

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

CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT

Master of Social Sciences (Mental Health)

The Master of Social Sciences (Mental Health) Programme consists of 5 compulsory courses (6 credits each) and 4 to 5 elective courses (6 or 12 credits each) or 3 elective courses (6 credits each) with a dissertation (12 credits). All of the compulsory courses are 6-credit courses, the elective courses are 6 or 12 credit courses, and the dissertation is 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 and each 12-credit course consists of 60-88 contact 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 or 12 credits)

Elective courses refer to the elective courses offered by the Department of Social Work and Social Administration at advanced level. The 6-credit elective 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. The 12-credit elective course lasts for two semesters, takes the form of 4 hours lecture, 32 hours seminar plus 52 hours individual supervision through the two semesters. Assessment is by various methods including continuous assessment by the supervisor, and the completion of 2 case reflection papers and 1 end-of-year case analysis report of no more than 6,000 words in total (100% coursework).

3. Dissertation (12 credits)

Dissertation writing is optional for final year students who demonstrated strong academic performance in the programme. Dissertation writing will last for two semesters, for a total of 12 credits. The title of the dissertation shall be presented for approval by March 31 of the final academic year of study and the dissertation shall be presented not later than August 1 of the final academic year of study. The length of their dissertation should not exceed 25,000 words. (100% course work).