Division of Sociology

The Division of Sociology offers two comprehensive programmes leading to the MPhil and PhD degrees. Both programmes are research oriented; in addition to course work, students need to complete and successfully defend a thesis research. Candidates in both programmes will receive solid training in sociological theories and research methods. We encourage diversity in methodological approaches and subfields of the discipline. We also encourage teacher-student collaboration in research. Full-time students will receive financial support, serving as teaching or research assistants to enhance their teaching and research experience.

MPhil-PhD in Sociology

Admission Code: SOC

Programme

MPhil Stream#

Students are required to complete a minimum of 12 units of required courses and to take a Thesis Research course each term until end of studies.

PhD Stream#

Students are required to complete a minimum of 18 units of required courses and to take a Thesis Research course each term until end of studies. In addition, students are also required to pass 2 candidacy examinations within a specific period.

Please visit the Division's homepage for more information.

*Minimum number of units required is subject to change.

Fields of Specialization

Comparative and Historical Sociology; Crime and Deviance; Cultural Sociology; Economic Sociology; Gender and Sexuality; Medical Sociology; Migration; Organizations; Political Sociology; Social Movement; Social Networks; Social Stratification; Sociology of Development; Sociology of Education; Sociology of Family; Urban Sociology; and Work, Occupations and Professions.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the general requirements of the Graduate School¹, preference will be given to applicants who have a solid background in one social science subject (Sociology, Anthropology or Psychology, etc.) and whose research interests are well developed.

Additional Application Information

Applicants are required to submit a study plan. Those interested in admission to PhD Stream are required to furnish proof of their research capability in the form of strong recommendations from their academic referees, or past publications, etc.

Admission Advisor

Prof. SPIRES, Anthony J

Application Deadline

1 December 2016

For applicants who apply for PhD programme through the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) $^{\!2}$

31 January 2017

For applicants who apply for MPhil/PhD programme directly with CUHK (i.e. non-HKPFS applicants)



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2 For information on HKPFS, please refer to page 17.

¹ For the general qualifications required for admission to the Graduate School, please refer to pages 16-17.