



Master of Social Sciences in Social Sustainability

(MSocSc-SS)

社会可持续发展社会科学硕士



Message from Programme Director 课程主任的话

Welcome to the Master of Social Sciences in Social Sustainability — a programme designed for individuals who aspire to drive meaningful change in society.

As the world grapples with pressing challenges—including inequality, aging populations, strained healthcare systems, global environmental crisis, and the growing demand for sustainable cities— understanding the social dimension of sustainability is more critical than ever.

Through a multidisciplinary approach that integrates sociology, public policy, public management, political science and other social sciences, this programme prepares you to tackle complex challenges on both global and local scales. You will explore topics such as social systems, equity, social justice, community resilience, and inclusive development — all within the framework of social sustainability.

Whether you are interested in public policy, corporate sustainability, or serving marginalized communities, this programme equips you with the multiple knowledge and tools needed to create tangible, lasting impact.

We look forward to supporting you on your journey to advance social sustainability and drive transformative progress. Together, we can build a more equitable, inclusive, and resilient future.

欢迎来到社会可持续发展社会科学硕士课程 — 一个专为社会进步而设的课程。

随着世界面对各项挑战,包括社会不平等、老龄化人口、紧张的医疗系统、全球环境危机,以及对可持续 城市的需求日益增加,理解社会可持续发展比以往更为重要。

通过社会学、公共政策、公共管理、政治学及其他社会科学学科,本课程为你准备应对全球和地方问题。在社会可持续发展的框架下,你将探索社会系统、社会平等、社会公义、社区韧性和包容性发展等主题。

无论你有兴趣于公共政策、企业可持续性,还是服务边缘化社群,本课程将为你提供多元知识和工具,创 造具体及持久影响力。

我们期待支援你,推动社会可持续发展及带来有意义的改变。我们共建一个更公平、包容和可持续的未来。



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What is Social Sustainability? 什么是社会可持续发展?

Societal challenges lie at the heart of nearly half of the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals, with human rights serving as the foundation of these global efforts. Social sustainability prioritizes equity, inclusion, and well-being, addressing pressing issues such as ageing populations, social exclusion, inequality, poverty, sustainable urban development, and public health. By focusing on creating thriving, healthy communities, social sustainability ensures that everyone can enjoy a high quality of life. It highlights the need to balance economic and environmental sustainability with social well-being, fostering fairness, inclusion, and lasting positive impacts for individuals and communities worldwide.

社会挑战为联合国17项可持续发展目标中近一半的核心,而保障人权为全球努力的基础。社会可持续发展列社会公平、包容和福祉为优先考虑,并致力解决老龄化人口、社会排斥、不平等、贫困、可持续城市发展和公共卫生等迫切问题。通过创造繁荣及健康的社区,社会可持续发展致力推动,居民活于高品质生活。社会可持续发展强调,经济和环境可持续性与社会福祉之间取得平衡,促进公平、包容和对全球个人及社区的持续正面影响。



Drive Impactful Social Change, Shape a Sustainable Future! 推动社会进步 打造可持续未来!

What Distinctive Attributes will you Gain from this Programme? 你可以从课程中获得哪些优势?

This Master's programme takes a social sciences approach to examining complex social sustainability challenges. By focusing on the human and societal dimensions of sustainability, it prepares you to address pressing global and local issues in impactful and meaningful ways. Designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate these complexities, this programme offers you the tools to make a difference. By enrolling, you will:

- **Develop Advanced Analytical Skills**: Learn to critically assess social structures, policies, and practices, with a focus on equity, justice, and inclusion.
- Master Research Methodologies: Gain proficiency in both qualitative and quantitative research techniques to investigate and address real-world social issues.
- **Design Practical and Ethical Solutions**: Acquire the tools to create actionable strategies that are socially responsible and economically viable.
- Enhance Communication and Collaboration: Build the skills to effectively convey ideas and collaborate with diverse stakeholders, ensuring your solutions are inclusive and impactful.
- Understand Global and Local Contexts: Explore the interplay between local and international challenges, preparing you to address sustainability issues at multiple scales.

