

# 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 before 2020 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 both SOSC A111C and SOSC A112C; 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 a combination of the following core psychology courses (labelled PC in Table 1), of which must include PSYC A228/PSYC A212/PSYC A212C and PSYC A318, i.e.
    - 20 credits from PSYC A209 or PSYC A215C or 10 credits from PSYC A230 plus 10 credits of free choice courses at middle level;

- 20 credits from PSYC A212 or PSYC A212C or 10 credits from PSYC A228 plus 10 credits of free choice courses at middle level;
- 20 credits from PSYC A303 or PSYC A309C or 10 credits from PSYC A320 plus 10 credits free choice courses at higher level;
- 20 credits from PSYC A307 or PSYC A317C or PSYC A321;
- 10 credits from PSYC A318;
- 10 credits from PSYC A319

\* 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-16))

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 both SOSC A111C and SOSC A112C; 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, i.e.
    - 20 credits from PSYC A209 or PSYC A215C or 10 credits from PSYC A230 plus 10 credits of free choice courses at middle level; and
    - 20 credits from PSYC A212 or PSYC A212C or 10 credits from PSYC A228 plus 10 credits of free choice courses at middle level; and
    - 20 credits from PSYC A303 or PSYC A309C or 10 credits from PSYC A320 plus 10 credits free choice courses at higher level; and
    - 20 credits from PSYC A307 or PSYC A317C or PSYC A321; and

- PSYC A318 and
- PSYC A319

d) successfully complete 20 credits from elective courses labelled EH in Table 1;

OR

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 (Phased out courses that can be counted towards the degree are listed in note 4)**

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	BSSCPS	BSSCHPS	Honours Classification Group
<i>Foundation level</i>					
SOSC A112 <sup>1</sup>	Understanding Economics and Politics	10	FD	FH	--
SOSC A121 <sup>1</sup>	Psychology for Everyday Life	5	FD	FH	--
SOSC A122 <sup>1</sup>	Understanding Sociology	5	FD	FH	--
SOSC A112C <sub>1,2,3</sub>	Foundations of Social Sciences: Economics and Politics	10	FD	FH	--
SOSC A121C <sub>1,2,3</sub>	Foundations of Social Sciences: Psychology	5	FD	FH	--
SOSC A122C <sub>1,2,3</sub>	Foundations of Social Sciences: Sociology	5	FD	FH	--
<i>Middle level</i>					
PSYC A227	Positive Psychology	10	--	EH	b
PSYC A228	Introduction to Psychology	10	PC	PCH	b
PSYC A229	Biological Psychology	10	--	EH	b

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	BSSCPS	BSSCHPS	Honours Classification Group
PSYC A230	Developmental Psychology	10	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 1,3,4	Research Methods in Social Sciences	20	FR	FRH	a or b
SOSC A313C 1,3,4	Research Methods in Social Sciences	20	FR	FRH	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. If students have successfully completed SOSC A101, they are deemed to have satisfied the requirements for SOSC A111C and SOSC A122C. Also, SOSC A111C has been replaced by SOSC A121C and SOSC 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.
4. 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 BSSCPS & BSSCHPS programmes, and are deemed to have completed corresponding replacement course(s), if any, subject to the requirements of relevant regulations.

Table 2: Phased out courses

Phased out Courses			Replacement courses			Label in		Note
Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	BSSCPS	BSSCHPS	
SOSC A101	Social Sciences: A Foundation Course	10	SOSC A112	Understanding Economics and Politics	10	FD	FH	--
			SOSC A121	Psychology for Everyday Life	5	FD	FH	--
			SOSC A122	Understanding Sociology	5	FD	FH	--

Phased out Courses			Replacement courses			Label in		Note
Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	BSSCPS	BSSCHPS	
SOSC A111C	Foundations of Social Sciences: Psychology and Sociology	10	SOSC A121C	Foundations of Social Sciences: Psychology	5	FD	FH	--
			SOSC A122C	Foundations of Social Sciences: Sociology	5	FD	FH	--
PSYC A209	Child Development	20	PSYC A230	Developmental Psychology	10	PC	PCH	1
			10 credits of free choice courses at middle level					
PSYC A212	Exploring Psychology	20	PYSC A228	Introduction to Psychology	10	PC	PCH	2
			10 credits of free choice courses at middle level					
PSYC A212C	Introductory Psychology: Theory and Application	20	PYSC A228	Introduction to Psychology	10	PC	PCH	2
			10 credits of free choice courses at middle level					
PSYC A215C	Developmental Psychology	20	PSYC A230	Developmental Psychology	10	PC	PCH	1
		20	10 credits of free choice courses at middle level					
PSYC A226	Biological Psychology: Exploring the Brain	10	PSYC A229	Biological Psychology: Theories and Principles	10	--	PCH	--
PSYC A303	Cognitive Psychology and the Mind	20	PSYC A320	Cognitive Psychology: Theories and Applications	10	PC	PCH	3
			10 credits of free choice courses at higher level					
PSYC A307	Social Psychology: Critical Perspectives on Self and Others	20	PSYC A321	Social Psychology: Theories and Applications	20	PC	PCH	4
PSYC A309C	Cognitive Psychology	20	PSYC A320	Cognitive Psychology: Theories and Applications	10	PC	PCH	3
			10 credits of free choice courses at higher level					
PSYC A317C	Social Psychology	20	PSYC A321	Social Psychology: Theories and Applications	20	PC	PCH	4

Notes to Table 2:

1. If students have successfully completed PSYC A209 or PSYC A215C, they are deemed to have satisfied the requirements for PSYC A230 and 10 credits of free choice courses at middle level towards the programme BSSCPS and BSSCHPS subject to the requirements of the programme.
2. If students have successfully completed PSYC A212 or PSYC A212C, they are deemed to have satisfied the requirements for PSYC A228 and 10 credits of free choice courses at middle level towards the programme BSSCPS and BSSCHPS subject to the requirements of the programme.
3. If students have successfully completed PSYC A303 or PSYC A309C, they are deemed to have satisfied the requirements for PSYC A320 and 10 credits of free choice courses at higher level towards the programme BSSCPS and BSSCHPS subject to the requirements of the programme.
4. If students have successfully completed PSYC A307 or PSYC A317C, they are deemed to have satisfied the requirements for PSYC A321.

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