公共政策及風險治理社會科學碩士
MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCES IN PUBLIC POLICY AND RISK GOVERNANCE

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Programme Handbook

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1.   Introduction

This student handbook serves as your guide to the study of the Master of Social Sciences in Public Policy and Risk Governance (MSocSc-PPRG) Programme. The MSocSc-PPRG Programme offers core modules, thematic elective modules and general elective modules that will provide you with both foundation and a range of modules which best suits your interest and preference.

2.   Aims of the Programme

The MSocSc-PPRG Programme provides comprehensive knowledge in the policy process with a strategic focus on risk governance. The aim of this Programme is to nurture students to develop a sophisticated understanding of public policy institutions and processes, its implications on policy development and implementation, as well as innovative policy recommendations to complex policy issues in an ever-changing risk society.

3.   Programme Objectives

The Programme aims to:

- ➢ Instill in students the theoretical and interdisciplinary expertise necessary for the practice of risk governance in public policy;
- ➢ Gain broad and deep knowledge of the public policymaking processes in which decisions about risks are taken and implemented;
- ➢ Demonstrate knowledge of research principles and methodologies relevant to public policy studies from the perspective of risk governance;
- ➢ Acquire the analytics managerial skills in public sector that can be applied to developing innovative solutions to a broad range of risk problems in policy issues; and
- ➢ Reflect critically on the challenges relating to risk governance on the management, implementation and evaluation of public policies and respond to these in innovative ways.

4.   Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Programme, you should be able to:

➢ Critically examine key theoretical and analytical perspectives and debates in risk and public policy studies;

➢ Develop a risk-based approach in understanding the public policy institutions and processes and its implications on policy development and implementation;

➢ Conduct risk analysis and public policy research using appropriate research methods;

➢ Apply skills and knowledge acquired in the curriculum to analyse various policy issues; and

➢ Devise innovative and professional policy recommendations to complex policy problems in a changing risk society.

5.   Programme Structure and Curriculum

Students enrolled in MSocSc-PPRG must complete at least 8 modules (24 credits) in their course of study: 4 core modules and 4 elective modules (one of which must be taken from the three thematic elective modules). Each module bears 3 credits.

Modules	Total No. of Modules (Credits)	Percentage of Total Curriculum
Core Modules	4 (12)	50%
Elective Modules	4 (12)[1]	50%
TOTAL	8 (24)	100%

Note: [1] At least one module must be chosen from the thematic elective modules.

List of Modules

Core Modules	Credits
PRG6101 Public Policy Analysis	3
PRG6102 Governing Risk in Public Sector	3
PRG6103 Public Policy Research Methods	3
PRG6104 Workshop on Policy and Risk Simulation	3
Thematic Elective Modules	
PRG6201 Critical Issues in Public Health	3
PRG6202 Environment and Global Governance	3
PRG6203 Risk Governance in the Digital Era	3
General Elective Modules	
PRG6301 Political Communication in Public Policy	3
PRG6302 Managing Risk Society	3
PRG6303 Advanced Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Research	3
PRG6304 Selected Topic in Public Policy and Risk Governance	3
PRG6305 Individual Project	3

6.   Recommended Study Plan

6.1   One-year Full-time Mode

Semester 1	Semester 2
PRG6101 Public Policy Analysis	PRG6104 Workshop on Policy and Risk Simulation
PRG6102 Governing Risk in Public Sector	Elective 2
PRG6103 Public Policy Research Methods	Elective 3
Elective 1	Elective 4

6.2   Two-year Part-time Mode

Year 1	
Semester 1	**Semester 2**
PRG6101 Public Policy Analysis	Elective 1
PRG6103 Public Policy Research Methods	Elective 2
Year 2	
Semester 1	**Semester 2**
PRG6102 Governing Risk in Public Sector	PRG6104 Workshop on Policy and Risk Simulation
Elective 3	Elective 4

7.   Student Conduct: Assessment, Attendance Policy and Academic Honesty

7.1   Assessment

The assessment for a module normally comprises continuous assessment and final assessment. It will be competency-based and grade-related in nature.

There may be a number of components of assessed work for each module, such as participation, essay, assignment, oral presentation, project, report, test, examination, etc. The results from each component of assessed work shall be aggregated according to specific weightings to produce a final grade for a module.

Assessment of individual component of assessed work of each module shall follow the Outcome-based Teaching and Learning (OBTL) module assessment rubrics.

7.2   Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend all timetabled classes and stipulated learning activities and be punctual in order to achieve the best learning outcomes. A student will be deemed as absent from class if s/he

(a)   fails to seek prior approval from the module teacher for not attending the full lesson with a valid reason; or

(b)   fails to attend the timetabled class within the first 15 minutes; or

(c)   fails to satisfy the specific attendance requirements set by respective module teachers and made clear to students in advance.

7.3   *Academic Honesty*

The University upholds academic integrity and adopts zero tolerance to academic frauds. Dishonesty in completing assignments, assessments and examinations, including plagiarism and cheating, is liable to possible disciplinary actions.

"Plagiarism" is defined as an act that comprises borrowing the work of others, including printed and online resources, as one's own work without proper citation or acknowledgement. The use of other's work may include such practices as copying source materials, paraphrasing or translation of source materials, citing other's work without proper citations or acknowledgements, paraphrasing the author's ideas, etc.

