

MASTER OF HOUSING MANAGEMENT

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INTRODUCTION

The Master of Housing Management (MHousMan) is an interdisciplinary programme offered by the Department of Urban Planning and Design (DUPAD). It was the first Master of Housing Management programme established in Hong Kong and is run and taught by a committed group of full-time academic research and teaching staff, as well as practitioners. This programme is designed not only to upgrade the training and skills of practising housing professionals but also to provide intellectual and professional training to those wishing to specialize in the housing area at postgraduate level. In addition to standard coursework, special workshop courses on communication skills and research methods respectively are offered. All students will work with an academic supervisor to complete a dissertation, a highly valued educational tool that allows students to cultivate their intellectual capacity and develop deeper insights into their work.

The Department of Urban Planning and Design in the Faculty of Architecture is an excellent place to situate housing management studies for several reasons. Optional courses related to urban and management issues are offered, there are frequent academic lectures and research seminars by local and international experts on housing and related topics, and students gain access to experts in a variety of fields connected to housing management. Additionally, it is the home base of the Asia Pacific Network for Housing Research (APNHR), a researchers' association committed to the study of housing issues in the Asia Pacific, organizing academic conferences on related topics.

The MHousMan degree programme has two streams of study, the Academic Stream and the Professional Stream. The Academic Stream involves two years of part-time study. The Professional Stream involves two years of part-time study, or one whole year of full-time study. They are differentiated by the amount of coursework required and professional accreditation received.



PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

The MHousMan (Professional Stream) is recognized by the Chartered Institute of Housing and the Hong Kong Institute of Housing. Graduates of this stream are therefore eligible to apply for Corporate Membership of both Institutes after fulfilling the Practical Experience Requirement (PER).

ADMISSIONS

To be eligible for admission, applicants:

- (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 of this University; or
 - (ii) a qualification of equivalent standard of this University or another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose¹; and
 - (iii) satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.

Candidates seeking admission to the MHousMan shall indicate their choice of stream for consideration. Once admitted to a stream candidates are not allowed to transfer to another except with approval.

¹ Qualifications which are accepted include:

- (a) a Professional Diploma in Housing Management awarded by the HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education and possession of at least five years' work experience in the housing field; or
- (b) full membership of the Hong Kong Institute of Housing (MHKIH) and possession of at least five years' work experience in the housing field (at least two of which must be post-qualification); or
- (c) chartered membership of the Chartered Institute of Housing (MCIH) and possession of at least five years' work experience in the housing field (at least two of which must be post-qualification).

Candidates who hold these qualifications, if selected, shall not be offered admission until they have satisfied the examiners in a qualifying examination to test their academic ability to follow the courses of study prescribed. The qualifying examination shall consist of one or more written papers and shall be set prior to the final selection of candidates for admission into the curriculum.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Courses for the different streams of study are listed below. All courses are organized in the evenings (7:00 – 9:00pm) except for Workshop on Communication Skills and Foundation Course on Research Methods, which will be conducted in the evenings and weekends.

COMPULSORY COURSES

PROFESSIONAL STREAM

YEAR 1

- Housing, Planning and Sustainability (6 credits)
- International Housing Policies and Practices (6 credits)
- Housing Economics (6 credits)
- Practices of Housing Management and Maintenance (6 credits)
- Housing Management Law and Land Law (6 credits)
- Principles of Law (6 credits)

YEAR 2

- Organizational and Financial Management (6 credits)
- Building Services (6 credits)
- Dissertation (24 credits)
- Optional Course (6 credits)

A Foundation Course on Research Methods offered during Year 1.

Professional Stream students will take a Workshop on Communication Skills.

ACADEMIC STREAM

YEAR 1

- Housing, Planning and Sustainability (6 credits)
- International Housing Policies and Practices (6 credits)
- Housing Economics (6 credits)
- Optional Course (6 credits)

YEAR 2

- Transitional Cities: Urban and Housing Development (6 credits)
- Dissertation (24 credits)
- Optional Courses (6 credits)

A Foundation Course on Research Methods offered during Year 1.

OPTIONAL COURSES

PROFESSIONAL STREAM

YEAR 2

- Transitional Cities: Urban and Housing Development (6 credits)
- Law and Practice of Arbitration (6 credits)
- Facility and Asset Management (6 credits)
- Planning Practice, Law and Ethics in Hong Kong (6 credits)
- Globalization and Urban and Regional Development in China (6 credits)
- Transport Policy and Planning (6 credits)

For further details of the programmes and course syllabus, please visit:

www.arch.hku.hk/programmes/upad/master-of-housing-management/admissions/

ACADEMIC STREAM

YEAR 1 & 2

- Practices of Housing Management and Maintenance (only offered to Year 1 students)
- Law and Practice of Arbitration (6 credits)
- Facility and Asset Management (6 credits)
- Planning Practice, Law and Ethics in Hong Kong (6 credits)
- Globalization and Urban and Regional Development in China (6 credits)
- Transport Policy and Planning (6 credits)

COURSE FEES

The composition fee for the 2-year part-time programme for the 2021-2022 intake is HK\$90,000 per annum for Professional Stream and HK\$75,340 per annum for Academic Stream. The fee for 2021-2022 is subject to amendment. The fee will be paid in 4 installments according to the University schedule. The composition fee for the 1-year full-time programme (Professional Stream) for the 2021-2022 intake is HK\$180,000, which is subject to amendment. The fee will be paid in 2 installments according to the University schedule.

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, printing, binding, stationery, and books.

ASSESSMENT

All courses will be examinable through written examinations or coursework assessment or a combination of both. Written examinations take place in December/January and April/May. In addition to satisfying the examiners in all prescribed courses and in any prescribed form of assessment, candidates are also required to complete and present a satisfactory dissertation.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT (PER)

Although the Practical Experience Requirement (PER) is not a formal component of the Master's degree programme, students of the Professional Stream are expected to work on the requirements alongside academic study. It is hoped that students would fulfill all the requirements by the time they successfully complete the Master's degree programme, so that graduates are immediately qualified to apply for corporate membership of the two housing institutes.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications have to be made online at the University's website: www.aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme/master-housing-management no later than 31 December 2020.

Results of the admissions will be announced in April/May 2021 and the commencement date is September 2021.

