

**HONG KONG METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY**  
**(Formerly The Open University of Hong Kong)**

**Programme Requirements for Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Psychology (BSSCHPJ)**

To be eligible for the award of the **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Psychology**, a student shall obtain the required number of credits specified below for the Year of entry, in courses prescribed and detailed on the programme tables.

For students admitted via Year 1 entry in or after 2021/22, via Year 2 entry in or after 2022/23 and via Year 3 entry in or after 2023/24, they must complete the four University Core Values Modules, namely Core Value I (Integrity), Core Value II (Fairness), Core Value III (Perseverance), and Core Value IV (Innovation) for graduation.

**Year 1 Entry**

A student admitted to the programme through Year 1 Entry needs to complete a total of 160 credits of which no more than 40 credits should be taken at Foundation Level. A student is required to complete:

1. 20 credits of Social Sciences Foundation Level courses in Table 1;
2. 10 credits of courses from Table 2;
3. 5 credits of course in Table 3;
4. 15 credits of courses from Table 4;
5. 40 credits of courses in Table 5;
6. 10 credits of courses from Table 6;
7. 5 credits of courses from Table 7;
8. 15 credits of Higher Level courses labeled SH or PH (except those courses taken from the above) from Table 8;
9. 10 credits of Middle or Higher Level courses labeled SM, SR or SH (except those courses taken from the above) from Table 2 or Table 8;
10. 10 credits of English Language Enhancement courses \*; and

*\* Note: Please refer to the updated list of English Language Enhancement courses posted on the University website ([www.hkmu.edu.hk/FT\\_ENGLISH](http://www.hkmu.edu.hk/FT_ENGLISH)).*

11. 20 credits of purpose-designed General Education courses #.

*# Note: Please refer to the updated list of purpose-designed General Education courses posted on the University website ([www.hkmu.edu.hk/FT\\_GE](http://www.hkmu.edu.hk/FT_GE)).*

## Year 2 Entry

A student admitted to the programme through Year 2 Entry needs to complete a total of 120 credits of which no more than 20 credits should be taken at Foundation Level. A student is required to complete:

1. 10 credits of courses from Table 2;
2. 5 credits of course in Table 3;
3. 15 credits of courses from Table 4;
4. 40 credits of courses in Table 5;
5. 10 credits of courses from Table 6;
6. 5 credits of course from Table 7;
7. 15 credits of Higher Level courses labeled SH or PH (except those courses taken from the above) from Table 8;
8. 10 credits of Middle or Higher Level courses labeled SM, SR or SH (except those courses taken from the above) from Table 2 or Table 8; and
9. 10 credits of English Language Enhancement courses \*.

*\* Note: Please refer to the updated list of English Language Enhancement courses posted on the University website ([www.hkmu.edu.hk/FT\\_ENGLISH](http://www.hkmu.edu.hk/FT_ENGLISH)).*

## Year 3 Entry

A student, who is a sub-degree holder of psychology, admitted to the programme through Year 3 Entry needs to complete a total of 80 credits\*. A student is required to complete:

1. 5 credits of course STAT A221F from Table 2;
2. 40 credits of courses in Table 5;
3. 5 credits of courses from Table 7; and
4. 30 credits of Higher Level courses labeled SH or PH (except those courses taken from the above) from Table 8.

*\*Note: A student, who is a sub-degree holder of related disciplines other than psychology, may be required to take an additional 5 credits of course STAT A222F (from Table 2) or/and an additional 5 credits of course PSYC A236F (in Table 3) as determined by the School. Thus, such students may be required to complete a total of 80 to 90 credits in order to fulfil programme requirements.*

Table 1: Foundation Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level
ECON A121F	Foundations of Social Sciences: Economics	5	Foundation
POLS A122F	Foundations of Social Sciences: Political Science	5	Foundation
PSYC A124F	Foundations of Social Sciences: Psychology	5	Foundation
SOCIA123F	Foundations of Social Sciences: Sociology	5	Foundation

Table 2: Middle Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
LIBS A221F	Critical Thinking	5	Middle	SR
STAT A221F	Statistics	5	Middle	SR
STAT A222F	Essentials of Research Inquiry	5	Middle	SR

Table 3: Middle Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
PSYC A236F <sup>1</sup>	Positive Psychology and Mental Health	5	Middle	SM

Table 4: Middle Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
COUN A220F	Basic Skills in Counselling	5	Middle	SM
ECON A231F	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	Middle	SM
ECON A232F	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	Middle	SM
POLS A221F	Introductory Comparative Politics	5	Middle	SM
PSYC A239F	Criminal Psychology	5	Middle	SM
PUAD A222F	Introduction to Public Administration	5	Middle	SM
SOCIA220F	Essentials of Sociological Inquiry	5	Middle	SM
SOCIA221F	Social Problems and Social Issues	5	Middle	SM

Table 5: Higher Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
PSYC A320F	Personality Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A321F	Social Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A322F	Life-Span Developmental Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A323F	Biological Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A324F	Cognitive Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A325F	Abnormal Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A331F	Research Methods in Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A336F <sup>2</sup>	Psychology of Language	5	Higher	SH

Table 6: Higher Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
PSYC A326F	Clinical Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A328F	Consumer Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A329F	Industrial-Organizational Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A421F	Psychology Honours Thesis	10	Higher	PH

Table 7: Higher Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
PSYC A332F	History and Systems of Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A333F	Current Issues in Psychology	5	Higher	SH