本硕士课程以社会科学角度,探讨复杂的社会可持续挑战。课程为你准备应对,全球和地方的迫切问题,并提出有意义的解决办法。课程将提供所需的知识和技能,帮助你改变未来。报读过后,你将能够:

- · 发展进阶分析技能: 学会深层地评估社会结构、政策和实践,关注社会公平、公义及包容性
- · 掌握研究方法: 掌握质性和量化研究, 解决现实中的社会问题
- · 设计实用和合乎伦理的解决方案: 平衡社会责任和经济上许可的策略
- · 增强沟通和协作能力: 提升表达沟通能力及协调多元利益持分者建议, 确保解决方案具包容性
- 理解全球和地方背景:探索地方与国际挑战之间的互动,为应对大小可持续发展问题做好准备



Programme Overview 课程概览

The Master of Social Sciences in Social Sustainability equips students with the knowledge and skills to address complex social challenges and create meaningful impact. Through a multidisciplinary approach, students will build a strong foundation in social sciences, gaining the ability to analyze and tackle pressing social issues at both local and global levels.

The programme requires the completion of four core modules and four electives (24 credits) over one year (full-time) or two years (part-time). Core modules cover essential topics, including theoretical perspectives, research methodologies, the dynamics of public and private sectors, and ethical considerations in social sustainability. Electives are divided into two clusters — 1. Social Affairs and 2. Economic and Environmental Affairs — allowing students to customize their learning experience based on their interests and career aspirations.

We recognize the importance of practical learning and real-world exposure. Field experiences, applied learning opportunities, and guest speakers from industry and community organizations are integrated across modules. These elements ensure students gain hands-on insights into the challenges and solutions in social sustainability, bridging the gap between theory and practice.

By combining a strong foundation of knowledge with actionable insights, students will emerge as professionals ready to contribute to a sustainable and equitable future.

社会可持续发展社会科学硕士课程使学生具备应对复杂社会挑战和创造有意义影响的知识和技能。通过多学科的方法,学生将建立坚实的社会科学基础,获得分析和解决地方及全球紧迫社会问题的能力。

本课程要求学生于一年(全日制)或两年(兼读制)内,完成四个核心科目和四个选修科目(共24个学分)。核心科目涵盖必修科,包括理论视野、研究方法论、公私形部门管理以及社会伦理考量。选修科目分为两组—1.社会事务及2.经济与环境事务,学生可以根据自己的兴趣和职业目标,选择学习体验。课程包括实习机会,应用研究和特选议题,进一步丰富内容。

我们认识到实践学习和现实世界接触的重要性。实地经验、应用学习机会以及来自行业和社区组织的嘉宾讲者将融入各个科目中。这些元素确保学生能够获得对社会可持续发展中挑战与解决方案的实际见解,为理论与实践之间架起桥梁。

通过将坚实的知识基础与可行的见解结合,学生将成为准备为可持续和公平的未来做出贡献的专业 人才。

Programme Objectives 课程目标

- Cultivate students' theoretical perspectives in the social sciences necessary for understanding complex social sustainable challenges
- Enrich students' knowledge of local and global social sustainability issues
- Develop students' knowledge of research principles and methodologies relevant to studies of social sustainability
- Foster students' capacity to engage in dialogue with actors in the public, private and social sectors about the social challenges set out by the UN sustainable development goals
- Enrich students' analytical skills for evaluating and developing solutions to social sustainability issues with ethical considerations
- 培养学生在社会科学中理解复杂社会可持续挑战所需的理论视角
- 充实学生对本地及全球社会可持续性问题的知识
- 发展学生对与社会可持续性研究相关的研究原则和方法论的知识
- 培养学生与公共、私人及社会部门的行动者进行对话,讨论联合国可持续发展目标所提出的社会挑战的能力
- 提升学生的分析能力,以评估和发展解决社会可持续性问题的方案,并考虑伦理因素

Practical Engagement 实践参与

Field experiences, applied learning opportunities, or insights from industry and community representatives are featured in a variety of modules. These elements ensure students gain hands-on insights into the challenges and solutions in social sustainability, bridging the gap between theory and practice.

实地考察、案例应用分析、以及邀请业内和社区组织嘉宾讲者分享,皆是课程特色,融入各个科目当中,确保学生扣连理论及实践经验,思考社会可持续发展中挑战与解决办法。



Programme Curriculum 课程设计

Core Modules 必修科:

- Social Changes and Sustainable Development 社会变迁与可持续发展
- Research Methods for Social Policy and Sustainability 社会政策与可持续性研究方法
- · Social Sustainability for Public and Private Sectors 公共及私营部门的社会可持续性
- · Global Justice and Sustainability 全球正义与可持续性

Elective Modules

选修科:

Cluster 1: Social Affairs

组别1: 社会事务 Diversity, Equality and Inclusion 多元、平等与包容

- Transformation and Innovation in Healthcare Systems 医疗系统的转型与创新
- · Ageing Societies: Trends, Challenges and Solutions 老龄化社会: 趋势、挑战与解决方案

