

Details of courses offered in Semester 2, 2023/24

Faculty of Social Sciences The University of Hong Kong

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Course Code	Course Title	Level (RPGNiTPG)	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)
POLI6050	Special Seminar in Political Science	RPG	Nil	Jan 15 - Apr 26, 2024 (Fridays)	12:30 - 15:20	TBC	https://ppaweb.hku.hk/courses/research_postgraduate	Ms. Sharon Chan pparpg@hku.hk	Nil
PSYC6011	Conceptual and Methodological Issues in Psychological Research II	RPG	Bachelor degree, Psychology major	Jan 17 - Apr 24, 2024 (Wednesdays)	14:30 - 17:20	KB132	https://psychology.hku.hk/research-degrees-mphil-phd/	Miss Coral Yip rpsyc@hku.hk	(i) All students of PSYC6011 must be available for attending all classes of the course in person as there will be practice exercises for applying R in each class, and face-to-face interactions are most effective for learning in the course. (ii) There's a enrolment quota. PSYC students have priority to take this course. Outside students could be admitted if places are available.
PSYC6025	Postgraduate Seminar in Scientific Writing for Psychology	RPG	Bachelor degree, Psychology major	Jan 16 - Apr 23, 2024 (Tuesdays)	16:30 - 18:20	CPD-3.41	https://psychology.hku.hk/research-degrees-mphil-phd/	Miss Coral Yip rpsyc@hku.hk	Nil
PSYC7021	Postgraduate Seminar in Cognitive Psychology	RPG	Bachelor degree, Psychology major	Jan 18 - Apr 25, 2024 (Thursdays)	16:30 - 17:50	CPD-LG.16	https://psychology.hku.hk/research-degrees-mphil-phd/	Miss Coral Yip rpsyc@hku.hk	Nil
SOCI6008	Modern Theory and Sociological Analysis	RPG	Mainly for RPg of Social Sciences and Humanities	Jan 15 - Apr 27, 2024 (Thursdays)	16:30 - 18:20	CPD-LG.18	https://sociology.hku.hk/courses/	Ms. Connie Ko socirpg@hku.hk	Separate tutorials might be further arranged and required.
SOCI6012	Classical Social Theory	RPG	Only for RPg in Sociology and Nilor Anthropology studies	Jan 15 - Apr 27, 2024 (Thursdays)	13:30 - 15:20	CPD-LG.09	https://sociology.hku.hk/courses/	Ms. Connie Ko socirpg@hku.hk	Separate tutorials might be further arranged and required.

Department of Politics and Public Administration

POLI6050 Special Seminar in Political Science

This seminar exposes students to a specially selected area of research or a set of selected issues in politics and public administration. Through different theoretical and methodological approaches, students will examine how knowledge is produced, the limits of the knowledge produced, and the productive directions for further research. Students will also apply what they learned to assess and improve substantive research projects of interest to them. This seminar is for students with strong interest in understanding and producing serious scholarship. Students are expected to read extensively and contribute fruitfully to the seminar. (100% coursework)

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

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

PSYC6011 – Conceptual and Methodological Issues in Psychological Research II

Second semester problem-based (i.e., PBL) course put on jointly for 1st year research postgraduate students and advanced undergraduates. The course is a follow-up of PSYC6010. It adopts a problem-based approach to further students' knowledge of the techniques used in psychological research. Students will be asked to solve various problems and complete different tasks related to psychological research. They will have a chance to develop their ability to work and learn independently. The problems and tasks will also require them to learn the more advanced research designs and data analysis techniques.

Prerequisite: PSYC6010

Assessment: 100% coursework

PSYC6025 – Postgraduate Seminar in Scientific Writing for Psychology

This seminar course addresses writing skills in relation Psychological research. Students will engage in a series of assignments designed to improve the fluency and quality of their writing. Particular efforts will be focused on improving the conceptual clarity of writing. Regular feedback will help students improve upon their writing skills.

Assessment: 100% coursework

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

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Course		PSYC6025 Postgraduate Seminar in Scientific Writing for Psychology	PSYC6011 Conceptual and Methodological Issues in Psychological Research II (Note)	PSYC7021 Postgraduate Seminar in Cognitive Psychology	
Time		4:30 pm - 6:20 pm	2:30 pm - 5:20 pm	4:30 pm - 5:50 pm	
Venue		CPD-3.41	KB132	CPD-LG.16	
Course Instructor		Dr. Jeff Saunders	Dr. Jonathan Yeung	Dr. Xiaoqing Hu	

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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)

KB (Knowles Building, Main Campus)

SOCI6008 Modern Theory and Sociological Analysis

Course description

How do individuals create social worlds through their interactions? What is the nature of social reality and its dynamic structures? How does social reality shape the way we think, know, talk about and act in the world? What are the broad trends of social transformation, from modernity to post-modernity, globalization, and beyond? Building on the insights of classical sociological theory, this course will provide an overview of the main currents, themes and debates in modern and contemporary Western social theory, with a primary focus on sociological and anthropological contributions. The course will also focus on the practical application of theoretical concepts to situations of everyday life and social issues in Hong Kong, China and the world, and to the application of the concepts to students' thesis research projects.

Assessment: 100% coursework

Timetable: 2023/24 Sem2 (Jan 15 - Apr 27, 2024), every Thursday 16:30 - 18:20 at CPD-LG.18

Separate tutorials might be further arranged and required.

SOCI6012 Classical Social Theory

Course description

This course is an introduction to some formative ideas of classical sociology.

We will study these ideas in relation to one-another, as well as in relation to the historical contexts in which they arose. We will think about how these ideas fit into their original circumstances, and how they remain relevant to our lives today.

The work of the course involves reading a selection of classic texts, and applying them to discussion of our contemporary experience. This discussion will be oriented by two overarching themes: the idea that human beings are social subjects, and the idea that human beings are capable of social progress.

Assessment: 100% coursework

Timetable: 2023/24 Sem2 (Jan 15 - Apr 27, 2024), every Thursday 13:30 - 15:20 at CPD-LG.09

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