

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Bachelor of Social Work (full-time)

1. Introduction

The social work undergraduate programme [Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.)] aims to provide a first level professional education for entry into the profession of social work. The curriculum covers the knowledge, values, processes, and skills that are essential for the practice of social work. Upon graduation, a student should have attained a beginning professional level of proficiency and developed an awareness of responsibility to continue his/her professional development. He/she can register under the Hong Kong Social Workers Registration Board as a Registered Social Worker in the Hong Kong Special Administration Region.

2. Aims

- To graduate social workers committed to pursue academic and professional excellence to advance social justice;
- To develop fully the competence in leadership and advocacy of students for them to improve the human condition through service provision and research;
- To develop a stimulating and supportive learning environment that cultivates students' ability to implement ethical and reflective practice based on analysis of theories and evidence;
- To promote students' awareness of the social inclusion perspective and develop their competence for working with people from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds in building local and global communities;
- To apply inter-disciplinary knowledge to tackle ever-changing situations and problems through collaboration with the community, NGOs, service users and other social institutions;
- To equip social work graduates with essential knowledge, values and skills of becoming effective team players and responsive leaders to enhance collaboration for productive engagement and social action.

3. Learning Outcomes

Programme Level Outcomes	Faculty Level Outcomes	University Educational Aims
On successful completion of the programme, students should be able to:	On successful completion of the curriculum, students should be able to:	Benchmarked against the highest international standards, the 4-year undergraduate curriculum at HKU is designed to enable our students to develop their capabilities in:
Programme Level Outcome 1	Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 1	University Educational Aim 1
- Pursue academic/professional excellence to advance social justice	- acquire and critically evaluate underlying theories and concepts through independent research in social science disciplines	- pursuit of academic/professional excellence, critical intellectual inquiry and life-long learning
Programme Level Outcome 2	Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 2	University Educational Aim 2
- Apply inter-disciplinary knowledge to tackle ever-	- apply social science theories and methods in analyzing complex	- tackling novel situations and ill-defined problems

changing situations and problems	problems in a globalizing world	
Programme Level Outcome 3	Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 3	University Educational Aim 3
- Implement ethical and reflective practice based on analysis of theories and evidences	- reflect critically on learning through participation in social innovation internships to engage with the wider community	- critical self-reflection, greater understanding of others, and upholding personal and professional ethics
Programme Level Outcome 4	Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 4	University Educational Aim 4
- Respect cultural, ethnic and other forms of diversity in building local and global communities	- embrace diverse learning environments through out-of-Hong Kong exchange and global citizenship programmes	- intercultural communication, and global citizenship
Programme Level Outcome 5	Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 5	University Educational Aim 5
- Communicate effectively to enhance collaboration for productive engagement and social action	- work as effective team members and in group projects to enhance collaboration and communication skills	- communication and collaboration
Programme Level Outcome 6	Faculty of Social Sciences Intended Learning Outcome 6	University Educational Aim 6
- Demonstrate competence in leadership and advocacy for the improvement of human condition through service provision and research	- demonstrate an awareness of current social issues and problems and be prepared to act as advocates for social change	- leadership and advocacy for the improvement of the human condition