

# Master of Housing Management

Department of Urban Planning & Design  
The University of Hong Kong

Admission for  
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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 specialise 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 Professional Stream in the MHousMan degree programme involves two years of part-time study, or one whole year of full-time study. A new stream (Urban Studies Stream) for one whole year of full-time study is being developed.



## PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

The MHousMan (Professional Stream) is recognised 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 shall comply with the General Regulations and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula; and shall

- (i) hold a Bachelor's degree of this University; or
- (ii) hold a qualification of equivalent standard of this University or another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose (Note 1); and
- (iii) pass the qualifying examination, if required.

Note 1: Accepted qualifications include but not limited to:

- (a) a Professional Diploma in Housing Management awarded by the HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education, and at least five years' work experience in the housing field; or
- (b) full membership of the Hong Kong Institute of Housing (MKIHK), and 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 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, may have to attend a qualifying examination that tests their academic ability to follow the curriculum prescribed. The qualifying examination consists of one or more written papers and takes place prior to the final selection of candidates for admission into the programme.



## COURSE STRUCTURE

Courses for the Professional Stream 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 STRUCTURE

#### 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.

### OPTIONAL STRUCTURE

#### 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)
- Key Issues in Ageing Communities (6 credits)
- Transport Policy and Planning (6 credits)
- Information Management (6 credits)

For further details of the programmes and course syllabus, please visit: [www.arch.hku.hk/programmes/upad/master-of-housing-management/admissions/](http://www.arch.hku.hk/programmes/upad/master-of-housing-management/admissions/)

## COURSE FEES

The composition fee of the Professional Stream for the 2-year part-time programme for the 2023-2024 intake is HK\$102,060 per annum. The fee for 2023-2024 is subject to approval. The fee will be paid in 4 installments according to the University schedule. The composition fee of the Professional Stream for the 1-year full-time programme for the 2023-2024 intake is HK\$204,120, which is subject to approval. 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.

## ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Applications have to be made online at the University's website ( [www.aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme/master-housing-management](http://www.aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme/master-housing-management)) no later than 3 January 2023.

Results of the admissions will be announced in 31 March 2023 or earlier and the commencement date is September 2023.

