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SUMMARY ACCREDITATION REPORT

THE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

LEARNING PROGRAMME RE-ACCREDITATION

**BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (HONOURS) IN
PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAMME**

JANUARY 2017

This accreditation report is issued by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) in its capacity as the Accreditation Authority as provided for under the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Ordinance (Cap 592) (AAVQO). This report outlines the HKCAAVQ's determination, the validity period of the determination as well as any conditions or restrictions on the determination.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) was established in 1994 to provide teacher education programmes and was granted self-accrediting status for teacher education programmes at degree level and above in 2004. It was supported by the Government in 2009 to develop into a multidisciplinary institution, with priority given to the strategic development of teacher education, offering programmes in Education and other complementary disciplines, and undertaking research and research training. Since then, a number of non-teacher education undergraduate programmes funded by the Government were externally accredited by HKCAAVQ.
- 1.2 In addition to undergraduate programmes, three Master Degree programmes were successfully accredited in 2013 and 2015. Also, EdUHK was granted the Programme Area Accreditation status in three programme areas, namely Chinese Studies, English Studies and Environmental Studies, for a validity period of five years from 1 September 2014 onward.
- 1.3 Based on the Service Agreement, HKCAAVQ was commissioned by EdUHK to conduct learning programme re-accreditation with the following Terms of Reference:
 - (a) To conduct an accreditation test as provided for in the AAVQO to determine whether the Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Psychology Programme of EdUHK meets the stated objectives and the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (QF) standard and can continue to be offered as an accredited programme from the 2017/18 academic year; and
 - (b) To issue to EdUHK an accreditation report setting out the results of the determination in relation to (a) by HKCAAVQ.
- 1.4 The accreditation exercise was conducted according to the relevant accreditation guidelines referred to in the Service Agreement and the

Terms of Reference stated therein. A site visit took place on 24-25 November 2016.

2. HKCAAVQ's Accreditation Determination

Having due consideration of the accreditation panel's observations and comments as presented in this Report, HKCAAVQ makes the following accreditation determination:

2.1 Learning Programme Re-accreditation

Approval

Name of Operator	The Education University of Hong Kong 香港教育大學
Name of Award Granting Body	The Education University of Hong Kong 香港教育大學
Title of Learning Programme	Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Psychology Programme 心理學榮譽社會科學學士課程
Title of Qualification(s) [Exit Award(s)]	Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Psychology 心理學榮譽社會科學學士
Primary Area of Study and Training	Social Sciences
Sub-area (Primary Area of Study and Training)	Social and Behavioural Sciences
Other Area of Study and Training	Not applicable
Sub-area (Other Area of Study and Training)	Not applicable
QF Level	Level 5
QF Credits	Not applicable
Mode(s) of Delivery and Programme Length	Full-time, 4 years

Intermediate Exit Award(s)	Not applicable
Start Date of Validity Period	1 September 2017
End Date of Validity Period	31 August 2022
Number of Enrolment(s)	One enrolment per year
Maximum Number of New Students	Year 1 entry: 60 per year Year 3 entry: 45 per year
Specification of Competency Standards-based Programme	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Address of Teaching / Training Venue(s)	10 Lo Ping Road, Tai Po, New Territories

2.1.1 Recommendations

- (a) EdUHK should ensure sufficient staff to maintain the quality and good practice of caring offered to students of the Programme.
- (b) EdUHK should consider reducing the workload of the faculty members at junior rank so as to create room for further strengthening the research culture in the Department of Psychology.

3. Programme Details

The following programme information is provided by the operator.

3.1 Programme Objectives

To equip graduates with a solid background in psychological knowledge and research

- Demonstrate substantial knowledge in the breadth of scientific psychology;
- Apply research methods to design and carry out psychological research; and
- Demonstrate critical and creative thinking, and be able to apply psychological principles to personal, social, and organizational issues.

To produce graduates who can competently integrate the science and application of psychology, and can implement evidence-based application

- Communicate effectively to professional and non-professional individuals and groups to provide information about psychological research, services, or programmes;
- Apply their psychological knowledge and skills at pre-professional level in a variety of settings; and
- Demonstrate sensitivity, knowledge, and skills in applying ethical principles and standards to support the professional responsibilities and conduct in the workplace.

3.2 Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate knowledge of major principles/ theories of psychology;
- Apply major psychological principles/ theories to analyse human behaviours in real life situations;
- Evaluate major psychological principles/ theories in relation to real life issues in various applied settings;
- Evaluate research evidence using scientific principles; and
- Design and carry out psychological research.

3.3 Programme Structure

Component		Credit Points
Major	Foundation and Core	36
	Major Elective*	24
Electives/ Minor		30
General Education		18
Co-curricular and Service Learning		3
Language Enhancement		9
Total		120

* Students admitted to the Concentration Scheme are required to complete four concentration-specific courses (12 cps) and either (a) an *Industrial Attachment* (6 cps) or (b) a concentration-related *Honours Project* (6 cps). In addition, they are required to take Major Elective courses totalling 6 cps.

3.4 Graduation Requirements

- Achieve the minimum number of credit points (cps) required by the Programme (120 cps for Year 1 entry and 60 cps for Year 3 entry);
- obtain a Programme Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.00 or above;
- Obtain a Major Subject GPA of 2.00 or above; and

- Complete all other requirements as prescribed by EdUHK and the Programme.

