

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

**CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT**

**Master of Expressive Arts Therapy**

The Master of Expressive Arts Therapy consists of 10 compulsory courses, 2 elective courses, 500 to 750 hours of practicum and a dissertation. All of the compulsory courses and elective courses are 6-credit courses while the practicum is a 36-credit course and the dissertation is a 12-credit course. We use 150 hours of student learning activity (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activity) as the norm for a 6-credit course, but the contact hours and output requirements for different groups of courses vary according to the learning modes employed. Each 6-credit course consists of at least 30-39 contact hours; each 12-credit course consists of 60-78 contact hours and each 36-credit course consists of 180-234 contact hours. The total study load is not less than 2,950 learning hours.

*1. Compulsory courses (6 credits)*

The 6-credit core courses take the form of one 3-hour lecture or 2-hour lecture plus one 1-hour tutorial each week throughout a regular 12-week semester. Assessment is by various methods including projects, presentations, quizzes and written assignments, totaling about 5,000 words. (100% coursework)

*2. Elective courses (6 credits)*

Elective courses refer to the elective courses offered by the Department of Social Work and Social Administration at advanced level. Different kinds of standard 6-credit elective courses offered normally take the form of one 3-hour lecture or 2-hour lecture plus one 1-hour tutorial each week throughout a regular 12-week semester. Assessment is by various methods including projects, presentations, quizzes and written assignments, totally about 5,000 words. (100% coursework)

*3. Practicum (36 credits)*

This course is designed to fulfill the registration requirement of the Australian and New Zealand Arts Therapy Association (ANZATA) and/or the International Expressive Arts Therapy Association (IEATA). The practicum focuses on the integration of theory into practice with expressive arts therapy. Students engage in approximately 500 to 750 hours of prescribed work in a clinical internship with regular supervision. Students will receive no less than 100 hours of supervision in the form of group and individual clinical supervision, case colloquia and professional development workshops. Assessment is by various methods including continuous assessment by the practicum supervisors, the on-site supervisors and/or the program team, as well as students' reflection on practicum experience. Written outputs include but not limited to self-reflective logs, proposals/case treatment plan, session plans/groups/cases summary, student's

end-of-practicum review, student's end-of-semester review, final student's learning review and final evaluation report. (100% coursework)

#### *4. Dissertation (12 credits)*

The dissertation can be in the form of a research study or an in-depth case study that demonstrates insights for professional practice. It will last for two semesters, for a total of 12 credits. The title of the dissertation shall be submitted for approval by not later than March 31 of the final academic year of study, and the dissertation shall be presented by not later than July 31 of the final academic year of study. The length of the dissertation should be around 15,000 to 20,000 words. (100% coursework)