



Master of Social Sciences in Social Sustainability

(MSocSc-SS)

社會可持續發展社會科學碩士



Message from Programme Director 課程主任的話

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.

歡迎來到社會可持續發展社會科學碩士課程 — 一個專為社會進步而設的課程。

隨著世界面對各項挑戰,包括社會不平等、老齡化人口、緊張的醫療系統、全球環境危機,以及對可持續 城市的需求日益增加,理解社會可持續發展比以往更為重要。

通過社會學、公共政策、公共管理、政治學及其他社會科學學科,本課程為你準備應對全球和地方問題。在社會可持續發展的框架下,你將探索社會系統、社會平等、社會公義、社區韌性和包容性發展等主題。

無論你有興趣於公共政策、企業可持續性,還是服務邊緣化社群,本課程將為你提供多元知識和工具,創造具體及持久影響力。

我們期待支援你,推動社會可持續發展及帶來有意義的改變。我們共建一個更公平、包容和可持續的未來。



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What is Social Sustainability? 什麼是社會可持續發展?

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.

社會挑戰為聯合國17項可持續發展目標中近一半的核心,而保障人權為全球努力的基礎。社會可持續發展列社會公平、包容和福祉為優先考慮,並致力解決老齡化人口、社會排斥、不平等、貧困、可持續城市發展和公共衛生等迫切問題。通過創造繁榮及健康的社區,社會可持續發展致力推動,居民活於高品質生活。社會可持續發展強調,經濟和環境可持續性與社會福祉之間取得平衡,促進公平、包容和對全球個人及社區的持續正面影響。



Drive Impactful Social Change, Shape a Sustainable Future! 推動社會進步 打造可持續未來!

What Distinctive Attributes will you Gain from this Programme? 你可以從課程中獲得哪些優勢?

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.

本碩士課程以社會科學角度,探討複雜的社會可持續挑戰。課程為你準備應對,全球和地方的迫切問題,並提出有意義的解決辦法。課程將提供所需的知識和技能,幫助你改變未來。報讀過後,你將能夠:

- · 發展進階分析技能: 學會深層地評估社會結構、政策和實踐,關注社會公平、公義及包容性
- · 掌握研究方法: 掌握質性和量化研究, 解決現實中的社會問題
- · 設計實用和合乎倫理的解決方案: 平衡社會責任和經濟上許可的策略
- 增強溝通和協作能力:提升表達溝通能力及協調多元利益持分者建議,確保解決方案具包容性
- 理解全球和地方背景:探索地方與國際挑戰之間的互動,為應對大小可持續發展問題做好準備



Programme Overview 課程概覽

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.

社會可持續發展社會科學碩士課程使學生具備應對複雜社會挑戰和創造有意義影響的知識和技能。通過多學科的方法,學生將建立堅實的社會科學基礎,獲得分析和解決地方及全球緊迫社會問題的能力。

本課程要求學生於一年(全日制)或兩年(兼讀制)內,完成四個核心科目和四個選修科目(共24個學分)。核心科目涵蓋必修科,包括理論視野、研究方法論、公私形部門管理以及社會倫理考量。選修科目分為兩組—1.社會事務及2.經濟與環境事務,學生可以根據自己的興趣和職業目標,選擇學習體驗。課程包括實習機會,應用研究和特選議題,進一步豐富內容。

我們認識到實踐學習和現實世界接觸的重要性。實地經驗、應用學習機會以及來自行業和社區組織 的嘉賓講者將融入各個科目中。這些元素確保學生能夠獲得對社會可持續發展中挑戰與解決方案的 實際見解,為理論與實踐之間架起橋樑。

通過將堅實的知識基礎與可行的見解結合,學生將成為準備為可持續和公平的未來做出貢獻的專業 人才。

Programme Objectives 課程目標

- 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
- 培養學生在社會科學中理解複雜社會可持續挑戰所需的理論視角
- 充實學生對本地及全球社會可持續性問題的知識
- 發展學生對與社會可持續性研究相關的研究原則和方法論的知識
- 培養學生與公共、私人及社會部門的行動者進行對話,討論聯合國可持續發展目標所提出的社會挑戰的能力
- 提升學生的分析能力,以評估和發展解決社會可持續性問題的方案,並考慮倫理因素

Practical Engagement 實踐參與

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.

