



COMMUNITY STUDIES

社區研究

PRACTICAL
IMAGINATION
拉闊想像
在地實踐

Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) Programme



明愛專上學院
Caritas Institute of Higher Education

Interdisciplinary Imagination

Community Studies is an interdisciplinary study offering courses from a wide spectrum of disciplines including political science, sociology, cultural studies and gender studies. The acquisition of such insights allows our students to think and imagine the global society from different views and cope with local needs.

Localised Practice

Our programme includes courses on community building, practical skills and internship. Students thus can demonstrate their abilities in integrating theoretical and practical knowledge. Doing community studies at CIHE is special as we offer wide range of internship opportunities provided by our close partners in the fields of social welfare, community organisation, art and cultural, social policy and so forth.

Mentorship, Social Exposure and Overseas Exchange Programmes

Our alumni and experienced partners and mentors will lead students to learn and experience the everyday life of people in different social groups and organisations and communities.

Further, CIHE also has local exposure and overseas exchange programmes (such as Mainland China, Taiwan, Japan, and Australia) to strengthen students' social vision, personal network, and knowledge on the globe.

Core Courses

Study Mode : Four-year Full Time

- Education and Society
- Urbanisation and Social Change
- Communication, Media and Society
- Culture, Community and Identity
- Sexuality, Body and Identity
- Cultural Political Economy
- Contextualising Community Studies
- Community-based Internship
- Social Research Project

Career Development and Further Studies

Graduates in community studies will acquire insights into macro-micro linkage, critical understanding of human behaviours, analytical thinking and practical skills. These skills and knowledge make our graduates suited for a wide range of professional careers in commerce/business corporations, government departments, welfare agencies, educational institutions, community organisations, and many other fields. Our graduates also continue their learning in local and overseas universities.

Financial Assistance and Scholarships

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Minimum Admission Requirement

First Year Entry

Applicants shall have obtained in HKDSE Level 3 in Chinese Language and English Language; and Level 2 in Mathematics (Compulsory Part) and Liberal Studies; and Level 2 in two New Senior Secondary (NSS) subjects Or equivalent qualification

Second/ Third Year Entry

Have successfully completed a local course of study leading to the qualification of associate degree / higher diploma approved by the Institute Or equivalent qualification

Internship Partners



街坊工友服務處



香港婦女勞工協會
Hong Kong
Women Workers'
Association



天主教香港教區
教區勞工牧民中心(港島)

The Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong - Diocesan Pastoral Centre for Workers (Hong Kong Island)



