

Personal Statement- Social Sciences

Professor CHIU Chui-yue, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Chinese University of Hong Kong said, “We inspire and enlighten as well as strive to create social knowledge that is communicable, innovative, rigorous and socially relevant; knowledge that improves the well-being of the individuals and that of society; knowledge that will be taught globally; and knowledge that will inform policies and transform societies.” This is the reason I am passionate about Sociology. To reflect on various social issues and phenomenon such as the relationship between social behavior and social structure, the role of the government in the society and its influence, reading Sociology books has been giving me some fundamental ideas when considering these sociology issues. Furthermore, I hope I will have innovative ideas to contribute to communities, and seeking better social welfare for the needed, and achieve personal recognition in the society.

Everyone says “Helping others is the fundamental of happiness.”, since I was a child. This adage has reminded me that earning income is not the only aim of working, a meaningful job could be helping someone who need support in the society. There are more than 150 000 people with hearing impairment in Hong Kong, however the local schools and government or related charity institutions are finding difficulties in providing comprehensive supports to them. Problems such as the recognition of sign language in Hong Kong as well as the disadvantages and difficulties encountered for people with hearing impairment while using hearing aids and cochlear implants, which worsen the unemployment issues among hearing impaired persons. I believe that they require more social attention and supports. I enrolled in a sign language training course and hope that in the near future I will be able to use sign language to communicate with them fluently and have a greater opportunity to participate in different social welfare organizations.

In my spare time, I worked as a volunteer instructor at the Family Integrated Service Center of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, teaching English and Mathematics to newly-arrived children. Moreover, I have also participated in Oxfam's fundraising activities, in which, volunteers were required to bake biscuits for a 15-hour charity sale. We had raised HKD 20,000 for the whole event in the end. I found that participating in charity activities not only benefit others, but also learn to be empathic, creative and skills on organising events. Such experiences make me look forward to take part in the charity events in my future university life. Hopefully, I will be able to broaden my knowledge in organising charity events and help more people in need.

Apart from joining community activities and studying Sociology, hiking is my enthusiastic sports, which I have been doing for three years regularly. The most memorable experience for me was a six-day/five-night training camp held by the Outward Bound HK. During rock climbing, I reminded myself to have perseverance and never give up easily when facing difficulties. This training camp helped young people in self-development, such as improving willpower, self-discipline and teamwork, which cannot be directly learned from theories in books and lectures in classrooms.

Finally, I am looking forward to my upcoming university life with new learning challenges and environment. I am a bit nervous in facing all the changes and uncertainties, but I will put my knowledge and experience to align my interest with motivation to study about the professional values and qualities of being a professional social worker. In the future, I am confident that I can develop my careers by helping the disadvantaged in the society.