKD2,580 per unit (Total HKD170,280).

The annual tuition fee is paid in two equal instalments, normally before the start of the first and the second semesters. For newly enrolled undergraduate students, HKD15,000 of the first instalment plus some fees will have to be paid by the applicants for acceptance of their admission offers and the balance will have to be paid in late August. Students are required to pay full tuition fees per semester during the normal period of study, regardless of the number of units enrolled in the semester.

For students who are required to take make-up course(s) to fulfil the programme prerequisites, University Core and/or GE courses, additional tuition fee for the make-up course(s) will be charged at HKD1,790 per unit.

## Financial Assistance

Full-time local students may apply for the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students (FASP) and the Non-means-tested Loan Scheme for Post-secondary Students (NLSPS) administered by the Student Finance Office (SFO) under the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA), HKSAR Government. For more information, students should contact the SFO or visit its website at [www.wfsfaa.gov.hk](http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk).

# Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission, a candidate should hold

- an Associate Degree (AD) in Applied Social Service or related disciplines from any of the local/overseas recognised institutions; or
- a relevant Higher Diploma (HD) from any recognised institutions.

Candidates who possess equivalent qualifications are to be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Students are expected to complete all programme prerequisites and GE courses in their Associate Degree / Higher Diploma studies. Otherwise, they may have to complete additional units of study to make up for the programme prerequisites and GE courses at College of International Education (CIE), Hong Kong Baptist University.

## Apply Online Now!



[cie.hkbu.edu.hk/t/admissions-ug](http://cie.hkbu.edu.hk/t/admissions-ug)

The University accepts both online and paper application. Applicants may apply for more than one programme if they wish to. A non-refundable and non-transferable application fee for EACH applied programme will be charged at HKD450.



## Enquiries

For enquiries concerning the application procedure, please contact Academic Registry Services Section.

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