

FACULTY OF EDUCATION



The Faculty of Education has gained a well-earned reputation for providing excellent professional and academic training to educational practitioners, both before and during service. The Faculty's four departments, Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Administration and Policy, Educational Psychology, and Sports Science and Physical Education, provide a diversity of staff and programmes. Our current student population of more than 2,800 is pursuing various levels of study as follows.

- At the doctoral and Master degree levels, we offer EdD, PhD, MA, MEd, MSc and MPhil programmes of varying concentrations, thus allowing promising individuals to pursue intensive study and embark on high-level research.
- The Postgraduate Diploma in Education programmes have been running for more than 40 years and aim to nurture university graduates who are interested in, or already working in, the teaching profession, thus allowing them to become high-quality educators in local schools.
- The Faculty of Education offers four full-time undergraduate programmes with two co-terminal double-degree programmes that are offered jointly with other University departments:
 - ✦ Liberal Studies
 - ✦ Physical Education and Sports Science
 - ✦ Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education (Chinese Language Education)
 - ✦ Bachelor of Arts (English Studies) and Bachelor of Education (English Language Education)

Our programmes emphasise the importance of theories and practice and provide students with in-depth exposure to, and the exploration of, a variety of educational issues. Our training aims to nurture students to become reflective educators able to reflect critically and deal with the ever-changing needs arising from social and educational development. To provide a balance of generic and professional training, the Faculty has broadened its fields of study to cover areas in educational psychology,

school guidance and counselling, curriculum design and implementation, educational thought, values education and personal growth.

Graduates of the Faculty not only possess basic subject knowledge and pedagogy skills, but also the capacity to facilitate student psycho-social development, communicate effectively, cooperate with colleagues and partners in schools, and engage in lifelong learning. Our graduates consistently perform well in the education sector as teachers, administrators, planners and developers, and psychologists and consultants.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS SCIENCE

The four-year Bachelor of Education programme in Physical Education and Sports Science, offered by the Department of Sports Science and Physical Education, trains physical education teachers, coaches, and fitness and health promotion personnel for employment in local academic institutions and government and private organisations. Students can choose to train as generalists in sports and physical education or to specialise in such areas as exercise physiology, sports biomechanics, sports psychology, fitness and health, sports pedagogy, and sports administration. The programme leads to a BEd degree and the equivalent of a Postgraduate Diploma in Education. Students can also pursue research courses in their chosen topics.



Exercise physiology emphasises physical performance, fitness and health; sports biomechanics covers mechanics and kinetics; sociology-related courses include the sociology of sport and leisure; sports psychology explores psychological theories and their application to exercise and sports; and other sports science and physical education subjects include the psychosocial aspects of sport, adapted PE, and health and PE, among others.

The programme is designed to introduce students to the theoretical and practical foundations of physical education, sport and health. To help them to understand theoretical concepts and apply them to physical activity, pedagogical and skills instruction is given in basketball, volleyball, soccer, handball, badminton, tennis, squash, table tennis, swimming, track and field, gymnastics, dance, the principles of training and alternative sports. After completing these courses, students are able to design and teach activities that are appropriate for people of all ages.

BA AND BEd (CHINESE LANGUAGE EDUCATION)

Co-terminal Double-Degree Programme

This is a four-year full-time programme offered by the Faculty of Education that prepares students to become professional Chinese language teachers. It integrates academic and professional training over the four years. The courses offered by the Department of Chinese Language and Literature enrich students' knowledge in Chinese language and literature, and the educational studies courses offered by the Faculty of Education develop their pedagogical knowledge, teaching skills and ability to conduct educational research. The programme also includes school experience and teaching practice in local schools to ensure that students are able to put theory into practice.



Students enrolled in this programme have the opportunity to join an eight- to ten-week overseas language immersion programme. Partially subsidised by the HKSAR Government, this immersion programme allows students to improve their Chinese language proficiency, sample Chinese culture and expand their experience in overseas educational practice.

Upon completion of all of the graduation requirements, students are awarded two degrees at the same time — a Bachelor of Arts (BA) and a Bachelor of Education (BEd). The BEd degree is equivalent to a three-year honours degree plus a one-year Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE), thus allowing

students to meet all of the professional requirements needed to obtain qualified teacher status. Graduates of the programme are fully qualified teachers of Chinese language who can teach in local primary and secondary schools.

BA (ENGLISH STUDIES) AND BEd (ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION)

Co-terminal Double-Degree Programme

This is a four-year programme offered by the Faculty of Education in collaboration with the Department of English and the English Language Teaching Unit. The programme integrates academic and professional studies in its curriculum and focuses on two major disciplines: the study of the English language and its literature and the study of education. Language proficiency, language teaching methodology, subject knowledge and educational studies are all covered in the coursework, and students integrate theory and classroom teaching practice by carrying out activities in both primary and secondary schools.

Those enrolled in this programme also have the opportunity to attend an eight- to ten-week overseas language enhancement programme supported financially by the HKSAR Government. This immersion programme further enhances students' English-language proficiency, enriches their understanding of the culture of English-speaking communities and expands their experience of overseas educational practice.

Upon meeting all of the graduation requirements, programme graduates are awarded the two degrees at the same time, and also gain the equivalent of a Postgraduate Diploma in Education. In addition, they meet all of the professional qualification requirements (language proficiency, subject knowledge and pedagogy) to be employed as teachers of English in local schools.

LIBERAL STUDIES

The Bachelor of Education in Liberal Studies is a four-year full-time programme that represents the Faculty's joint efforts with the Faculties of Arts, Science, Medicine and Social Science to develop professional Liberal Studies teachers for the new senior secondary curriculum.

The programme has two major components: educational courses (Educational Studies, Pedagogical Content Knowledge, Educational and Teaching Methodology, and Teaching Practice) and courses from three areas of study (Self and Personal Development, Society and Culture and Science, and Technology and the Environment).

Upon completion of the programme requirements, graduates will be awarded a Bachelor of Education degree in Liberal Studies, which is equivalent to the Postgraduate Diploma in Education as a qualification.

Programme Website: www.fed.cuhk.edu.hk/~lse