

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
LI KA SHING FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Department of Psychiatry

Master of Psychological Medicine (Psychosis Studies)

Credit Unit Statement

The two-year part-time Master of Psychological Medicine (Psychosis Studies) (“MPsyMed”) curriculum consists of two types of courses. Taking reference from the norm for a 3-credit course as to embrace 60 hours of student learning activity (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activity), the taught courses are 6-credit (120 learning hours), and the dissertation, which is the capstone experience, is 15-credit (300 learning hours). Assessment is based on a combination of continuous assessment (40%-100%) comprising oral presentation, assignments and written examinations (0-60%). Students are required to complete a capstone experience in undertaking an empirical study. The two categories of MPsyMed courses are summarized as follows:

A. Lecture course: (6 credits each course)

The 2 core courses and 8 electives courses aim to equip students with the capacity to critically contemplate the knowledge base about psychosis and to derive information, ideas and insight that could contribute to clinical service, education, public awareness, and research in the field of psychosis. The 10 courses are taught by lectures with interactive class discussion. Assessment is based on both continuous assessments (40%-100%) consisting of assignments and group oral presentation and written examination (0-60%). Students are required to submit assignments which based on their understanding of the topics with critical thinking. It allows students to reflect on the knowledge learned during the lectures, and to facilitate communication between teachers and students on the topics and to encourage learning and critical thinking beyond the scope of lectures. Since the assignment varies among students for their reflective feedback across the topics of the courses, there is no word requirement. Group oral presentation allows students to learn from preparing an oral presentation in the group size of 4 to 5 students for respective topics. Outputs may include examinations, assignments and group presentations.

B. Dissertation (Capstone Experience): (15 credits)

The dissertation entails 300 hours of work and students may undertake an empirical study. The dissertation involves formulation of the research idea, clarification of conceptual issues, literature review, formulation of final research question, design of study, feasibility assessment, pilot work, Institutional Review Board (IRB) application, setting up of collaboration (if applicable), data collection logistic, research project management, database design, research logbook management, data collection, progress review, monitoring for data quality, data cleansing, data analysis, interpretation of results, reporting, writing up of a report. These are carried out under the guidance of a dissertation supervisor. The output is the written dissertation of 6,000-10,000 words (excluding abstract and reference).

The following table summarizes the details of the two categories of courses under MPsyMed curriculum:

Nature of courses	Credits	Learning hours	Outputs	Assessment
Lecture course	6	120-180	Assignments and presentations	Continuous assessments (40%-100%), written exam (0-60%)
Dissertation (Capstone Experience)	15	300-450	Written dissertation of 6000-10000 words (excluding abstract and reference).	Written dissertation (100%)
Total contact hours:		320		
Total learning hours:		1500-2250		