

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 Sociology

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: Students will be able to critically analyze social phenomena, apply theoretical frameworks, and utilize appropriate research methods to investigate complex social issues	✓	✓	✓			N/A
PLO2: Students will possess advanced research skills, including the ability to design and conduct empirical studies, collect and analyze data, and interpret findings to contribute to the field of sociology	✓	✓				N/A

PLO3: Students will be able to effectively communicate sociological concepts and research findings to both academic and non-academic audiences through written reports, presentations, and other forms of communication	✓	✓		✓		N/A
PLO4: Students will demonstrate an understanding of ethical principles in sociological research and practice, and will be equipped to address social inequalities and advocate for social justice within their work			✓	✓	✓	N/A
PLO5: Students will develop a capacity for independent and critical thinking, enabling them to identify and address social issues, propose innovative solutions, and contribute to the development of sociological knowledge and practice			✓	✓		N/A

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