Advisory System for Postgraduate Students

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Overview of Graduate Division

Total number of students (as at March 2012): 616

1. Master of Social Work (PT)
2. Master of Social Science in Social Work (PT & FT)
3. MA in Social Policy (FT)
4. MA in Social Service Management (PT & FT)
5. MA in Family Counseling & Family Education (PT)
6. MPhil-PhD in Social Welfare (PT & FT)
Programme Director System

- Programme Director of each Programme co-operates with Departmental Chairperson & Graduate Division Head to take the lead of the Programme in:
  - Monitoring teaching & learning via Quality Assurance Mechanism
  - Taking note of special situations of students & Following-up via Academic Advisor System
A. Staff-Student Consultative Meetings (Example of Quality Assurance Mechanism)

- Students & staff exchange views on curriculum design, teaching format & learning processes, etc.
- Students share study & living experience
B. Academic Advisor System

- Academic Advisor System for all postgraduate students
  - Level I Advisors
    - To monitor academic matters & provide guidance to students
      - By Thesis Supervisors (Research Programme)
      - By Academic Staff who involve in teaching the classes (Taught Programme)
  - Level II Advisors
    - To follow students with academic problems & meet with them more regularly to track their progress
      - By Programme Directors

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Individual Teachers

- Apart from Academic Advisory System, all other teachers also
  - pay individualized attention to students in their class;
  - provide academic guidance & personal support on their study;
  - report to Programme Director if they find students with special situations that need further follow-up.
Logistical Support: Project Co-ordinator for Each Programme

- Project Co-ordinator assists Programme Director in overseeing, monitoring & developing the programme. Duties include:
  - Co-ordinate administrative matters relating to students’ study
  - Provide information & guidance to non-local students for settling down in HK
  - Organize educational, social & recreational activities for students
  - Coordinate & encourage students to join student development activities
Student Development Activities

- Students can meet Programme Directors, course instructors, current students & alumni at sharing session for individual programmes
Student Orientation and Guidance for Non-local Students

- To assist non-local students in getting used to the study environment in HK, various activities are organized including:
  - Orientation Programme for non-local students
  - Guidance for registration
  - Cantonese Learning Group
Leadership Training Programme – C Vision

- Leadership Training Programme for students’ personal growth and contribution to society

- A range of activities are organized including camps, service-learning opportunities & seminars, etc.

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Overseas Study Tours

Finland Study Tour

Taiwan Study Tour

Shandong Study Tour

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Agency Visits

Visit to Dialogue in the Dark

Visit to Fantastic Café – a Social Entreprise Project

Visit to Ma On Shan Elderly Community Center
Mentorship Scheme

- Organized by Social Work Alumni Association
- All postgraduate students are eligible to join

- Each participating alumnus (mentor) pair up with 2-3 students’ participants
Conclusion

Different parties collaborate with each other & put effort into establishing a well-developed Advisory System for Students.
THE END.
THANK YOU!