



Department of
PSYCHOLOGY
香港中文大學心理學系

Master of Arts in Psychology (FT/PT) Admission Seminar 2026-27

Date: 30 September 2025

Time: 18:30-19:30

Department of Psychology
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Objectives

To provide university graduates who did not major in psychology an opportunity to pursue graduate studies in psychology.

After graduation, students:

- are eligible to apply for graduate membership of The Hong Kong Psychological Society and other psychological professional bodies.

- are qualified to apply for postgraduate research and professional training programmes, e.g., MPhil / PhD in Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Educational Psychology, Counselling Psychology, and Industrial-Organizational Psychology

Features

Mode of Study Period

Normative Study Period

Maximum Study Period
(paid as continuing students)

No. of Terms per Year

Tuition Fee
(Subject to Review)

Continuing Fee
(Subject to Review)

No. of New Students
per year

Full-time

1 year

3 years

2 regular + 1 summer

\$188,000 / yr

\$6,267 / unit

approximately 125 in total (To be confirmed)

Part-time

2 years

4 years

2 regular + 1 summer

\$94,000 / yr

\$6,267 / unit

Programme Structure

Students are required to complete a total of **30 units** following either the Research stream or the Applied stream.

- For the Research stream,
30 units are made up of 24 units for successful completion of 8 required academic subjects, and a 6-unit independent study.
- For the Applied stream,
30 units are made up of 24 units for successful completion of 8 required academic subjects, a 3-unit capstone project, and
a 3-unit elective course on 1 out of 2 elective courses

Classes are

Taught in English

Held on weekdays' evenings (18:30 – 21:30)

Delivered in CUHK campus

Required courses (3 unit per course)

PSYC5110 Statistics and Research Design
PSYC5120 Psychological Testing and Measurement
PSYC5130 Biological Psychology
PSYC5140 Cognitive Psychology
PSYC5150 Developmental Psychology
PSYC5160 Social Psychology
PSYC5170 Abnormal Psychology
PSYC5190 Personality Psychology

Applied Stream***Capstone project (3 unit)***

PSYC5121 Capstone Project

1 out of 3 elective courses (3 unit)

PSYC5122 Health Psychology
PSYC5123 Educational Psychology
PSYC5124 Industrial-organizational Psychology

Research Stream***Independent Study (6 unit)***

PSYC5250 Independent Study

Recommended Course Pattern & Tentative Teaching Timetable -(2026/27)

Study Stream	Course	Unit	Full-time			Part-time Year 1			Part-time Year 2		
			T1	T2	Summer	T1	T2	Summer	T1	T2	Summer
Both	PSYC5110 Statistics and Research Design in Psychological Science	3	Wed			Wed					
	PSYC5120 Psychological Testing and Measurement	3		Wed			Wed				
	PSYC5130 Biological Psychology	3		Mon			Mon				
	PSYC5140 Cognitive Psychology	3	Tue						Tue		
	PSYC5150 Developmental Psychology	3	Thu						Thu		
	PSYC5160 Social Psychology	3	Mon			Mon					
	PSYC5170 Abnormal Psychology	3			Mon & Wed						Mon & Wed
	PSYC5190 Personality Psychology	3			Tue & Thu			Tue & Thu			
Research	PSYC5250 Independent Study	6	To be arranged with supervisor						To be arranged with supervisor		
Applied	PSYC5121 Capstone Project	3		Tue	Fri					Tue	Fri
	PSYC5122 Health Psychology (OR)										
	PSYC5123 Educational Psychology (OR)	3		Thu						Thu	
	PSYC5124 Industrial-organizational Psychology										

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Qualifications for Admission

Possess a Bachelor's degree (NOT majoring in psychology) from a recognized university

A personal statement in English (word limit: 400 words) stating how a study in psychology contributes to your career development or personal growth

General qualifications required by the [Graduate School](#)

Fulfill the “[English Language Proficiency Requirement](#)”

English Language Requirements for Admission

To fulfill the University's minimum English language requirements for admission to postgraduate programmes, applicants should have:

1. obtained a degree from a university in Hong Kong¹ or taken a degree programme of which the medium of instruction was English; or
2. achieved scores in the following English Language tests² as indicated:
 1. TOEFL: 550 (Paper-based)/79 (Internet-based/Home Edition);
 2. IELTS (Academic): 6.5 (Test Centre based/Online);
 3. GMAT: Band 21 (Verbal)³;
 4. GMAT Focus Edition: Band 78 (Verbal); or
3. obtained a pass grade in English in one of the following examinations:
 1. Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (AS Level);
 2. Hong Kong Higher Level Examination;
 3. CUHK Matriculation Examination;
 4. General Certificate of Education Examination (GCE) Advanced Level (A-Level)/Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS-Level); or
4. achieved Level 4 or above in the English Language subject of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination; or
5. obtained a recognized professional qualification⁴, provided that the examination was conducted in English.

Notes:

1. This is based on the understanding that English is the medium of instruction of degree programmes offered by universities in Hong Kong. Moreover, graduates from universities in Hong Kong should have fulfilled the English language requirements of the institution concerned when they were admitted to the degree programmes. The CUHK Graduate School may request applicants to provide additional supporting documents to prove their English proficiency.
2. TOEFL and IELTS scores are considered valid for two years from the test date. GMAT scores are considered valid for five years from the test date.
3. GMAT (Verbal) Score with a threshold of 21 will be kept until the score validity phases out.
4. The programmes/Graduate Divisions shall at their discretion to determine if such professional qualification can be accepted.

Application

Deadline: **01 December 2025**

[Detail information](#)

[Online application](#)

***Application Instruction: Applicants are required to indicate your choice of study stream (Research Stream or Applied Stream) in the box of “Field of Study” in online application system. Otherwise, your application will not be proceeded.**

[Required Documents for admission](#)

Selection & Result

Selection

Applications will be reviewed on a **rolling basis**. Please ensure to upload, send, or submit all required documents promptly.

Shortlisted candidates will be sent an email invitation to attend an **admission interview** at various stages of the admission process. **Outstanding candidates** with remarkable academic achievements and qualifications may be eligible for admission to the program without interview.

Result

Applicants may login the [Application for Admission to Postgraduate Programmes](#) and check the application results in the section of “View Application Result”

If applicants fail to get information from the Division by July 2025, the applications could be regarded as unsuccessful

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