The University of Hong Kong  
Department of Psychology  
Departmental Research Ethics Review for Taught Postgraduate Dissertation/Thesis

All taught postgraduate level research projects require ethics review clearance by Faculty Panel Representative. Each research ethics application should include the following:

a) application form [click here] for dissertation of MSocSc in Clinical Psychology, MSocSc in Educational Psychology, MSocSc in Psychology, and theses of PsyD in Clinical Psychology and PsyD in Educational Psychology programme
   ▪ For subsequent amendment of an approved application OR application for extension of ethical approval, please fill in an amendment form (if necessary) [click here]
   ▪ For application for exemption from ethical approval, please fill in this form [click here]

b) a summary of the proposed study, describing the objectives, research plan and methodology

c) an informed consent form (please review the sample of forms)

d) a debriefing form (please review the sample of forms)
   ▪ instruction for debriefing form (English) [click here]

e) a completed checklist for research ethics application [click here]

Applications for ethics approval should be submitted to the Department of Psychology according to the schedule as specified by the respective programme. Please note that researchers may be asked by the reviewer to revise and re-submit their ethics application. It may take up to a month (from the date of first submission) to obtain ethics approval during semester time, and up to two months between semester.

For each approved ethics application, the Faculty Panel Representative will send email to students to indicate that the study has been approved. Approval is valid for one or two year(s).