

Details of courses offered in Semester 1, 2023/24

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	Course Syllabus URL	Contact Information (Name & Email)	Remarks (e.g. Please specify if the medium of instruction is NOT English)
PSYC7022	Postgraduate seminar in social psychology	RPG	Bachelor degree, Psychology major	Sep 6 - Nov 29, 2023 (Wednesdays)	16:30 - 17:50	CPD-3.01	https://psychology.hku.hk/research-degrees-mphil-phd/	Miss Coral Yip rpsyc@hku.hk	/
SOCI6003	Research Seminars for Postgraduate Students	RPG	/	Sep 1 - Nov 30, 2023 (Mondays)	13:00 - 14:50	CJT-9.29	https://sociology.hku.hk/courses/	Miss Connie Ko socirpg@hku.hk	Full-year course.
SOCI6011	Ethnographic Research Methods	RPG	/	Sep 1 - Nov 30, 2023 (Tuesdays)	14:30 - 16:20	CJT-9.29	https://sociology.hku.hk/courses/	Miss Connie Ko socirpg@hku.hk	Mainly for RPg of Social Sciences and Humanities.
SOCI7010	Quantitative Research Methods	RPG	/	Sep 1 - Nov 30, 2023 (Mondays)	15:30 - 17:20	CPD-3.41	https://sociology.hku.hk/courses/	Miss Connie Ko socirpg@hku.hk	Tutorial class for RPG students will be arranged separately and details will only be available in September.

**The University of Hong Kong
Department of Psychology
Research Degrees Programme
Timetable for First Semester 2023-2024**

	Wednesday
Course	PSYC7022 Postgraduate Seminar in Social Psychology
Time	4:30 pm - 5:50 pm
Venue	CPD-3.01
Course Instructor	Dr. Xiaoqing Hu

Please visit <https://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/current-students/courses-workshops-dialogues-career-preparation> for timetable and other information for courses offered by the Graduate School.

Venue:

CPD (Central Podium, Centennial Campus)

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**Opening Postgraduate Courses to RPg Students outside Department of Psychology
Course syllabus (Semester One, 2023/24)**

PSYC7022 – Postgraduate Seminar in Social Psychology

This seminar course will cover recent developments in the field of Social 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

SOCI6003 Research Seminars for Postgraduate Students (full-year course)

Course description

This course is divided into two sections.

The first section focuses on a series of discussion based on the students' actual research topic. Topics to be examined and discussed include the selection and the significance of the research topic, relevant literature review and theories, field research and interviews and problems arising from it and methods of assembling data collected.

The second section involves seminar-style presentation by academic and postgraduate students. This will enable the students to learn from different styles of presentations and benefit from comments given during the seminars.

Assessment: 100% coursework

Timetable: 2023/24 Sem1 & Sem2 (Sep 1 – Nov 30, 2023 & Jan 15 – Apr 27, 2024), every Monday 13:00 – 14:50 at CJT-9.29

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: 2023/24 Sem1 (Sep 1 – Nov 30, 2023), every Tuesday 14:30 – 16:20 at CJT-9.29

SOCI7010 Quantitative Research Methods

Course description

This course provides an overview of quantitative research methods in the social sciences. It covers both fundamental theories and practical techniques, ranging from research design and hypothesis formulation to data collection (e.g., survey; experiments), quantitative data analysis (e.g., descriptive statistics; comparison of means; regressions), and research writing.

This course will be interactive and collaborative. In each class, students will be encouraged to ask/answer questions and to facilitate discussions with peers and the instructor. The course also offers hands-on training to conduct an original research project including questionnaire surveys and statistical analysis.

Assessment: 100% coursework

Timetable: 2023/24 Sem1 (Sep 1 – Nov 30, 2023), every Monday 15:30 – 17:20 at CPD-3.41 (Lecture); tutorial class for RPG students will be arranged separately and details will only be available in September.