Table 8: Middle and Higher Level

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Course Level	Label
COUN A220F	Basic Skills in Counselling	5	Middle	SM
ECON A231F	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	Middle	SM
ECON A232F	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	Middle	SM
ECON A233F	Mathematics for Economics	5	Middle	SM
POLS A221F	Introductory Comparative Politics	5	Middle	SM
PSYC A236F <sup>1</sup>	Positive Psychology and Mental Health	5	Middle	SM
PSYC A239F	Criminal Psychology	5	Middle	SM
PUAD A222F	Introduction to Public Administration	5	Middle	SM
SOCIA220F	Essentials of Sociological Inquiry	5	Middle	SM
SOCIA221F	Social Problems and Social Issues	5	Middle	SM
ECON A311F	Intermediate Microeconomics	5	Higher	SH
ECON A312F	Intermediate Macroeconomics	5	Higher	SH
ECON A313F	Introductory Econometrics	5	Higher	SH
ECON A314F	Econometrics and Forecasting	5	Higher	SH
ECON A321F	Economic System of Hong Kong	5	Higher	SH
ECON A322F	Applied Economics in Public Policy Analysis	5	Higher	SH
ECON A323F	Industrial Organization	5	Higher	SH
ECON A324F	Global Political Economy	5	Higher	SH
ECON A325F	Money, Banking and Financial Markets	5	Higher	SH
ECON A326F	Chinese Economy	5	Higher	SH
ECON A327F	Labour Economics	5	Higher	SH
ECON A328F	International Economics	5	Higher	SH
ECON A329F	Economic Growth and Development	5	Higher	SH
ECON A330F	International Trade	5	Higher	SH
ECON A331F	International Finance	5	Higher	SH
ECON A332F	Applied Business Economics	5	Higher	SH
POLS A322F	Contemporary Chinese Politics	5	Higher	SH
POLS A323F	Hong Kong Government and Politics	5	Higher	SH
POLS A324F	Chinese Foreign Policy	5	Higher	SH
POLS A325F	Selected Topics in Contemporary Hong Kong Politics	5	Higher	SH

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course Level</b>	<b>Label</b>
POLS A326F	Theories of International Relations	5	Higher	SH
POLS A327F	Studying Politics Through Films	5	Higher	SH
POLS A328F	Comparative Democratization	5	Higher	SH
POLS A329F	Political Analysis	5	Higher	SH
POLS A330F	Contemporary Political Theory	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A320F	Personality Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A321F	Social Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A322F	Life-Span Developmental Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A323F	Biological Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A324F	Cognitive Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A325F	Abnormal Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A326F	Clinical Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A328F	Consumer Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A329F	Industrial-Organizational Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A331F	Research Methods in Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A332F	History and Systems of Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A333F	Current Issues in Psychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A334F	Psychological Testing and Assessment	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A335F	Cyberpsychology	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A336F <sup>2</sup>	Psychology of Language	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A341F	Psychology of Ageing	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A342F	Behavioural Economics	5	Higher	SH
PSYC A421F	Psychology Honours Thesis	10	Higher	PH
PUAD A322F	Public Sector Management	5	Higher	SH
PUAD A323F	Public Policy Studies	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA320F	Hong Kong Society	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA321F	Tourism and Society	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA322F	Media, Culture and Society	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA323F	Social Policy and Social Administration	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA325F	Understanding Chinese Society	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA327F	Globalization, Social Policy and Everyday Life	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA328F	Perspectives and Issues on Crime	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA329F	Crime Control and Punishment in Society	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA330F	Masters of Social Thoughts	5	Higher	SH
SOCIA331F	Perspectives and Issues on Contemporary Urban Development	5	Higher	SH
SOSC A329F	Economics and Psychology of Investing	5	Higher	SH

**Note:**

1. *PSYC A221F has been replaced by PSYC A236F. If students have successfully completed PSYC A221F, they are deemed to have satisfied the requirements of PSYC A236F.*
2. *PSYC A330F has been replaced by PSYC A336F from the academic year 2020/21. If students have successfully completed PSYC A330F, they are deemed to have satisfied the requirements of PSYC A336F.*

**Honours Classification**

For the purpose of honours classification of the **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Psychology** programme, the weighted grade point average (WGPA) will be calculated as follows:

- (1) Group (a) courses: 40 credits from Higher Level Psychology courses listed below.

PSYC A320F	PSYC A321F	PSYC A322F	PSYC A323F
PSYC A324F	PSYC A325F	PSYC A326F	PSYC A328F
PSYC A329F	PSYC A330F/ PSYC A336F	PSYC A331F	PSYC A332F
PSYC A333F	PSYC A421F	SOSC A329F	

- (2) Group (b) courses:

- (a) For Year 1 and Year 2 Entry, group (b) courses consist of 5 credits from PSYC A236F and 35 credits from Higher Level Psychology courses listed in paragraph (1) above (where such credits have not been taken into account for calculation in Group (a) courses) and other Middle or Higher Level courses labeled SM, SR, SH in Table 2 or Table 8.
- (b) For Year 3 Entry, group (b) courses consist of 40 credits from Higher Level Psychology courses listed in paragraph (1) above (where such credits have not been taken into account for calculation in Group (a) courses) and other Middle or Higher Level courses labeled SM, SR, SH in Table 2 or Table 8.

- (3) The weight for the calculation of WGPA for Group (a) courses is 1.5.

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