



College of Humanities and Law

# **Advanced Certificate in Psychology** CS004A



CEF Reimbursable Course This course has been included in the list of reimbursable courses under the Continuing Education Fund.

This course is recognised under the Qualification Framework (QF Level 4) QR registration number: 12/000143/4 Validity Period: 1 Feb 2012 to on-going



#### Introduction

The Advanced Certificate in Psychology provides a comprehensive overview of the scientific study of thought and behaviours, We have supported many graduates of this course to pursue master's degree in psychology/counselling in Hong Kong and the rest of the world.

Some of the topics that you will learn in this course includes, 1) how people from different cultures react differently in negotiation, 2) how typical-developing children and children with learning difficulties learn differently, 3) the nature and definition of psychology. The modules will provide you with a general understanding of the discipline and better prepare you for advanced studies in psychology and other related disciplines.

This programme caters to practitioners in various fields such as education, business, human resources, nursing, and public services etc. who are seeking to enhance personal and/or professional development. For degree holders in a discipline other than psychology, the Advanced Certificate programme will provide a good understanding of the discipline and better prepare them for studies at a more advanced level.

This versatile course provides the opportunity for you to embark on a Psychology career or bring those skills to wide variety of other career paths. Based on personal merits and academic background (including your bachelor degree), holders of the Advanced Certificate in Psychology will be eligible to apply for the Master of Social Sciences in the field of Psychology from one of the universities in Hong Kong or from any overseas institutions.

## **Learning Outcome and Progression**

Upon completion of the Advanced Certificate in Psychology, candidates will be able to describe and explain major theoretical approaches in psychology. They are also expected to apply knowledge in psychology to different aspects of daily life such as understanding of oneself and others, work, and so on. Based on personal merits and academic background, holders of the Advanced Certificate in Psychology may be eligible to apply for further studies in psychology.

### **Medium of Instruction**

English

## **Programme Duration and Delivery Mode**

Students may complete the programme within a minimum of 1 year or up to maximum of three years.\*

Classes will be held on weekdays evenings (normally 6:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.) and Saturday afternoons (normally 2:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.).

#### Curriculum

Module	
Abnormal Psychology	異常心理學
Developmental Psychology	發展心理學
Introduction to Psychology	心理學導論
Organizational Behaviour	組織行為學
Personality Psychology	性格心理學
Social Psychology	社會心理學



<sup>\*</sup>The availability of modules may vary from semester to semester.



## **Articulation Pathway with the Advanced Certificate in Psychology**

Master/Postgraduate degree in Psychology
 Advance Certificate in Psychology
 Degree in any disicipline

#### **Assessment**

In general, modules will be assessed by coursework and written examination with the minimum attendance requirement of 75%.

## **Entry Requirements**

Applicants shall hold:

- 1) an associate degree, higher diploma or advanced diploma; or
- 2) an equivalent qualifications.

Applicants with other qualifications will be considered on individual merit.

### Fee(s)

HK\$ 22,800(to be paid in 1 installment) Application Fee: HK\$150\*

# **Application**

Applicants should submit:

i) a completed application form\*,

ii) copies of academic certificates,

iii) a copy of HKID card or passport ^, and

iv) an application fee of HK\$150 by crossed cheque (payable to "HKU SPACE") to the following address:

#### Ms Miley Yiu

HKU SPACE, 11/F Fortress Tower

250 King's Road, North Point, H.K.

(Remarks: Application for the Advanced Certificate in Psychology)

<sup>\*</sup> All applications are subject to screening and final approval by the programme team.

<sup>\*</sup>Fees paid are non-refundable

<sup>\*</sup> Application forms can be obtained from any HKU SPACE Learning Centres or download from https://hkuspace.hku.hk/assets/files/SF26.pdf ^ Applicants will be asked to present their HKID cards or passports for verification if applying in person at one of the HKU SPACE enrolment counters, or to attach a copy of their HKID cards or passports if applying by post.





# **Application Closing Dates**

## **Enquiries: 2975 5865**

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## **Course Description**

## Abnormal Psychology 異常心理學 (9 credits)

This module aims to introduce to students the etiology (causes), symptoms, and treatment of various psychological disorders. The psychological disorders to be covered include anxiety disorders, childhood disorders, stress disorders, mood disorders, eating disorders, personality disorders, schizophrenia and so on.

## Developmental Psychology 發展心理學 (9 credits)

This module introduces the major theories and concepts in the study of lifespan development: From infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, to late adulthood. Special emphasis will be placed on the physical, cognitive, and social development at each of the developmental stage. The socio-cultural and environmental context within which individuals developed will also be discussed.

#### Introduction to Psychology 心理學導論 (15 credits)

This module introduces the basic principles of psychology and offers a preliminary survey of representative works carried out in various areas of psychological investigation such as sensation and perception, learning, memory, cognition, language and intelligence, aspects of human behaviour and the dynamics of motivation. There will be an opportunity to investigate some specific areas at length.

## Organizational Behaviour 組織行為學 (9 credits)

This module introduces students to an area of psychology that studies human and group behaviours within organizations. The topics to be examined include: motivation, leadership, group dynamics, conflict resolution, stress management, communications and other work-related issues. The main objective of the course is to create a knowledge base from which participants can develop organizational competence.

#### Personality Psychology 性格心理學 (9 credits)

This module examines how people are similar and how they differ in their thinking, feeling and behaviours. Students will be introduced to the major theories in the study of personality, the scientific basis of these theories, and how these theories can be used to assess, describe, explain, and predict human behaviours. Special emphasis will be placed on the applied aspects of personality psychology.

## Social Psychology 社會心理學 (9 credits)

This module covers the key aspects of social psychology such as attraction, social beliefs, aggression, conformity, compliance, persuasion and so on. The aim of the course is to familiarize students with these concepts and their application to everyday life.