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 Applied Psychology Programme

Applicable student cohort(s): 2026-27 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 *(for professional programmes only)*
PLO1: To understand professional psychological practice in Chinese societies and beyond.	✓	✓	✓	✓		
PLO2: To understand the integrity and professionalism of psychological practice.					✓	

PLO3: To engage in high-impact and leading-edge research in professional psychology and across disciplines.	✓	✓	✓	✓		
PLO4: To make categorical decisions on whether a scientific basis has been established for assessment and intervention.	✓	✓	✓			
PLO5: To apply psychological knowledge and research skills to professional practice of psychology.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
PLO6: To demonstrate evidence-based practice, critical thinking, social awareness, and sensitivity to diversity.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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