



# MSC

## Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Media and Social Communication

2022-23 Full-time Undergraduate Programme  
for Associate Degree & Higher Diploma Graduates

Admissions  
**2022**  
(Year 3 Entry)

# Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Media and Social Communication

媒體及社會傳播社會科學學士(榮譽)學位課程



## Award

Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Media and Social Communication awarded by Hong Kong Baptist University



This programme is offered by the College of International Education, Hong Kong Baptist University for holders of Associate Degree (AD) or Higher Diploma (HD) who wish to continue on to a Bachelor's degree in Media and Social Communication.

## Programme Features

- Provides a full-time, non-government-funded honours undergraduate programme, normally completed in two years;
- Develops students' understanding of media communication processes in the context of changing society and media environment, and their understanding of such processes in the trend of globalisation;
- Develops students' social consciousness and their sensitivity to the social, cultural and environmental issues in the changing society with both local and global communication perspectives;
- Develops students' ability to use media and communication strategies to promote the well-being of human, thus contribute actively to positive social change;
- Develops students' specific skills required for planning, organising and implementing communication activities for good social causes;
- Develop students' ability to identify opportunities for corporations, public agencies and volunteer organisations to initiate communication projects related to corporate social responsibility and positive development of the society.



The MSC programme continues to evolve in the radically changing media and social environment. Ranging from video production to data visualization and AI, from PR campaigns to new media innovative projects, we believe that these media skill sets, together with a critical and multi-dimensional understanding of social issues, are crucial for students to embrace challenges in the contemporary world.

Mr. Tang Ho Man, Alex | Programme Director

# Career Prospects

The programme will equip graduates with academic training and advanced practical skills in media communication for pursuing careers in a wide array of professions. They include public relation officers specialising in corporate social responsibility; communicators in volunteer organisations and public agencies; editors, journalists and columnists in social news section; and welfare advocates and lobbyists of interest groups.

# Programme Structure

The four-year undergraduate programme requires students to complete a total of 128 units, including 63 units of Major Courses, 13 units of University Core Courses, 18 units of General Education Courses and 34 units of Free Elective Courses. Students with Associate Degree or Higher Diploma qualifications will normally be admitted directly into the third year of study to complete the programme in two years.

Specifically, students are required to complete 54 units of Major Core Courses, 9 units of Major Elective Courses and 3 units of General Education Capstone Course.

## Year 1 & Year 2

### UNIVERSITY CORE (13 UNITS)

The University Core is a requirement in the undergraduate curriculum which aims at providing students with the essential and transferable knowledge and skills to help them lead successful lives both during their university education and after, and ultimately supporting the University's commitment to develop the Graduate Attributes among students.

- University English<sup>♦</sup>
- University Chinese<sup>♦</sup>
- Healthy Lifestyle<sup>♦</sup>
- The Art of Persuasion<sup>♦</sup>

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### GENERAL EDUCATION (15 UNITS)

The General Education (GE) Programme provides the foundation of a well-rounded university education. The goal of the programme is to promote Whole Person Education (WPE) through exposure to a range of transferable skills, guiding principles, and attitudes that all students will need in their future professional and personal lives.

- Level 1 Foundational Courses<sup>#</sup>
- Level 2 Interdisciplinary Thematic Courses

<sup>♦</sup> For Associate Degree or Higher Diploma applicants, a block transfer of University Core Courses will be granted.

<sup>#</sup> For Associate Degree applicants, a block transfer of 9 units will be granted.

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### FREE ELECTIVE COURSES (34 UNITS)

Free Elective Courses are normally exempted for Associate Degree or Higher Diploma graduates seeking for year 3 entry.

#### Remarks:

1. The number of courses/units the students are required to complete will depend on the number of courses/units for which exemption and/or unit transfer will be granted. All unit transfer or course exemption shall be considered on a case-by-case basis upon admission. Students are required to complete all programme prerequisites, University Core and GE courses to meet the graduation requirement.
2. Unit transfer equivalent to 28 units of University Core and GE courses will be considered by the Programme management on a case-by-case basis.
3. Make-up courses may be required on admission.
4. Students are required to complete a non-credit bearing University Life programme.



## Study Tours to India & United Arab Emirates (UAE)

The programme organised two study tours respectively to India and UAE, aiming to maximise students' learning opportunity beyond Hong Kong.

14 students joined the study tour to India and visited several cities including Mumbai and New Delhi to have a glimpse of cultural and media development of one of the world's oldest civilisations and fastest growing large economies.

44 students embarked on a tour to visit UAE, particularly Dubai and Abu Dhabi. Besides visiting the luxurious skyscrapers, amazing mosques, boundless Desert Safari and local universities, the students had a chance to taste traditional Emirati food and learn about the culture by having cultural lunch with locals.