3.5 Admission Requirements

Year 1 entry

- Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) requirements
 - (i) General entrance requirements
 - English Language: Level 3
 - Chinese Language: Level 3
 - Mathematics: Level 2
 - Liberal Studies: Level 2
 - Elective Subjects: Level 2 in one subject
 - (ii) Applied Learning Subjects
 - “Attained with Distinction” in an Applied Learning subject will be regarded as having met the requirement of an elective subject.
 - “Attained” level would be regarded as a value added factor to be considered in totality with the Student Learning Profile for the purpose of admission.
 - (iii) Other Language Subjects
 - Other Language subjects will be accepted as unspecified elective subjects. The minimum requirement is Grade E.

Year 3 entry

- Eligible AD/Higher Diploma (HD) graduates with good final Grade Point Average (GPA) and satisfactory interview performance may be considered to be admitted to Year 3 directly.

3.6 Graduate Profile

- Please refer to Appendix.

4. Substantial Change

- 4.1 The accreditation status of the learning programme(s) will lapse upon the expiry of the validity period or HKCAAVQ may withdraw the accreditation status at any time during the validity period if there are substantial changes made to the programme(s) that have not been approved by HKCAAVQ. Please refer to the ‘*Guidance Notes on Substantial Change to Accreditation Status*’ in seeking approval for

proposed changes. The Guidance Notes can be downloaded from the HKCAAVQ website.

5. Qualifications Register

- 5.1 Qualifications accredited by HKCAAVQ are eligible for entry into the Qualifications Register (QR) at <http://www.hkqr.gov.hk> for recognition under the Qualifications Framework (QF). The Operator should apply separately to have their quality-assured qualifications entered into the QR.
- 5.2 Only learners who commence the study of the named accredited learning programme during the validity period and who have graduated with the named qualification listed in the QR will be considered to have acquired a qualification recognised under the QF.

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Appendix

Graduate Profile of Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Psychology Programme

Qualification Title	Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Psychology 心理學榮譽社會科學學士
Qualification Type	Bachelor Degree
QF Level	5
Primary Area of Study and Training	Social Sciences
Other Area of Study and Training	Not applicable
Programme Objectives	<p>The Programme embraces two overarching goals and six subsidiary objectives as follows:</p> <p><u>Goal 1: To equip graduates with a solid background in psychological knowledge and research</u></p> <p>(a) Demonstrate substantial knowledge in the breadth of scientific psychology; (b) Apply research methods to design and carry out psychological research; (c) Demonstrate critical and creative thinking, and be able to apply psychological principles to personal, social, and organisational issues.</p> <p><u>Goal 2: To produce graduates who can competently integrate the science and application of psychology, and can implement evidence-based application</u></p> <p>(d) Communicate effectively to professional and non-professional individuals and groups to provide information about psychological research, services, or programmes; (e) Apply their psychological knowledge and skills at pre-professional level in a variety of settings; (f) Demonstrate sensitivity, knowledge, and skills in applying ethical principles and standards to support the professional responsibilities and conduct in the workplace.</p>
Programme Intended Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon successful completion of the Programme, students will be able to:</p> <p>(a) demonstrate knowledge of major principles/ theories of psychology; (b) apply major psychological principles/ theories to analyse human behaviours in real life situations; (c) evaluate major psychological principles/ theories in relation to real</p>

	<p>life issues in various applied settings;</p> <p>(d) evaluate research evidence using scientific principles; and</p> <p>(e) design and carry out psychological research.</p>
Education Pathways	<p>Graduates of the Programme will be prepared to pursue higher degrees in education, social services, health-care, and business fields, and their background in psychology is often found to be a tremendous asset in further education. They are eligible to apply for graduate membership in the Hong Kong Psychological Society as well as international psychological associations.</p>
Employment Pathways	<p>Graduates of psychology are strongly demanded by commercial and public sectors in the capacities of human resources managers, marketing officers, programme officers, administrative personnel, and research workers.</p>
Minimum Admission Requirements	<p>The minimum entrance requirements are as follows:</p> <p>(a) Students with Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) qualification who meet the University's general entrance requirements will be eligible to apply for the programme:</p> <p><u>HKDSE requirements</u> <u>General entrance requirements</u> (i) English Language: Level 3 (ii) Chinese Language: Level 3 (iii) Mathematics: Level 2 (iv) Liberal Studies: Level 2 (v) Elective Subjects: Level 2 in one subject</p> <p><u>Applied Learning Subjects</u> "Attained with Distinction" in an Applied Learning subject will be regarded as having met the requirement of an elective subject. "Attained" level would be regarded as a value added factor to be considered in totality with the Student Learning Profile for the purpose of admission.</p> <p><u>Other Language Subjects</u> Other Language subjects will be accepted as unspecified elective subjects. The minimum requirement is Grade E.</p> <p>(b) Eligible AD/HD graduates with good final Grade Point Average (GPA) and satisfactory interview performance may be considered to be admitted to Year 3 directly.</p>
Operator	<p>The Education University of Hong Kong 香港教育大學</p>