

# HONG KONG METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

## Regulations for the degree of Bachelor of Social Sciences in Public Administration and Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Public Administration

The programmes of Bachelor of Social Sciences in Public Administration and Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Public Administration have been phased out with effect from 2023 Spring term. The last conferment of the programmes will be December 2027.

These regulations are made under paragraphs 1 to 4 of the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees.

In these regulations, definitions shall apply as in the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees and in the Interpretation section of the Academic Rules and Regulations.

### Bachelor of Social Sciences in Public Administration (BSSCPA)

1. To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences in Public Administration**, a student shall:
  - a) comply with the Regulations for Admission, Registration and Maintenance of Status; and
  - b) comply with the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees; and
  - c) obtain at least 120 credits of which no more than 40 credits shall be obtained at Foundation level; and
  - d) obtain at least 100 credits in courses prescribed by the regulations as appropriate to the degree, including at least 20 credits at Higher level.
2. For the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences in Public Administration**, the University has prescribed that a student must:
  - a) successfully complete 20 credits from courses labelled PAM in Table 1; and
  - b) successfully complete 20 credits from courses labelled PF in Table 1; and
  - c) successfully complete 20 credits from courses labelled PRM in Table 1; and
  - d) successfully complete 20 credits from courses labelled AM in Table 1; and
  - e) successfully complete 10 credits from courses labelled PAH in Table 1; and
  - f) successfully complete 10 credits from courses labelled PRH in Table 1; and
  - g) successfully complete additional 20 credits from any Foundation, Middle or Higher level courses offered by the University, provided that, of the total 120 credits\*, no more than 40 are at Foundation level.

\* Of the 120 credits required for the attainment of the degree, students can complete up to 40 credits of courses in a language of instruction other than English.

## Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Public Administration (BSSCHPA)

1. To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Public Administration**, a student shall:
  - a) comply with the Regulations for Admission, Registration and Maintenance of Status; and
  - b) comply with the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees; and
  - c) obtain at least 160 credits of which no more than 40 credits shall be obtained at Foundation level; and
  - d) obtain at least 60 credits in courses at Higher level; and
  - e) successfully complete the prescribed programme of studies.
2. For the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Public Administration**, the University has prescribed that a student must:
  - a) successfully complete 50 credits from courses labelled PAHC in Table 1; and
  - b) successfully complete 20 credits from courses labelled PFH in Table 1; and
  - c) successfully complete 20 credits from courses labelled PRMH in Table 1; and
  - d) successfully complete 20 credits from courses labelled AMH in Table 1; and
  - e) successfully complete 20 credits from courses labelled PRHH in Table 1; and
  - f) successfully complete 10 credits from courses labelled AHH or PRHH in Table 1; and
  - g) successfully complete additional 20 credits from any Foundation, Middle or Higher level courses offered by the University, provided that, of the total 160 credits\*, no more than 40 are gained at Foundation level.

\* Of the 160 credits required for the attainment of the degree, students can complete up to 50 credits of courses delivered in a language of instruction other than English.
3. Each degree with Honours shall be conferred with a classification of First Class, Second Class (Upper Division), Second Class (Lower Division) or Third Class save that exceptionally a degree may be conferred without classification.
4. Subject to the requirements of the relevant programme of study, each person on whom an Honours degree is to be conferred shall be assigned to a classification determined by the University according to its regulations.
5. For the calculation of scores for classification purposes in the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Public Administration**, the University has deemed that "Group (a)" shall consist of the best 40 credits in courses at Higher level listed in Table 1, and that "Group (b)" shall consist of the best 40 credits in courses at Higher or Middle level listed in Table 1, where such credits are not taken into account in "Group (a)". Further, that "X" shall equal one, that is "Group (a)" and "Group (b)" shall be equally weighted. (Refer to the paragraphs on Classification of the Degree with Honours of the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees.)