實地考察、案例應用分析、以及邀請業內和社區組織嘉賓講者分享,皆是課程特色,融入各個科目當中,確保學生扣連理論及實踐經驗,思考社會可持續發展中挑戰與解決辦法。



Programme Curriculum

課程設計

Core Modules 必修科:

- Social Changes and Sustainable Development 社會變遷與可持續發展
- Research Methods for Social Policy and Sustainability 社會政策與可持續性研究方法
- · Social Sustainability for Public and Private Sectors 公共及私營部門的社會可持續性
- · Global Justice and Sustainability 全球正義與可持續性

Elective Modules

選修科:

Cluster 1: Social Affairs

組別1: 社會事務 Diversity, Equality and Inclusion 多元、平等與包容

- Transformation and Innovation in Healthcare Systems 醫療系統的轉型與創新
- · Ageing Societies: Trends, Challenges and Solutions 老齡化社會:趨勢、挑戰與解決方案

Cluster 2:

Economic and

組別2:

經濟與環境事務

Sustainable Cities

可持續城市

- Environmental Affairs Decent Work, Economic Growth and Labour Policies 勞動尊嚴、經濟增長與勞動政策
 - Environment and Global Governance 環境與全球治理

Special Elective

Modules

特別選修:

· Applied Study in Social Sustainability 社會可持續性應用研究

· Selected Topic in Social Sustainability 社會可持續性特選議題

Study Plan

學習計劃

One-Year Full-time 一年全日制

Semester 1

第一學期:

- · Social Changes and Sustainable Development 社會變遷與可持續發展
- Research Methods for Social Policy and Sustainability 社會政策與可持續性研究方法
- Elective 1 (Elective Cluster 1) 選修科1 (社會事務)
- Elective 2 (Free Elective) 選修科2 (自由選修)

Semester 2 第二學期:

- Social Sustainability for Public and Private Sectors
 公共及私營部門的社會可持續性
- · Global Justice and Sustainability 全球正義與可持續性
- Elective 3 (Elective Cluster 2) 選修科3 (經濟與環境事務)
- Elective 4 (Free Elective) 選修科4 (自由選修)

Two-Year Part-time 兩年兼讀制

Year 1

Semester 1

第一學期:

- Social Changes and Sustainable Development 社會變遷與可持續發展
- Research Methods for Social Policy and Sustainability 社會政策與可持續性研究方法

Semester 2

第二學期:

- Social Sustainability for Public and Private Sectors 公共及私營部門的社會可持續性
- Global Justice and Sustainability
 全球正義與可持續性

Year 2

Semester 1

- Elective 1 (Elective Cluster 1)
- 第一學期: 選修科1 (社會事務)
 - Elective 2 (Free Elective) 選修科2 (自由選修)

Semester 2

第二學期:

- Elective 3 (Elective Cluster 2) 選修科3 (經濟與環境事務)
- Elective 4 (Free Elective) 選修科4 (自由選修)

Education Pathways 升學階梯

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.

學生可進階修讀環境、社會與治理(ESG)、可持續發展研究、社會發展、社會政策、循環經濟和 社會學的哲學碩士(MPhil)或博士(PhD)課程。

Employment Pathways 就業前景

Examples of industries where graduates of the programme may pursue careers: 畢業生可以從事的行業:

Public Sector 公共部門	 Government 政府部門 Research Institution 研究機構 Education 教育機構
Business Sector 商業部門	 Corporate Strategy and ESG Departments 企業策略與ESG部門 Consulting Firms 諮詢公司 Banking and Finance 銀行與金融 Public Relations 公共關係
Third Sector and Others 第三部門及其他	 Community-based organizations 地區發展組織 Think Tanks 智庫機構 Social Enterprises 社會企業 Journalism/Mass Media 傳媒

Medium of Instruction 教學語言

The medium of instruction is English. 教學語言為英語。

Admission Requirements 入學要求

- · 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

- 受認可院校頒授的學士學位或等同資歷
- 如果申請者沒有完成,以英語為授課語言的學士學位課程,須達到以下的英語水準要求: 托福 ≥ 550 (紙筆考試)或 ≥ 79 (網上考試);
 雅思 ≥ 6.0:

中國全國大學英語六級考試 ≥ 430;

全國高等學校英語專業四級考試≥70

Graduation Requirements 畢業要求

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

社會可持續發展社會科學碩士學生須達到下列條件,方可滿足畢業要求:

- · 修讀最少二十四個學分(八科)並獲得D級以上成績,當中包括所有必修科及四科選修科
- 累計平均積點達到2.0或以上

Our Team 教學團隊



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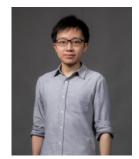
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Programme Website 課程網站



Application 報名



Instagram



RedNote 小紅書



WhatsApp

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本課程簡介內容以英文版本為準,中文譯本僅供參考。

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