**Faculty of Social Sciences**  
**Counselling**

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**What is it about?**

This programme aims to:
- equip students with the basic theoretical orientations and therapeutic skills in;
- sensitize students to the ethical issues, professional concerns, and emic and etic counselling techniques in various settings;
- enhance students' self-awareness towards their own world values, beliefs and philosophy of life; and
- prepare students for receiving further training in becoming a counselling professional.

**Offering Department:**

Department of Social Work and Social Administration (SWSA)

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**Career opportunities:**

The Counselling programme is intended for students who want to apply effective counselling and communication skills for problem solving among all walks of life. A large selection of elective courses introduces theoretical and practical skills and competencies to enable graduates to engage effectively in the work of counselling in a range of professional fields. The flexibility allows students to gain a strong understanding of their selves, the community, society and ethical practice. A wide range of jobs for you to choose from because you will be equipped with transferable skills which are valued by employers such as great observation and listening skills; effective communication skill; efficient problem solving skills; an empathic attitude; and, most importantly, a high sensitivity and non-judgmental outlook that have an influence on people and make people from all walks of life more willing to work with you.

For details, please check with the Department of Social Work and Social Administration, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement).

**Further information:**

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[https://www.socialwork.hku.hk/bss/counselling/](https://www.socialwork.hku.hk/bss/counselling/)

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* Note: Students pursuing curricula with major / minor programme(s) must complete at least one major programme from their home Faculties upon graduation.

Disclaimer: The information mainly applies to students admitted in 2020-2021 and thereafter. For students from different cohorts, the information is only for reference. Please check with Faculty/offering department for details. The pre-requisite requirements / conditions are subject to changes by Faculties from time to time, and students are advised to check with their Faculty Office in case of doubt.