Cluster 2:

Economic and

组别2:

经济与环境事务

Sustainable Cities

可持续城市

- Environmental Affairs Decent Work, Economic Growth and Labour Policies 劳动尊严、经济增长与劳动政策
 - · Environment and Global Governance 环境与全球治理

Special Elective

Modules

特别选修:

· Applied Study in Social Sustainability 社会可持续性应用研究

· Selected Topic in Social Sustainability 社会可持续性特选议题

Study Plan 学习计划

One-Year Full-time 一年全日制

Semester 1

第一学期:

- · Social Changes and Sustainable Development 社会变迁与可持续发展
- Research Methods for Social Policy and Sustainability 社会政策与可持续性研究方法
- Elective 1 (Elective Cluster 1) 选修科1 (社会事务)
- Elective 2 (Free Elective) 选修科2 (自由选修)

Semester 2 第二学期:

- Social Sustainability for Public and Private Sectors
 公共及私营部门的社会可持续性
- Global Justice and Sustainability
 全球正义与可持续性
- Elective 3 (Elective Cluster 2) 选修科3 (经济与环境事务)
- Elective 4 (Free Elective) 选修科4 (自由选修)

Two-Year Part-time 两年兼读制

Year 1

Semester 1

第一学期:

- Social Changes and Sustainable Development 社会变迁与可持续发展
- Research Methods for Social Policy and Sustainability 社会政策与可持续性研究方法

Semester 2

第二学期:

- Social Sustainability for Public and Private Sectors 公共及私营部门的社会可持续性
- Global Justice and Sustainability
 全球正义与可持续性

Year 2

Semester 1

- Elective 1 (Elective Cluster 1)
- 第一学期: 选修科1 (社会事务)
 - Elective 2 (Free Elective) 选修科2 (自由选修)

Semester 2

第二学期:

- Elective 3 (Elective Cluster 2) 选修科3 (经济与环境事务)
- Elective 4 (Free Elective) 选修科4 (自由选修)

Education Pathways 升学阶梯

Students can pursuit further studies at MPhil or PhD levels in various fields including environmental, social and governance (ESG), sustainability studies, social development, social policy, circular economy, and sociology.

学生进阶修读环境、社会与治理(ESG)、可持续发展研究、社会发展、社会政策、循环经济和社会学的哲学硕士(MPhil)或博士(PhD)课程。

Employment Pathways 就业前景

Examples of industries where graduates of the programme may pursue careers: 毕业生可以从事的行业:

Public Sector 公共部门	 Government 政府部门 Research Institution 研究机构 Education 教育机构
Business Sector 商业部门	 Corporate Strategy and ESG Departments 企业策略与ESG部门 Consulting Firms 咨询公司 Banking and Finance 银行与金融 Public Relations 公共关系
Third Sector and Others 第三部门及其他	 Community-based organizations 地区发展组织 Think Tanks 智库机构 Social Enterprises 社会企业 Journalism/Mass Media 传媒

Medium of Instruction 教学语言

The medium of instruction is English. 教学语言为英语。

Admission Requirements 入学要求

- A bachelor's degree from a recognised university or equivalent; and
- Fulfilment of one of the following English language proficiency requirements if the applicant's bachelor's degree was not obtained from a university/tertiary institution where English is the medium of instruction:

TOEFL \geq 550 (paper-based), \geq 79 (Internet-based); IELTS \geq 6.0; CET $6 \geq 430$; TEM- $4 \geq 70$

- 受认可院校颁授的学士学位或等同资历
- 如果申请者没有完成,以英语为授课语言的学士学位课程,须达到以下的英语水准要求: 托福 ≥ 550 (纸笔考试) 或 ≥ 79 (网上考试);
 雅思 ≥ 6.0:

中国全国大学英语六级考试 ≥ 430;

全国高等学校英语专业四级考试≥70

Graduation Requirements 毕业要求

To be eligible for the award of the Master of Social Sciences in Social Sustainability, students are required to:

- obtained a Grade D or above on at least 24 credits (8 modules), including all core modules and 4 elective modules; and
- obtained a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0

社会可持续发展社会科学硕士学生须达到下列条件,方可满足毕业要求:

- · 修读最少二十四个学分(八科)并获得D级以上成绩, 当中包括所有必修科及四科选修科
- 累计平均积点达到2.0或以上

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Programme Website 课程网站



Application 报名



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In case of any discrepancy between the English and Chinese versions of the contents of this pamphlet, the English version shall prevail.

本课程简介内容以英文版本为准,中文译本仅供参考。

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