Examples of specific academic misconduct include but not limited to:
(a)   Cheating during examinations;
(b)   Using unauthorized materials or communication devices during examinations;
(c)   Violating the rules and regulations of examinations;
(d)   Engaging anyone to take an examination on one's behalf;
(e)   Passing off work done by any one as one's own work;
(f)   Submitting the same assignment for two different modules;
(g)   Copying materials without proper acknowledgment;
(h)   Translating or paraphrasing source materials;
(i)   Citing other's work without proper citations or acknowledgements;
(j)   Fabricating information or data for research or provide fabricated information or facts;
(k)   Fabricating analyses or their results;
(l)   Revising data to arrive at desirable results for analyses; and
(m)   Selectively reporting the results for analyses, etc.

All students are required to use the VeriGuide software for originality check before submitting an assignment and the originality check report should be submitted with the assignment. The submission date of the assignment and the VeriGuide check, whichever is later, would be taken as the final submission date of the assignment.

8. *Graduation Requirements*

8.1 *MSocSc-PPRG Award Requirements*

In order to be granted an award of the University, students must successfully complete a programme of the University, including specific requirements of the named award for which they are registered, general University requirements and the minimum cumulative GPA requirement.

To be eligible for the award of the Master of Social Sciences in Public Policy and Risk Governance, students are required to complete and pass a minimum of 24 credits (8 modules), including four core modules and four elective modules (at least one module must be chosen from the thematic elective modules) as laid down in the programme curriculum.

8.2 *Award Classification*

A student who satisfies the conditions for graduation from the MSocSc-PPRG Programme shall be awarded a postgraduate qualification with one of the following classifications:

Award Classification	Minimum Cumulative GPA
Distinction	3.5
Credit	3.2
Pass	2.0

9. *Academic Calendar of AY2023/24*

The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong Academic Calendar (2023/24) Updated on 19 Jun 2023

Week		S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Public Holidays	Academic Events
	2023 AUG	30	31	1	2	3	4	5		**From Mid-July** *New Student Registration (Online)*
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19		15 [UG] *New Student Welcome Day for Senior Year Entrants (University) (16 as contingency)*
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26		24 [UG] *New Student Welcome Day for Year 1 Entrants (University) (25 as contingency)*
		27	28	29	30	31	1	2		
1	SEP	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		**SEMESTER 1: 4 SEP – 23 DEC 2023** 4 First Teaching Day (Semester 1) 7 [UG] *Convocation for New Students (pm)*
2		10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
3		17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
4		24	25	26	27	28	29	30	30 The day following the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival	
5	OCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	2 The day following the National Day	
6		8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
7		15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
8		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	23 Chung Yeung Festival	
9		29	30	31	1	2	3	4		
10	NOV	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
11		12	13	14	15	16	17	18		18 *HSUHK Information Day*
12		19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
13		26	27	28	29	30	1	2		2 Last Teaching Day (Semester 1)
14	DEC	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		4, 6 *Graduation Ceremony* 9-23 Final Examination Period (Semester 1)
		10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
		24	25	26	27	28	29	30	25 Christmas Day 26 The first weekday after Christmas Day	**WINTER BREAK: 24 DEC 2023 – 14 JAN 2024**
	2024 JAN	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	1 The first day of January	
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13		10 Release of Module Results (Semester 1) # 11 Release of Module Results (Semester 1) @
1		14	15	16	17	18	19	20		**SEMESTER 2: 15 JAN – 17 MAY 2024** 15 First Teaching Day (Semester 2)
2		21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
3		28	29	30	31	1	2	3		
4	FEB	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10-13 Lunar New Year Holidays	10-16 *Lunar New Year Break (all classes suspended)*
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17		

Week		S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Public Holidays	Academic Events
5		18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
6		25	26	27	28	29	1	2		
7	MAR	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
8		10	11	12	13	14	15	16		16 *Founders' Day*
9		17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
10		24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29-1 Easter Holidays	
11		31	1	2	3	4	5	6	4 Ching Ming Festival	
12	APR	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
13		14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
14		21	22	23	24	25	26	27		27 Last Teaching Day (Semester 2)
		28	29	30	1	2	3	4	1 Labour Day	
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11		2-17 Final Examination Period (Semester 2)
	MAY	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	15 Birthday of the Buddha	
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25		**SUMMER BREAK 1: 18 MAY – 10 JUN 2024**
		26	27	28	29	30	31	1		
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8		6 Release of Module Results (Semester 2) # 7 Release of Module Results (Semester 2) @
1	JUN	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	10 Tuen Ng Festival	**SUMMER TERM: 11 JUN – 3 AUG 2024** 11 First Teaching Day (Summer Term)
2		16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
3		23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
4		30	1	2	3	4	5	6	1 HKSAR Establishment Day	
5	JUL	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
6		14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
7		21	22	23	24	25	26	27		29 Last Teaching Day (Summer Term)
		28	29	30	31	1	2	3		30-3.8 Final Examination Period (Summer Term)
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10		**SUMMER BREAK 2: 4 AUG – 1 SEP 2024***
	AUG	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24		19 Release of Module Results (Summer Term)
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31		

■ Public Holiday   ■ Key Academic Event   [UG] For Undergraduate Programmes only

\#   For students (except inbound exchange students) who have <u>completed</u> the Students' Feedback on Modules and Teaching
@   For students (except inbound exchange students) who have <u>not completed</u> the Students' Feedback on Modules and Teaching
*   Assuming Semester 1 of next Academic Year will commence on 2 September 2024

Notes:
- The publication is subject to updates upon availability of the latest event details. Please refer to the updated Academic Calendar at *https://registry.hsu.edu.hk/home/academic-calendar/*.