1. Applications are invited for admission in September 2019 to read for the degree of Master of Science in Urban Analytics.

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 and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula; and
(b) shall hold
   (i) a Bachelor's degree with honours in the urban or related fields of this University; or
   (ii) a qualification of equivalent standard of this University or another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
   (iii) preferably a professional qualification in the urban or related fields; and
   (iv) satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.

3. The Master of Science in Urban Analytics is a two-year part-time programme designed to meet growing demands and equip urban professionals with cutting-edge analytics and modeling skills. The emergence of new data sources and analytics has provided new ways of studying, planning, developing, and managing cities. Public and private institutions are increasingly adopting up-to-date urban analytical knowledge and techniques to improve their efficiency and quality of work. In response to these trends, the new Master of Science in Urban Analytics programme provides urban data analytical training and smart technologies and skills applicable to urban professionals and students with relevant academic backgrounds such as urban planning, architecture, planning and development surveying, and urban design.

4. The Master of Science in Urban Analytics degree requires 69 credits within two years of part-time study. The curriculum of the programme consists of seven urban analytics courses (6 credits each), two urban theory courses (6 credits each; two from an approved list of courses), and a dissertation or a capstone project (15 credits). Please visit the Department’s website at www.arch.hku.hk/mua for further information.

5. Applications for a taught postgraduate programme should be submitted via our on-line application system at http://www.hku.hk/tpg.

6. The composition fee for the 2-year part-time programme for the 2020-2021 intake is HK$90,000 per annum. The fee will be paid in 4 installments on semester basis according to the University schedule.

The composition fee for 2020-21 is subject to final approval.

The composition fee only covers tuition fees for courses on offer and student’s usage of University facilities, such as health clinic, sports centre and library facilities. It does not include fees such as costs for field trips, software, equipment, printing, binding, stationery, and books.

7. The closing date for application is 12:00nn, 10 February, 2020 (GMT +8).
8. Successful applicants will be notified before June 2020. If you do not receive any notification by the end of June 2020, please call 3917 2721 to enquire about the status of your application.

9. Interested applicants can join the Department’s Admissions Talk to be held on 30 November 2019 (Saturday) at 10:00 am in Room KB820, 8/F., Knowles Building, The University of Hong Kong. Details will be released closer to the date of the event.

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Frequently Asked Questions

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

What are the admission requirements?
- shall comply with the General Regulations and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula
- a Bachelor's degree with honours in the urban or related fields of this University
- a qualification of equivalent standard of this University or another university
- preferably a professional qualification in the urban or related fields
- satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required

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 there any interview required for the programme?
- Shortlisted candidates may be invited for an admission interview. Detail interview arrangement would be sent to the shortlisted applicants via email.
- Interested applicants can join the Department’s Admissions Talk to be held on 30 November 2019 (Saturday) at 10:00 am in Room 820, 8/F, Knowles Building, The University of Hong Kong. Details will be released separately and closer to the date of the event.

Is there any GPA requirement of my Bachelor degree?
- There is no absolute GPA requirement set for the admission of the Master of Science in Urban Analytics programme. However, an applicant with good academic results will be more favorable to his/her application.

Is practical work experience essential for my application?
- Practical work experience is not an essential requirement for admission. However, preference will be given to those applicants with professional experience that has shaped their practical and intellectual capacity in a positive manner.

Will my application be rejected if the supporting documents can’t be submitted before the application deadline?
- The admissions review panel will start to review the applications shortly after the application deadline
- The submission systems will be closed immediately soon after the application deadline.
- Applicants are highly advised to submit all the supporting documents on time according to our instructions. Otherwise, the chance for admission will be definitely slim due to incomplete supporting documents.