明愛賽馬會照顧者資源及支援中心
Caritas Jockey Club Resource and Support Centre for Carers



香港公民
HK CITIZENS



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LABOUR PARTY



新福事工協會有限公司
Mission To New Arrivals Limited



社區發展陣線
Community
Development
Alliance

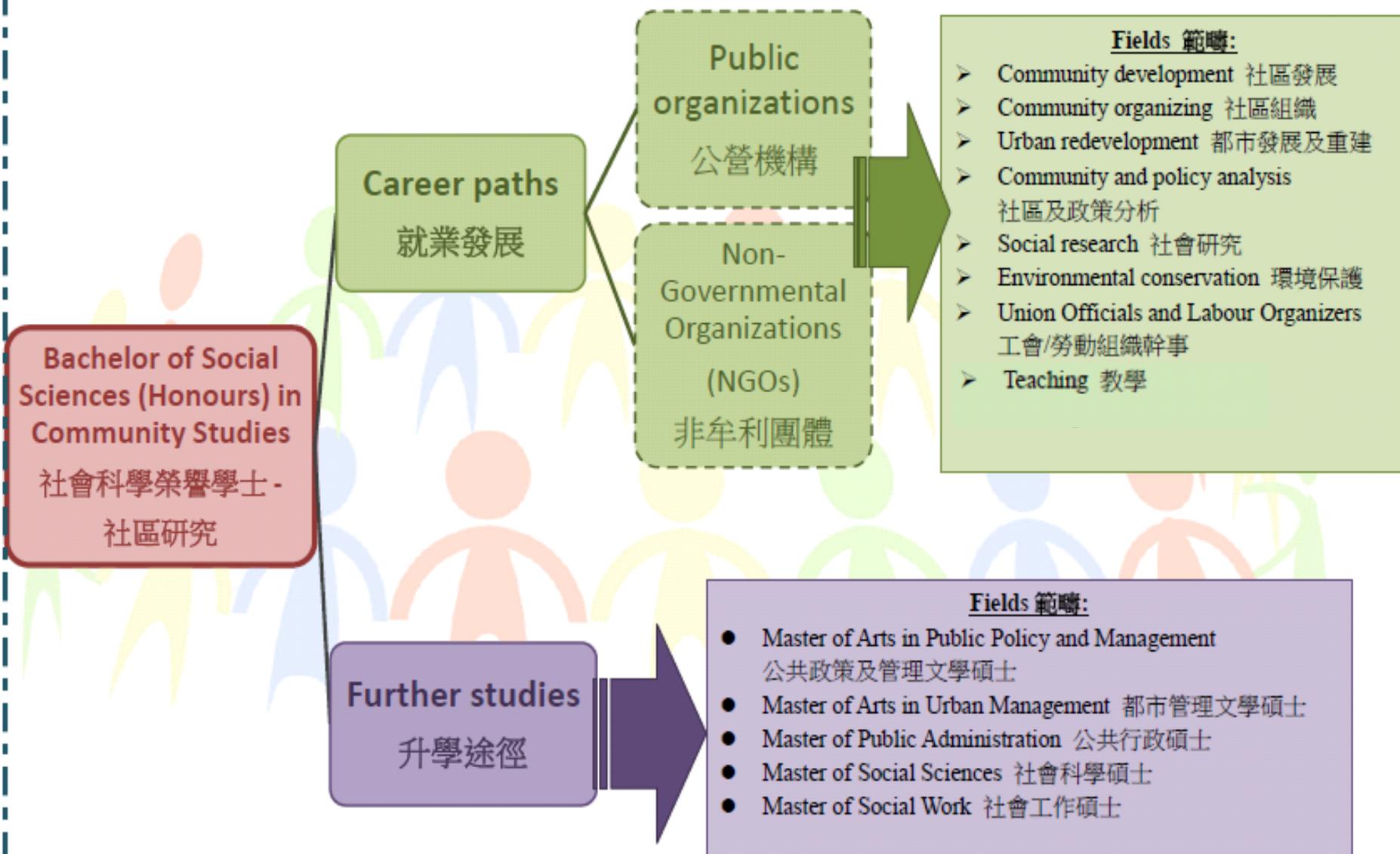


天水圍社區發展網絡
Tin Shui Wai Community Development Network

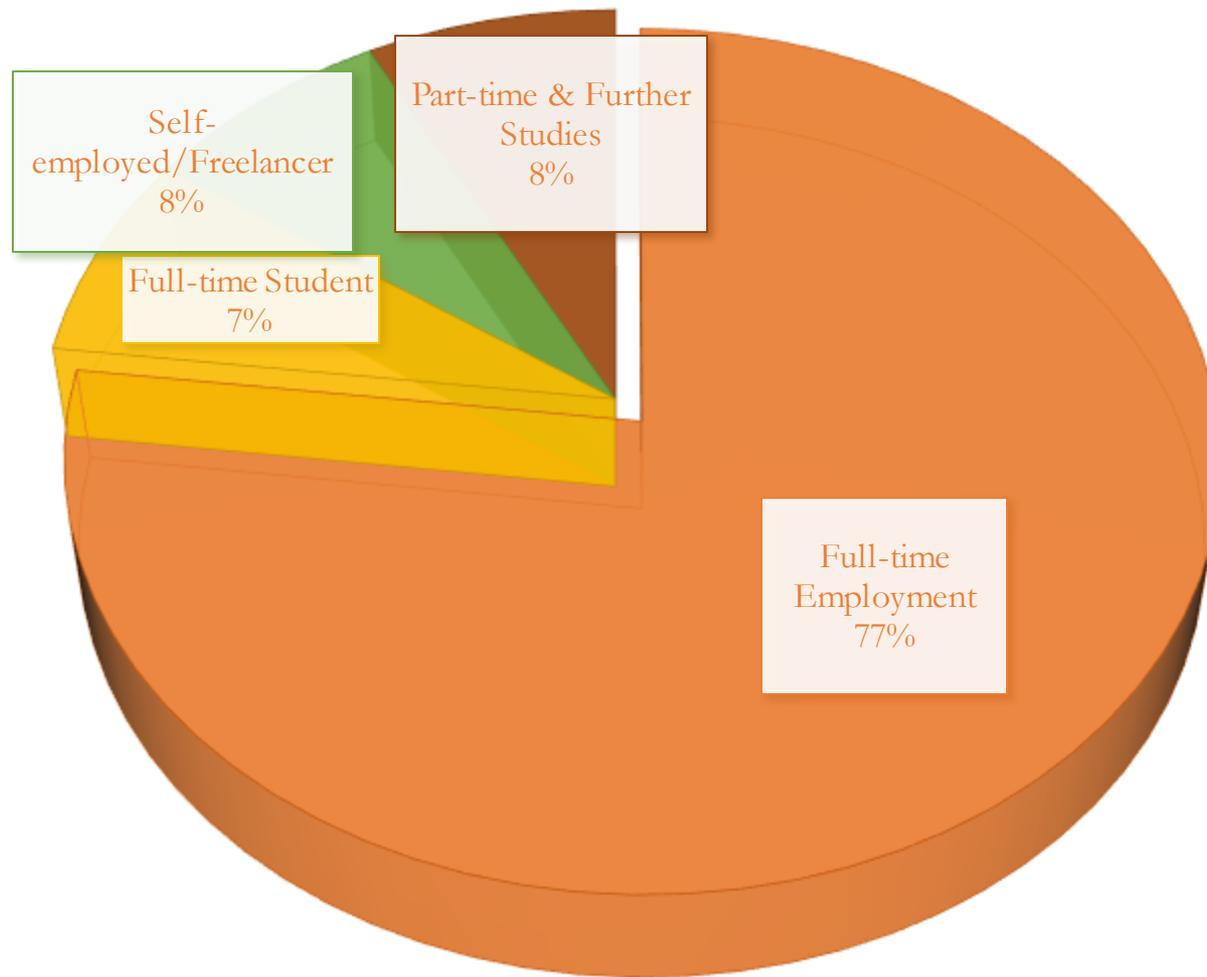


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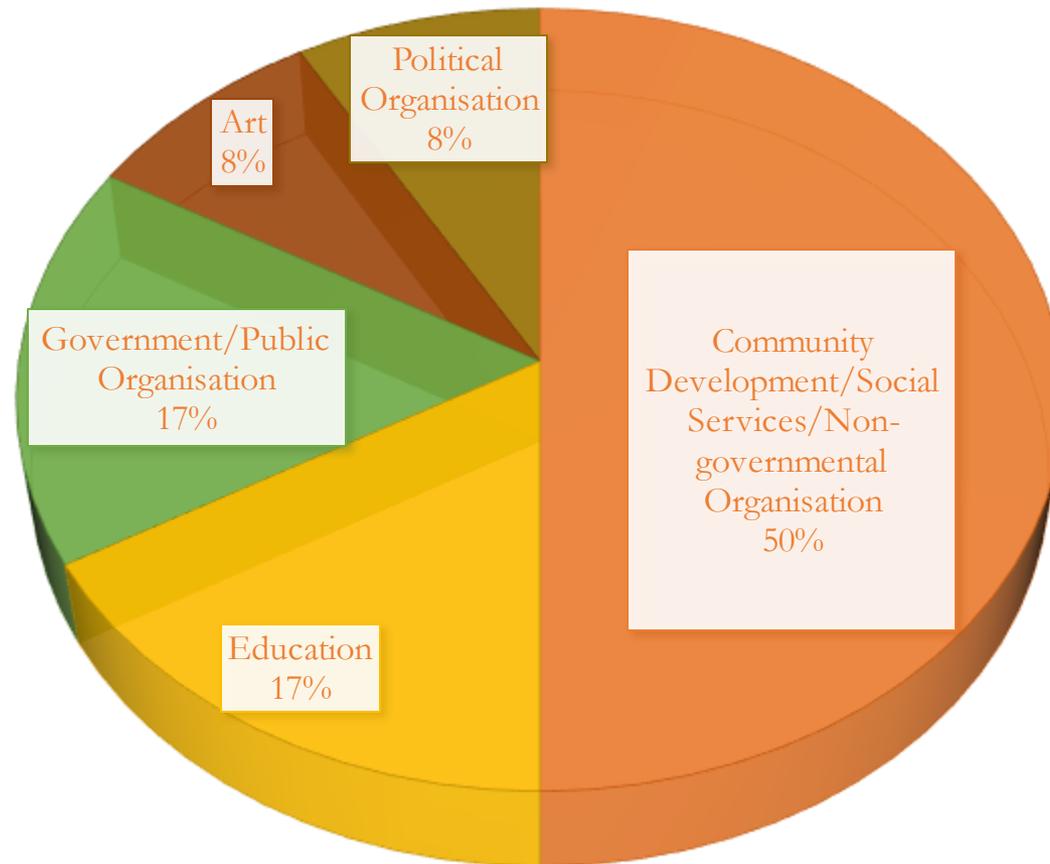