## Year 3 & Year 4

### MAJOR CORE COURSES (54 UNITS)

- Cases and Issues in Social Communication
- Digital Graphic Production
- Globalization and Social Change
- Health Communication
- Media and Integrated Marketing Communication
- Audio and Video Production for New Media
- Media Professional Practices
- Writing for Media and Community Resources 📖
- Communication Campaign Planning and Practices
- Media and Social Communication Honours Project I
- Media and Social Communication Honours Project II
- Communication Research Methods 📊
- Media Consumption
- Public Opinion and Social Communication
- Communication Theory
- Media Law 📖
- New Media Communication 📖
- Data Analysis and Visualization

### MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSES (9 UNITS)

- Media Ethics
- AI and Digital Communication
- Analytical and Opinion Writing for Chinese Media
- Audio and Video Production for Commercial Purposes
- Children, Elderly and Communication
- Communication and Sustainable Development
- Computer Animation
- Data Analysis with Python
- Digital Photography
- Gender and Communication
- Media Practicum
- Negotiation and Lobbying
- Social Media Marketing
- MSC Internship
- Special Topics in Hollywood Cinema^
- Special Topics in Hong Kong Cinema^
- Studies in Film and Television Classics^
- Studies in Non-Fiction Films^
- Financial Literacy^
- Media Business Environment^
- Strategic Public Relations^
- Television and Hong Kong Society^

^ The course is offered by Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Creative Writing for Film, Television and New Media or Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Integrated Communication Management.

### GENERAL EDUCATION CAPSTONE COURSE (3 UNITS)

- Communication for Professional Purposes\*

\* Pending for approval

#### Remarks:

1. 📖 This course has been included in the list of reimbursable courses under the Continuing Education Fund. This course is recognised under the Qualifications Framework (QF Level 5).
2. Individual courses may use Chinese due to particular course requirements. Either Cantonese or Putonghua may be used, depending on particular pedagogical strategy.
3. The University reserves the right to make changes to these courses without prior notice.



128 UNITS



## T Teaching Team



### Mr. Steve Law

Steve is an experienced director of TV dramas, documentaries, creative short films and commercials. His clients include ViuTV, Manulife, Kotex, Wrigley, China Mobile and more. Steve has produced numerous well-received TV programs, including *Leap Day (2020)* (Regional Winner of Best Drama Series, Asian Academy Creative Awards 2020), *Game Day (2018)*, *Margaret & David: Ex. Specials (2017)* and *The Nocturnes (2016)*.

## S Student Sharing



### Lam King Man (Year 4 Student)

#### Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) in Media and Social Communication, HKBU

“I have been enjoying every fascinating lecture. Apart from the knowledge in the course, the MSC programme also teaches me the conduct of life. I know that these knowledge and memories are the wealth of my life forever.”



### Wong Kwan Yat (Year 4 Student)

#### Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) in Media and Social Communication, HKBU

“I have the opportunity to experience the operations of different media fields to sharpen my media skills for my future career development. The most important thing is that MSC lecturers are very dedicated to teaching and are kind in helping me to solve problems in learning.”

## C Campus

The programme is offered at the Hong Kong Baptist University's Shek Mun (Shatin) Campus, which is located next to the Shek Mun Station of MTR Tuen Ma Line. With a gross floor area of 30,000m<sup>2</sup>, the campus provides full university facilities, including indoor heated swimming pool, gymnasium, fitness room, dance room, auditorium, multimedia laboratories, library and learning commons. Special learning facilities such as bioeco laboratory, creative science laboratory, food sensory laboratory, testing and analytical laboratory, food and nutritional science laboratory, active living laboratory, social science research laboratory, media communication laboratory, psychology laboratory and child assessment centre are also set up to provide students with practical experiences in their areas of study.

## T Tuition Fee

Local: HKD85,140 per year; Non-local: HKD98,340 per year. Students are required to complete 66 units in two years at HKD2,580 per unit (local) / HKD2,980 per unit (non-local) (Total HKD170,280 for local / HKD196,680 for non-local).

The annual tuition fee is paid in two equal instalments, normally before the start of the first and the second semesters. For newly enrolled undergraduate students, HKD15,000 of the first instalment plus some fees will have to be paid by the applicants for acceptance of their admission offers and the balance will have to be paid in late August. Students are required to pay full tuition fees per semester during the normal period of study, regardless of the number of units enrolled in the semester.

For students who are required to take make-up course(s) to fulfil the programme prerequisites, University Core and/or GE courses, additional tuition fee for the make-up course(s) will be charged at HKD1,790 per unit.

## F Financial Assistance

Full-time local students may apply for the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students (FASP) and the Non-means-tested Loan Scheme for Post-secondary Students (NLSPS) administered by the Student Finance Office (SFO) under the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA), HKSAR Government. For more information, students should contact the SFO or visit its website at [www.wfsfaa.gov.hk](http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk).

# Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission, a candidate should hold

- an Associate Degree (AD) in related disciplines from any of the local/overseas recognised institutions; or
- a Higher Diploma (HD) from any recognised institutions.

Candidates who possess equivalent qualifications are to be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Students are expected to complete all programme prerequisites and GE courses in their Associate Degree / Higher Diploma studies. Otherwise, they may have to complete additional units of study to make up for the programme prerequisites and GE courses at College of International Education (CIE), Hong Kong Baptist University.

## Apply Online Now!



[cie.hkbu.edu.hk/t/admissions-ug](http://cie.hkbu.edu.hk/t/admissions-ug)

The University accepts both online and paper application. Applicants may apply for more than one programme if they wish to. A non-refundable and non-transferable application fee for EACH applied programme will be charged at HKD450.



## Enquiries

For enquiries concerning the application procedure, please contact Academic Registry Services Section.

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