**Table 1:** Courses currently on offer (Phased out courses that can be counted towards the degree are listed in note 2)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	BSSCPA	BSSCHPA	Honours Classification Group
<i>Foundation level</i>					
ENGL A101 <sup>1,2</sup>	University English Writing Skills	5	PF	PFH	--
CHIN A171C	Practice in Contemporary Language	5	PF	PFH	--
SOSC A112 <sup>1</sup>	Understanding Economics and Politics	10	PF	PFH	--
SOSC A121 <sup>1</sup>	Psychology for Everyday Life	5	PF	PFH	--
SOSC A122 <sup>1</sup>	Understanding Sociology	5	PF	PFH	--
SOSC A112C <sup>1</sup>	Foundations of Social Sciences: Economics and Politics	10	PF	PFH	--
SOSC A121C <sup>1,2</sup>	Foundations of Social Sciences: Psychology	5	PF	PFH	--
SOSC A122C <sup>1,2</sup>	Foundations of Social Sciences: Sociology	5	PF	PFH	--
<i>Middle level</i>					
ECON A231 <sup>1,2</sup>	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	PRM	PRMH	b
ECON A232 <sup>1,2</sup>	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	PRM	PRMH	b
ECON A231C <sup>1,2</sup>	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	PRM	PRMH	b
ECON A232C <sup>1,2</sup>	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	PRM	PRMH	b
MGT B240 <sup>1</sup>	Principles and Practices of Management	5	PRM	PRMH	b
MGT B240C <sup>1</sup>	Principles and Practices of Management	5	PRM	PRMH	b
CHST A201 <sup>1</sup>	Understanding Chinese Society	10	AM	AMH	b
ECON A202C <sup>1</sup>	Economic Development of Contemporary China	10	AM	AMH	b
ECON A203 <sup>1</sup>	Hong Kong Economy	10	AM	AMH	b
LIBS A201	The Pacific Century	10	AM	AMH	b
STAT S242 <sup>1,2</sup>	Statistics in Society	10	PRM	PRMH	b
PUAD A202 <sup>1,2</sup>	Introduction to Public Administration	5	PAM	PAHC	b
PUAD A203 <sup>1,2</sup>	Introduction to Public Policy	5	PAM	PAHC	b
LESM A201	Hong Kong Criminal Justice System	10	AM	AMH	b
POLS A201 <sup>1</sup>	Introduction to Political Science	10	PRM	PRMH	b

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	BSSCPA	BSSCHPA	Honours Classification Group
POLS A201C <sup>1</sup>	Introduction to Political Science	10	PRM	PRMH	b
SOCI A202 <sup>1</sup>	Hong Kong Society	10	AM	AMH	b
SOCI A202C <sup>1</sup>	Hong Kong Society	10	AM	AMH	b
POLS A211 <sup>1</sup>	Government and Politics of Hong Kong	10	PAM	PAHC	b
POLS A211C <sup>1</sup>	Government and Politics of Hong Kong	10	PAM	PAHC	b
<i>Higher level</i>					
MGT B347	Managing People and Organization	10	PRH	PRHH	a or b
MGT B349 <sup>1,2</sup>	Managing Key Functions in Human Resource Management	10	PRH	PRHH	a or b
MGT B399 <sup>1,3</sup>	Management Policy and Strategy	5	PRH	PRHH	a or b
MGT B398 <sup>1,3</sup>	Business Strategy	5	PRH	PRHH	a or b
ECON A311 <sup>1,2</sup>	Intermediate Microeconomics	5	PRH	PRHH	a or b
ECON A312 <sup>1,2</sup>	Intermediate Macroeconomics	5	PRH	PRHH	a or b
ECON A317 <sup>1,2</sup>	Theory of Public Finance	5	PRH	PRHH	a or b
ECON A318 <sup>1,2</sup>	Economic Analysis of Public Policy	5	PRH	PRHH	a or b
PUAD A301	Public Sector Management in Hong Kong	10	PAH	PAHC	a or b
PUAD A302	Government and Business	10	PAH	PAHC	a or b
PUAD A303	Current Issues in Public Sector Management	10	PAH	PAHC	a or b
LESM A302	Public Order Management	5	PRH	PRHH	a or b

