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# 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 practicing 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, both offered in a 2-year part-time mode of 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 must be holders of:

- i) a Bachelor's degree with honours of The University of Hong Kong; or
- ii) a qualification of equivalent standard of The University of Hong Kong or another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose; or
- iii) a Certificate in Housing Management or a Professional Diploma in Housing Management or a Diploma in Housing Management awarded by the HKU SPACE (formerly known as Department of Extra-Mural Studies) and have at least five years' work experience in the housing field; or
- iv) the MCIH or MHKI professional designation and have at least five years' work experience in the housing field (at least two of which must be post-qualification).

Applicants to the Professional Stream, should be currently working in the housing field. Applicants seeking admission to the Academic Stream under the provision of (i) or (ii) should note that whilst professional experience in the housing field is not a requirement for admission, it will nevertheless be an advantage.

Applicants seeking entry under the provision of (iii) or (iv), if selected, will 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 consists of one or more written papers and will be held prior to the final selection of candidates for admission.

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



## 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
- International Housing Policies and Practices
- Housing Economics
- Dissertation
- Practices of Housing Management and Maintenance
- The Principles of Law and Land Law
- Property Laws

Year 2

- Organizational and Financial Management
- Building Services
- Dissertation
- Optional Course

A Foundation Course on Research Methods offered in three weekend sessions during Year 1. Professional Stream students will take a Workshop on Communication Skills offered during the summer following the first year.

#### Academic Stream

Year 1

- Housing, Planning and Sustainability
- International Housing Policies and Practices
- Housing Economics
- Dissertation
- Optional Course

Year 2

- Sociology of Housing
- Dissertation
- Optional Course

A Foundation Course on Research Methods offered in three weekend sessions during Year 1.

## Optional Courses

#### Professional Stream

Year 2

- Sociology of Housing
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Facility Management Practices
- Urban Development Theories
- Transport Policy and Planning
- Globalization and Urban and Regional Development in China

For further details of the programme and course syllabuses, please visit: <http://fac.arch.hku.hk/upad/mhm/introduction/>

#### Academic Stream

Year 1 & 2

- Practices of Housing Management and Maintenance (only offered to year one students)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Facility Management Practices
- Urban Development Theories
- Transport Policy and Planning
- Globalization and Urban and Regional Development in China



## COURSE FEES

The composition fee for the 2-year part-time programme for the 2015-2016 intake was HK\$70,500 per annum for Professional Stream and HK\$59,050 per annum for Academic Stream. The fee for 2015-2016 is subject to final approval. The fee will be paid in 4 installments at the end of each semester 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 REQUIREMENTS (PER)

Although the Practical Experience Requirements (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.

## FATHER CRONIN MEMORIAL AWARDS

Since 1994, the Hong Kong Housing Society offers two Father Cronin Memorial Awards annually to the programme. One award is granted to the best graduating student, and the other to the graduating student who produces the best dissertation.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications have to be made online at the University's website <http://www.asa.hku.hk/admissions/tpg> no later than 2 January 2015.

Results of the admissions will be announced in April/May 2015 and the commencement date is September 2015.

Construction of the Hong Kong University Station (MTR West Island Line) is expected to be completed by 2014, which will shorten travelling time to HKU.

