

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Master of Science in Urban Analytics

1. Applications are invited for admission in September 2025 to study 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 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 (if applying for the Part-time study mode); and
 - (iv) satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.
3. The Master of Science in Urban Analytics offers a one-year full-time programme, designed to 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 Master of Science in Urban Analytics programme provides training of urban data analytical skills and smart technologies applicable to urban professionals and students with academic backgrounds in, for example, urban planning, architecture, surveying, and urban design.
4. The Master of Science in Urban Analytics degree requires completion of 69 credits of within 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 programme fee is **HK\$227,800** (subject to the University's approval), will be paid by two installments (HK\$113,900 per installment) on a semester basis according to the University schedule.
7. 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.
8. The closing date for application is **12:00 noon (GMT+8), 2 January 2025**. No late application will be accepted.
9. Successful applicants will be notified before the end of March 2025. If you do not receive any notification by the end of March 2025, please call 3917 2721 to enquire about the status of your application.

- Interested applicants can join the Department's Admissions Talk to be held on 23 November 2024 (Saturday) at 10:00 am (HKT) in Room820, 8/F, Knowles Building, The University of Hong Kong and via online Zoom at the same time. For registration to attend the admission talk, please register: https://hkuems1.hku.hk/hkuems/ec_hdetail.aspx?guest=Y&ueid=96668 on or before 12:00 noon, 22 November 2024 (Friday).

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The University of Hong Kong has not entered into any agreement or collaboration with any intermediary agencies for overseas studies in respect of a mechanism of "quota for direct admission". Applicants are strongly advised not to engage any agency to submit an application or any application materials on their behalf. Applicants should prepare and submit their applications and supporting documents directly to HKU.

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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 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 (if applying for the part-time study mode)
- satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required

Who can be nominated as professional referees?

- The 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.
- Friends and relatives' reference letters will not be considered.

Is there any interview required for the programme?

- Shortlisted candidates may be invited for an admission interview. Details of interview arrangement would be sent to the shortlisted applicants via email.

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 favoured.

Is practical working 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 slim due to incomplete supporting document

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