

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Master of Science in Urban Planning

(Part-time Programme)

1. Applications are invited for admission in September 2019 to read for the degree of Master of Science in Urban Planning through the advanced standing route.
2. To be eligible for admission to the programmes, a candidate shall satisfy both the University Admissions Requirements and the Programme Specific Requirements:
 - (a) shall comply with the General Regulations;
 - (b) shall hold a Master of Urban Design or a Master of Arts in Transport Policy and Planning degree of this University, completed within the last five years.
3. The curriculum extends over 1 to 1.5 years of full-time study. The programme is fully recognised for membership purposes by the Hong Kong Institute of Planners, the Royal Town Planning Institute of the United Kingdom. Students specialised in transport planning are also recognized by the Hong Kong Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport. Graduates who have completed additional credits in surveying meet the academic requirements for admission to the Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) scheme of the Planning and Development Division of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) for professional membership.
4. The programme consists of two major components: a spatial planning component with core courses and studios in spatial, strategic and community planning practice; and a specialist planning component which allows students to develop an area of specialism in planning through the completion of optional courses and a dissertation that is directly related to the chosen area of specialisation. Students admitted through the advanced standing route will be exempted to complete 30 credits of courses including a core course, spatial planning studio and two optional courses. They still have to complete a dissertation showing their understanding of the relationship between their area of expertise and spatial planning.
5. Applications for a taught postgraduate programme should be submitted via our on-line application system at <http://www.aal.hku.hk/tpg/>.
6. This is a credit-based programme. Each credit will be \$2,680* (payable per semester)^. Advanced Standing students are required to take 96 credits.
7. The closing date for application is **12:00nn, 31 December 2018**.
8. Successful applicants will be notified before June 2019. If you do not receive any notification by the end of June 2019, please call 3917 2721 to enquire about the status of your application.

* Subject to final approval by the University.

^ Payment is based on the number of credits enrolled in each semester.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following are some frequently asked questions raised by potential applicants.

What are the admission requirements?

Applicants must hold a Master of Urban Design or a Master of Arts in Transport Policy and Planning degree of this University, completed within the preceding five years of the admission.

Who can be nominated as professional referees?

- Friends and relatives' reference letters will not be considered.
- A professional referee should be the applicant's colleague who is in a senior position, and can comment on the applicant's professional ability.
- This senior person does not need to be in the field of planning.

Is it necessary for overseas students to attend an interview?

- Telephone or SKYPE interviews will be conducted with overseas applicants.

Are there field trips?

- Field trips are compulsory and will be organized by the Department to fulfil the academic requirements of the curriculum.

How can graduates become urban planners?

- Upon completion of the M.Sc. (Urban Planning), graduates satisfy the academic qualifications of the various accreditation institutions.
- A graduate normally needs at least two years of relevant working experience in the planning field before he/she is eligible to apply for full membership of the professional institutes.
- Interested applicants can join the Department's Admissions Talk to be held on 1 December 2018 (Saturday) at 10:00 am in Room820, 8/F, Knowles Building, , The University of Hong Kong. Details will be released separately and closer to the date of the event.