

## Course list for Cross-Institutional Course Enrolment (Semester 2, 2025/26)

### Faculty of Social Sciences The University of Hong Kong

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Course Code	Course Title	Level (RPG/TPG)	Pre-requisites	Class Dates	Class Time	Venue	Quota for Non-HKU Students (if any)	Course Syllabus URL	Contact Information (Name & Email)	Remarks (Please specify if the medium of instruction is NOT English)
POLI6002	Research Methods in Politics and Public Administration	RPG	N/A	Jan 19 - Apr 27, 2026 (Mondays)	14:00 - 16:50	TBC	20	<a href="https://ppa.hku.hk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/NEW-Syllabuses.pdf">https://ppa.hku.hk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/NEW-Syllabuses.pdf</a>	Ms Jennifer Lau htjenlau@hku.hk	Nil
PSYC7021	Postgraduate Seminar in Cognitive Psychology	RPG	N/A	Jan 22 - Apr 30, 2026 (Thursdays)	16:00 - 17:20	CPD-4.16	1) Open to other Faculties in HKU: 5 2) Open to other UGC-funded universities: 3	<a href="https://psychology.hku.hk/research-degrees-mphil-phd/">https://psychology.hku.hk/research-degrees-mphil-phd/</a>	Frances Au rpsyc@hku.hk	Nil
SOCI6011	Ethnographic Research Methods	RPG	N/A	Jan 19 - May 2, 2026 (Thursday)	14:00 - 16:30	CJT-9.29	5	<a href="https://sociology.hku.hk/courses">https://sociology.hku.hk/courses</a>	Miss Connie Ko socioirpg@hku.hk	Nil

## **POLI6002 Research Methods in Politics and Public Administration**

This course aims to help students understand the specific requirements for conducting research in politics and public administration. Specifically, it prepares students for their dissertation research by focusing on the logic and strategies of inquiry that guide social research. While drawing attention to the importance of the building blocks of social research, the course also highlights the criteria of good research. It is hoped that by the end of the course, students will have a solid understanding of the research process, from the conceptualization of the research question to the inference of the research results. Assessment will be in the form of written assignments and presentations.

Assessment: 100% coursework

Timetable: 2025/26 Sem2 (Jan 19 – May 2, 2026) every Monday 14:00 – 16:50

**The University of Hong Kong  
Department of Psychology  
Research Degrees Programme  
Timetable for Second Semester 2025-2026**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Course</b>		<b>PSYC6025</b> Postgraduate Seminar in Scientific Writing for Psychology	<b>PSYC6011</b> Conceptual and Methodological Issues in Psychological Research II	<b>PSYC7021</b> Postgraduate Seminar in Cognitive Psychology	
<b>Time</b>		4:00 pm - 5:50 pm	2:00 pm - 4:50 pm	4:00 pm - 5:20 pm	
<b>Venue</b>		CPD-LG.60	CPD-4.16	CPD-4.16	
<b>Course Instructor</b>		Prof. Jeffrey Saunders	Dr Jonathan Yeung	Prof. Jian-Qiao Zhu	

For timetable and other information for courses offered by the Graduate School, please visit the website: <https://gradsch.hku.hk/> (under “Current Students - Coursework” section)

Venues:

CPD (Central Podium, Centennial Campus)

**The University of Hong Kong  
Department of Psychology**

**Opening Postgraduate Courses to RPg Students outside Department of Psychology  
Course syllabus (Semester Two, 2025/26)**

**PSYC7021 – Postgraduate Seminar in Cognitive Psychology**

This seminar course will cover recent developments in the field of Cognitive Psychology, concentrating particularly on theoretical debates and empirical results that are likely to have considerable impact on the field. Theoretical and empirical articles will be read each week, and discussed in class. Discussions will be led by both the instructor and students in the class.

Assessment: 100% coursework

## **SOCI6011 Ethnographic Research Methods**

### **Course description**

The primary objective of this course is to introduce ethnographic research methods to research postgraduate students. It is designed to be a rigorous methodological training for students of sociology and of other social science disciplines. It will cover both the theoretical issues of the qualitative approach and the practical skills of conducting ethnographic studies. The dialogue between theories and methods is emphasized. By the end of the course, students are expected to be equipped with the basic techniques of ethnographic research.

The course will begin with a discussion of the common ground and the difference between quantitative and qualitative methods in social science research. It will present the scientific base of qualitative research, the logic of ethnographic methods, and the practical skills of data collection. Methodological concerns like case study, theoretical sampling, theory building, interpretation, ethical and political issues will be discussed. Students will be coached to acquire the technical skills of participant observation, interviewing, fieldnote writing, coding, and writing up proposal and paper.

Assessment: 100% coursework

Timetable: 2025/26 Sem2 (Jan 19 – May 2, 2026) every Thursday 14:00 – 16:30 at CJT-9.29