

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Template for Mapping of Programme Learning Outcomes to University Educational Aims – Taught Postgraduate Programmes

Faculty of Social Sciences

Programme title: Master of Social Sciences in the field of Population and Policy Analysis

Applicable student cohort(s): 2025-26 and thereafter

The purpose of mapping is to illustrate the coherence of the programme in achieving the University Educational Aims (UEAs). The mapping should be an evaluative and reflective process, and the Faculty must ensure that the programme as a whole offers students sufficient opportunities to develop the attributes articulated in each of the UEAs and the corresponding Institutional Learning Outcomes. *Please put a tick (✓) in the boxes under the UEA columns below to indicate the alignment, as applicable.*

Programme Learning Outcomes (PLOs)	Alignment with University Educational Aims (UEAs)*					
	Benchmarked against the highest international standards, the taught postgraduate programmes at HKU are designed to enable students to develop capabilities in:					
	UEA1 Critical intellectual enquiry and acquiring up-to-date knowledge and research skills in a discipline/ profession	UEA2 Application of knowledge and research skills to practice or theoretical exploration, demonstrating originality and creativity	UEA3 Tackling novel situations and ill-defined problems	UEA4 Collaboration and communication of disciplinary knowledge to specialists and the general public	UEA5 Awareness of and adherence to personal and professional ethics	UEA6 Enhancement of leadership and advocacy skills in a profession <i>(for professional programmes only)</i>
PLO1: Demographic Understanding: Gain a comprehensive understanding of key demographic trends and their impacts on society, enabling effective analysis and interpretation of population data.	✓	✓				
PLO2: Policy Analysis: Critically analyze population policies, assess their effectiveness, and propose	✓	✓				

evidence-based policy recommendations.						
PLO3: Technical Skills: Develop technical expertise in demographic and statistical methods, enabling them to conduct rigorous data analysis and apply these methods to real-world population issues and policy evaluation.		✓	✓			
PLO4: Research Skills: Proficiently conduct demographic research, including the design and implementation of research projects, data collection and analysis, and presentation of findings.	✓	✓				
PLO5: Communication Skills: Communicate complex demographic concepts and policy analyses clearly and effectively.				✓		
PLO6: Ethical Awareness: Understand and apply ethical principles in demographic research and policy analysis, considering the implications of population and policy changes on social equity and justice.					✓	

*The Institutional Learning Outcomes for each UEA can be found at tl.hku.hk/tl/.

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