

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE**

**MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
ADMISSION for 2022**

Applications are invited for admission in September 2022 to read for the degree of Master of Landscape Architecture.

To be eligible for admission to the programme, a candidate shall satisfy both the University Admissions Requirements and the Programme Specific Requirements as listed below:

- (a) shall comply with the General Regulations;
- (b) shall hold a Bachelor's degree with honours of this University or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
- (c) for a candidate who is seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English, shall satisfy the University English language requirement applicable to high degrees as prescribed under General Regulation G2(b).

An application for exemption from the above requirements shall be considered on a case by case basis.

The Division admits up to 48 local and international students to the MLA program each year, and welcomes applications from students with a broad range of academic and cultural backgrounds. The Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) is an advanced, research-based degree in landscape architecture. The program provides students with the fundamental design knowledge and skills for the professional practice in landscape architecture. The MLA program is accredited by the HKILA (which has reciprocal membership arrangements with professional institutions in New Zealand and Australia).

Students engage in a wide range of studies covering the history of the discipline, contemporary theories in landscape architecture, bio-physical systems, landscape materials and their technologies, and landscape design. The program is intensive. In addition to project-based design studio projects, technical studies and practical exercises, students are expected to learn advanced skills in visual communication and digital technology, and to read literature relating to the discipline and related fields extensively, and to write to full academic standards.

Topical issues addressed during the program currently include issues such as urbanism, human settlement, community and heritage, public space, green infrastructure, impacts of climate change, environmental remediation, conservation, and sustainable development.

Students are exposed to diverse approaches to a broad range of environmental, contextual and problem solving challenges. Innovation and quality in design are strongly promoted. Students are required to carry out research projects and participate in field trips, overseas study tours, joint studios and practical construction exercises.

The MLA program extends over two years of full-time study. There is no part-time mode. The curriculum and syllabuses can be found at the Faculty of Architecture website (<http://www.arch.hku.hk/>).

Students without existing training in design may be eligible for the Postgraduate Diploma in Landscape Architecture program. This distinct, one-year curriculum is structured to provide an introductory education in the discipline of landscape architecture and prepare students for continuing studies at a master's level.

All students who are accepted into the MLA program (irrespective of background) are required to participate in the MLA Prerequisite Course. This is a two-week intensive course (starting in the middle of August) that introduces students to the Division and its pedagogical approach. Students need to ensure that they can attend and participate in the whole course, as successful completion of it is a pre-requisite to entering the main MLA program.

The composition fee for the 2022-2023 academic year is HK\$173,000* (excluding expenses for overseas field trips and joint studios). (*Subject to approval). Application fee is non-refundable and non-transferrable.

After submitting an online application via the University's online application system (<https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list-2223>), applicants will receive an email from the Faculty and be requested to submit supporting documents in soft copies via the Faculty's MLA Application Documents Submission System (<https://extranet.ad.arch.hku.hk/Admission/MLA>) **by 12:00 noon (HKT), February 4, 2022**. Applicants will only be requested to submit hard copies of supporting documents when they receive admission offers from the Faculty.

Admission is both rigorous and competitive. Candidates should show that they:

- Have an understanding of Landscape (i.e. both the biophysical and built environment) and the Landscape Architectural discipline;
- Have a strong interest in issues relating to the Environment and Community;
- Can think critically, and have an aptitude for design and its representation; and
- Can be collaborative and are willing to learn.

The MLA Admissions Panel selects candidates for interview on the basis of their academic background, working experience, letters of recommendation, personal essay, and portfolio of original creative works. Admission is offered on the basis of both interview performance and their submissions.