

**Centre of Buddhist Studies
The University of Hong Kong**

**Master of Buddhist Counselling 2023-2024
Important Notes for Course Selection**

Please read the following notes carefully before enrolling courses via the online course selection system:

All courses are offered on credit basis. Candidates have to complete a total of 63 credits for graduation. Candidates must complete THREE compulsory core courses (9 credits each), FOUR elective courses (24 credits in total), and the Capstone Experience (12 credits).

Compulsory core courses and elective courses

1. During the course enrolment period and add/drop period, students can attend any classes without registration. To finalize course selection, please enroll courses via the online course selection system by the deadlines below. The official enrolment record for Semester 1 and 2 will be available in October 2023 and February/March 2024 respectively via HKU portal. For the enrolment method of BSTC7611, please refer to No. 8.
2. Please enroll in courses for both Semester 1 and 2.
3. The enrolment period will last from September 1 to September 18, 2023. Please submit your course selection via HKU Portal.
4. The add/drop period in Semester 2 will last from January 12 to January 31, 2024.
5. Please log in [HKU Portal](#) to access the online course selection system. Please visit [here](#) for the user guide. New students must complete Master Registration before performing online course selection.
6. Part-time students are highly recommended to **complete all the three compulsory core courses in Year 1** to lay a solid foundation for enrolling in other elective courses and the Capstone Experience in their final year.
7. BSTC7608 Buddhist mediation will be offered ONLINE only. Details will be available in the course Moodle in due course.
8. There is class size quota for *BSTC7611 Group work in Buddhist and traditional counselling* (maximum intake: **16**). Details are:

Course	BSTC7611 Group work in Buddhist and traditional counselling
First day of class	August 26, 2023 (Sat)
<i>Enrollment method</i>	If you are interested in taking this course, please email to hkumbc@hku.hk by September 10, 2023 (Sun) and provide the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Name2. University no.3. Mode of Study: FT/PT (<i>please specify Year 1 or 2 if 'PT'</i>)4. Course code and title5. Email address6. Contact number

<i>Criteria</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As advised by the course teacher, students 1. must attend the first class on August 26, 2023; 2. need to attend a minimum of 80% of all lectures
<i>Ballot system</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the course is over-subscribed, the places will be allocated by ballot system (through a random computer ballot system). - Priority will be given to the following groups: Full-time, Part-time Year 2 and final year students.
<i>Result</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will be notified of their results via email on or before <u>6:30 pm, September 14, 2023 (Thur)</u>. - Those who do not get a place will be put on the waiting list.
<i>Confirmation of Enrolment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students on the waiting list will be notified on or before <u>6:30 pm, September 15, 2023 (Fri)</u> if place is available for them.
<i>Remarks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No sit-in student is allowed for the course after add-drop period.

9. Students from the MBC programme will be provided with options to select a maximum of one elective course from the Master of Social Sciences (Counselling) programme during the whole period of study. Enrolment is subject to the availability of quota of the cross-listed courses and the approval from both departments. More details will be announced in December 2023.
10. For courses with examinations, please note that the examination/assessment period will last from December 8 to 23, 2023 for Semester 1 and from May 6 to 21, 2024 for Semester 2. The finalized examination timetable of the two semesters will be available online in November 2023 and April 2024.

Capstone Experience

11. The capstone experience is compulsory and is designed for the students to demonstrate their competencies as a Buddhist counsellor while participating in a single original supervised project of the student's choice. Please note that only final year students can enrol in BSTC8998 Capstone Experience. For the enrolment method, please refer to no. 14.
12. Options of Capstone Experience are listed as follows:
- i. Option A: Contemplative and religious practices in Buddhism
 - ii. Option B: A self-contemplative and reflective autobiography
 - iii. Option C: Buddhist homiletics
 - iv. Option D: Buddhist counselling case study
13. Submission of the Capstone Experience project should be done by July 31 in the final year of study.
14. All Full-time and Part-time final year students must submit the "MBC Capstone Experience Proposal Form" by November 1, 2023. Both hard and soft copies are required:
- Hard copy shall be submitted to the assignment dropbox at our Centre (please put into the box of 'MBC Capstone Experience') outside Room 4.02, 4/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus.
 - Soft copy shall be uploaded to the course Moodle of BSTC8998 Capstone Experience
15. More information will be provided in the workshop on Capstone Experience on September 20, 2023 (Wed) 6:30-8:30 pm in person. Details will be announced in mid-August.

Others

16. Students have the responsibility to check their course enrolment records via HKU Portal to make sure they have fulfilled the graduation requirements according to the regulations and syllabuses of the programme in

their final year of study. They are advised to check the online enrolment record regularly.

17. Selection of courses should be made as prescribed in the regulations and syllabuses of the programme. Request, if any, for selecting course(s) not in accordance with the regulations and syllabuses should be put forward in writing, via the MBC Programme Chairman, to the Higher Arts Degrees Committee and the Faculty Board for approval.
18. For other enquiries about course selection, please contact us at 3917-5075, or email to hkumbc@hku.hk.

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