

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**Master of Social Sciences in the field of Psychology**  
**Programme Learning Outcomes**

Upon completing this programme, students will be able to:

- 1) Understand major theories and empirical studies in core areas of psychology;
- 2) Know how to use fundamental knowledge of psychology to analyze and evaluate human brain processes and behaviour;
- 3) Demonstrate a critical awareness and capacity to evaluate specific research approaches and methods of data collection and analysis in psychological research;
- 4) Apply appropriate research methods and instruments for conducting psychological research independently and ethically;
- 5) Demonstrate the ability to comprehend and write up a research report in academic English in the field of psychology.

Our programme learning outcomes are consistent with the University Educational Aims

<b>University Educational Aims</b>		<b>Programme Level Outcomes</b>
To enable our students to develop their capabilities in:		On successful completion of the programme, students should be able to:
i)	Critical intellectual enquiry and acquiring up-to-date knowledge and research skills in a discipline / profession	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Understand major theories and empirical studies in core areas of psychology;</li> <li>2) Know how to use fundamental knowledge of psychology to analyze and evaluate human brain processes and behaviour;</li> <li>3) Demonstrate a critical awareness and capacity to evaluate specific research approaches and methods of data collection and analysis in psychological research;</li> <li>4) Apply appropriate research methods and instruments for conducting psychological research independently and ethically;</li> <li>5) Demonstrate the ability to comprehend and write up a research report in academic English in the field of psychology.</li> </ol>

ii)	Application of knowledge and research skills to practice or theoretical exploration, demonstrating originality and creativity	1) Understand major theories and empirical studies in core areas of psychology; 2) Know how to use fundamental knowledge of psychology to analyze and evaluate human brain processes and behaviour; 3) Demonstrate a critical awareness and capacity to evaluate specific research approaches and methods of data collection and analysis in psychological research; 4) Apply appropriate research methods and instruments for conducting psychological research independently and ethically;
iii)	Tackling novel situations and ill-defined problems	2) Know how to use fundamental knowledge of psychology to analyze and evaluate human brain processes and behaviour; 3) Demonstrate a critical awareness and capacity to evaluate specific research approaches and methods of data collection and analysis in psychological research; 4) Apply appropriate research methods and instruments for conducting psychological research independently and ethically;
iv)	Collaboration and communication of disciplinary knowledge to specialists and the general public	3) Demonstrate a critical awareness and capacity to evaluate specific research approaches and methods of data collection and analysis in psychological research; 4) Apply appropriate research methods and instruments for conducting psychological research independently and ethically; 5) Demonstrate the ability to comprehend and write up a research report in academic English in the field of psychology.
v)	Awareness of and adherence to personal and professional ethics	4) Apply appropriate research methods and instruments for conducting psychological research independently and ethically; 5) Demonstrate the ability to comprehend and write up a research report in academic English in the field of psychology.

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