Career Prospects



Source : Community Studies Graduate Survey 2020

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Graduate Sharing

I could approach to various social issues including gender equity and elderly policies in the four-year study in Community Studies. I learnt a wide range of theories and concepts, studied different topics, and gradually developed various areas of interests. Among them, elderly service is the area that interests me most. In Year 3, I had internship at the office of a legislative councillor to study and follow up elderly policies. I am therefore very grateful for Caritas Institute of Hong Kong for offering Community Studies programme, through which I have become enthusiastic in social issues. This learning experience enables me to work at an elderly service centre. I plan to continue my studies and develop my career in the social service sector.



LUK Ka Fai

2018-19 Graduate of BSSc. (Hons) –
Community Studies Stream
Currently working at elderly service sector



LAI Shun Hin Nathan

2018-19 Graduate of BSSc. (Hons) –
Community Studies Stream

Currently working as a community worker and
youth worker

Graduate Sharing

I would never regret for having studied at the Caritas Institute of Higher Education for four years. I am very glad to have chosen Community Studies as my major stream. Throughout these four years, I have deepened my knowledge in multiple areas including social policies, gender perspectives and cultural studies. I learnt not only in the classrooms, but also internship experience at a political party. My horizon was widened. I learnt and understood the needs of grassroots in the society. This experience inspired my interest in serving the grassroots community. Currently I am devoting in the community development of the grassroots, and youth work. I can fully utilize my knowledge learnt to fight for the rights of the grassroots community, and to promote their personal development.

Graduate Sharing



CHEUNG Ka Yin

2017-18 Graduate of BSSc. (Hons) –
Community Studies Stream
Currently working as
a community organizer at a youth
centre

Community Studies covers political science, sociology, cultural studies and gender studies. These four areas are inter-related and reinforce each other. Throughout the programme, teachers gave us a lot of freedom. This enabled us to observe and analyse different events with macro perspective to develop our strength.

Through the Community Studies programme, I realise that there are many social norms in our society. From the viewpoint of the society, conforming social norms is necessary for practical reasons. People who violate social norms, even if they have sublime goals, will be considered as deviant who undermine social stability. However, who decides what's right and wrong? These social norms not only restrict people from making reasonable choices, but also hinder social progress.

After graduation I served at a community organisation as a full-time community organizer. My major duties were visiting to communities and interact with habitants. Through activities such as community video shows, local residents can express their own views on their community, so that they realise their rights to express and to fight for their rights.

The most important thing I have learnt is, no matter the result is good or bad, there should be partners who keep in faiths, exchange views and work with me. Without people, there will be no community. Therefore, gathering people and enabling them to interact with each other is an indispensable element for an integrated community.



Graduate Sharing

Community is an integral part of everyday life. Therefore, we need to study community rigorously, to know more about our place of living and culture, to review public policies, and even bring our own thoughts to build our community. These skills sound simple but involve a lot of academic theories and knowledge. The attractiveness of Community Studies lies in the art of bringing the community to academic level and putting the community back to the community.

Eric Wong

2017-18 Graduate of BSSc. (Hons) –
Community Studies Stream

Graduated from Master of Cultural
Studies, Lingnan University, currently
studying Higher Diploma in Social Work at
Caritas Institute of Higher Education

Graduate Sharing



Kan Wan Sang Vincent

2016-17 Graduate of BSSc. (Hons) –
Community Studies Stream

Currently working as a research
assistant and studying Master of
Social Sciences in Applied Sociology
at the City University of Hong Kong

Community studies provides students with an all-round learning experience which covers both the theoretical and practical dimensions throughout the four-year study. Regarding the theoretical learning, it offers me with adequate sociological training. The courses are inspirational; they help me develop a clear and in-depth understanding of the current issues in Hong Kong, nurture students to develop multidimensional thinking, and cultivate students' critical thinking skills. For the practical training, it has offered me with various opportunities to keep in touch with society. For example, I took part in a visit related to organic farming and had an experience of being deviant. All these experiences are interesting.

From the Community Studies programme, I learnt many skills related to community development. I understood how to organise and facilitate community movements. Furthermore, the programme increased my motivation to further study in sociology. Overall speaking, I had a fruitful learning experience.