

HONG KONG METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

Regulations for the degree of Bachelor of Social Sciences in Psychology Studies and Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Psychology Studies (for students admitted in 2022 Autumn term)

The programmes of Bachelor of Social Sciences in Psychology Studies and Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Psychology Studies 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 Psychology Studies (BSSCPS)

1. To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences in Psychology Studies**, 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 20 credits shall be obtained at Foundation level; and
 - d) obtain at least 120 credits in courses prescribed by the regulations as appropriate to the degree for which notice has been given, including at least 20 credits in courses at Higher level; and
 - e) successfully complete the prescribed programme of studies.
2. For the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences in Psychology Studies***, the University has prescribed that a student must:
 - a) successfully complete 20 credits from course(s) labelled FD in Table 1, i.e.
20 credits from SOSC A112 and SOSC A121 and SOSC A122; and
OR
20 credits from SOSC A112C and SOSC A121C and SOSC A122C; and
 - b) successfully complete 20 credits from course SOSC A313 or SOSC A313C (labelled FR in Table 1); and
 - c) obtain at least 80 credits from core psychology courses (labelled PC in Table 1), of which must include PSYC A228 and PSYC A318.

* 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 Psychology Studies (BSSCHPS (HPS-22))

1. To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Psychology Studies**, 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 20 credits shall be obtained at Foundation level; and
 - d) obtain at least 40 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 Psychology Studies***, the University has prescribed that a student must:
 - a) successfully complete 20 credits from course(s) labelled FH in Table 1, i.e.
20 credits from SOSC A112 and SOSC A121 and SOSC A122; and
OR
20 credits from SOSC A112C and SOSC A121C and SOSC A122C; and
 - b) successfully complete 20 credits from course SOSC A313 or SOSC A313C (labelled FRH in Table 1); and
 - c) successfully obtain 100 credits from core compulsory courses labelled PCH in Table 1; and
 - d) successfully complete 20 credits from any Middle or Higher level courses offered by the University.

* Of the 160 credits required for the attainment of the degree, students can complete up to 50 credits of courses 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 Psychology Studies**, 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

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	BSSCPS	BSSCHPS	Honours Classification Group
<i>Foundation level</i>					
SOSC A112 ¹	Undertsanidng Economics and Politics	10	FD	FH	--
SOSC A121 ¹	Psychology for Everyday Life	5	FD	FH	--
SOSC A122 ¹	Understanding Sociology	5	FD	FH	--
SOSC A112C ^{1,2}	Foundations of Social Sciences: Economics and Politics	10	FD	FH	--
SOSC A121C ^{1,2}	Foundations of Social Sciences: Psychology	5	FD	FH	--
SOSC A122C ^{1,2}	Foundations of Social Sciences: Sociology	5	FD	FH	--
<i>Middle level</i>					
PSYC A227	Positive Psychology	10	PC	PCH	b
PSYC A228	Introduction to Psychology	10	PC	PCH	b
PSYC A229	Biological Psychology: Theories and Principles	10	PC	PCH	b
PSYC A230	Developmental Psychology	10	PC	PCH	b
PSYC A231	Introduction to Counselling Psychology	5	PC	PCH	b
PSYC A232	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology	5	PC	PCH	b
<i>Higher level</i>					
PSYC A318	History of Psychology	10	PC	PCH	a or b
PSYC A319	Theories of Personality Psychology	10	PC	PCH	a or b
PSYC A320	Cognitive Psychology: Theories and Applications	10	PC	PCH	a or b
PSYC A321	Social Psychology: Theories and Applications	20	PC	PCH	a or b
SOSC A313 ^{1,3}	Research Methods in Social Sciences	20	FR	FRH	a or b
SOSC A313C ^{1,3}	Research Methods in Social Sciences	20	FR	FRH	a or b

Notes:

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. If students have successfully completed SOSC A101, they are deemed to have satisfied the requirements for SOSC A112/A112C and SOSC A121/A121C and SOSC A122/A122C. If students have successfully completed SOSC A111C, they are deemed to have satisfied the requirements for SOSC A121C and SOSC A122C.

3. If students have successfully completed SOSC A313, they are deemed to have satisfied the requirements for SOSC A313C.

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