Notes to Table 1:

1. This course forms an excluded combination with other course(s). Only one of the courses in the [excluded combination](#) can be counted towards an HKMU award. Students should refer to the list of [excluded combinations](#) for details.
2. The following phased out courses are no longer available. Students who have successfully completed any of these courses can have the credits awarded for the phased out course(s) counted towards the BSSCPA/BSSCHPA programmes, and are deemed to have completed corresponding replacement course(s), if any, subject to the requirements of relevant regulations.
3. With effect from 2022 Spring Term, MGT B398 will be offered as an elective for the programme. Students who have previously completed MGT B399 are deemed to have completed the requirements for MGT B398.

Table 2: Phased out courses

Phased out Courses			Replacement courses			Label		Honours Classification Group	Note
Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	BSSC PA	BSSCH PA		
CHST A300C	Chinese Law and Legal System	10	No replacement			PRH	AHH	a or b	--
CHST A322	Governing China	10	No replacement			PRH	AHH	a or b	--
ECON A230	Introduction to Economics	10	ECON A231	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	PRM	PRMH	b	--
			ECON A232	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	PRM	PRMH	b	--
ECON A230C	Introduction to Economics	10	ECON A231C	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	PRM	PRMH	b	--
			ECON A232C	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	PRM	PRMH	b	--
ECON A301	Economic Analysis of Business and Public Policies	10	ECON A311	Intermediate Microeconomics	5	PRH	PRHH	a or b	--
			ECON A312	Intermediate Macroeconomics	5	PRH	PRHH	a or b	--
ECON A307	Public Finance	10	ECON A317	Theory of Public Finance	5	PRH	PRHH	a or b	--
			ECON A318	Economic Analysis of Public Policy	5	PRH	PRHH	a or b	--
ENGL A100	English for University Study	5	ENGL A101	University English Writing Skills	5	PF	PFH	N/A	--
LAW L166C	General Principles of Hong Kong Law	10	No replacement			PF	PFH	N/A	--
MATH S242	Statistics in Society	10	STAT S242	Statistics in Society	10	PRM	PRMH	b	1
MGT B290	Organizational Behaviour	5	No replacement			PRM	PRMH	b	--
MGT B290C	Organizational Behaviour	5	No replacement			PRM	PRMH	b	--

Phased out Courses			Replacement courses			Label		Honours Classification Group	Note
Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	BSSC PA	BSSCH PA		
MGT B342	Training and Development	5	MGT B349	Managing Key Functions in Human Resource Management	10	PRH	PRHH	a or b	2
MGT B345	Managing in Organizations	5	No replacement			PRH	PRHH	a or b	--
MGT B346	Theories and Practices of Organizational Behaviour	5	No replacement			PRH	PRHH	a or b	--
MGT B346C	Theories and Practices of Organizational Behaviour	5	No replacement			PRH	PRHH	a or b	--
PUAD A201	Introduction to Public Policy and Administration	10	PUAD A202	Introduction to Public Administration	5	PAM	PAHC	b	--
			PUAD A203	Introduction to Public Policy	5	PAM	PAHC	b	--
SOSC A101/ SOSC A101W	Social Sciences: A Foundation Course	20	SOSC A112	Understanding Economics and Politics	10	PF	PFH	--	--
			SOSC A121	Psychology for Everyday Life	5	PF	PFH	--	--
			SOSC A122	Understanding Sociology	5	PF	PFH	--	--
SOSC A111C/ SOSC A111W	Foundations of Social Sciences: Psychology and Sociology	10	SOSC A121C	Foundations of Social Sciences: Psychology	5	PF	PFH	N/A	--
			SOSC A122C	Foundations of Social Sciences: Sociology	5	PF	PFH	N/A	--

Notes to Table 2:

1. Change of course code
2. Students who have successfully completed MGT B342 are deemed to have completed MGT B349. However, MGT B349 can only be counted as 5 credits for course labelled PRH or PRHH against the programme requirements of BSSCPA or BSSCHPA respectively.

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