The Master of Urban Design (MUD) Programme focuses on the design of contextual advanced built environments, for an urban era of climate, health, economic and social cohesion challenges. Urban design is emerging as a distinct design profession with specific knowledge domains that encompasses the understanding and creative leveraging of urban management and planning, landscape architecture, mobility architecture, and design economics.

The Programme engages with urban design challenges in liveable high-density cities in Asia with an emphasis on international perspectives. The Programme explores urban design scalar agendas such as the ‘agency’ of volumetric urban form and its impacts on climate change, well being and quality of life, sustainable accessibility and equity, renewable energy and placemaking. The Programme leverages qualitative and quantitative intelligence of urban morphologies, people behaviours informing urban design projects.

The learning progresses through studio experiential learning from analog-digital translation of spatial scale complexity and compression in Hong Kong to digital-simulation and large-scale urban design in the international studio. The curriculum culminates in the capstone project in the summer semester, with a student-led research dissertation informing an urban design project.

Students acquire urban design knowledge (what, why and how) and develop thought leadership through lectures, seminars, workshops, design reviews, local and international field study visits, smart simulations, qualitative and quantitative urban design research methods, research dissertation and urban design thesis project.

Teaching is informed by cutting edge research and takes full advantage of its location in Hong Kong, a hyper dense living laboratory of networked volumetric urban design which as an outlier, provides valuable design principles for comparison and contrast with other urban conditions. The Programme is led by academics and practitioners in urban design and related disciplines.

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CURRICULUM

The MUD core courses cover urban design theories, urban design area action plans, urban design marketing, urban expansion, green infrastructure, place making, urban design technologies, urban design research methods and urban design reviews. The urban design studio projects expose students to a range of contemporary urban design issues and challenges. Students are required to attend a compulsory fieldtrip to local and overseas destinations that are related to courses. The department also organizes optional local fieldtrips on monthly basis. During the 12-month of study in the programme, students are expected to complete a minimum of 36 credits of courses, including 5 core courses, 3 elective courses and 2 studio projects.

Fall Semester
MUDP1001 Hong Kong urban design studio (12 credits)
MUDP1010 Urban design thinking and planning (6 credits)
MUDP1020 Urban design and urban planning (6 credits)
MUDP1030 Morphologies & urban design theories (9 credits)

Spring Semester
MUDP1002 International urban design studio (12 credits)
MUDP3010 Urban design research methods (6 credits)
MUDP3020 Values of urban design: health, social, environmental economics (6 credits)
Elective course (3 credits)

Summer Semester
MUDP3030 Research dissertation & urban design thesis project (15 credits)

MUDP1003 Research dissertation & Urban design thesis project (30 credits)

STUDY SITE and STUDY PROGRAMME

MUP 2021-22 operates on a 12-month basis in autumn and spring semester. The core and studio design courses are offered in both fall and spring semesters. Students conduct their urban design research in the spring semester. The MUP programme is costed at HK$237,700 (subject to approval) for the academic year 2022-2023. The fees cover tuition, insurance, fees for mandatory conferences, compulsory field trips (in Hong Kong, China) and evaluation of the portfolio in the interview. Financial assistance is available for international students through scholarships or work-study programs. The ADB-JSP and JJWBGSP provide financial assistance to qualified candidates. ADB-JSP is open to worldwide developing countries including Hong Kong. Hong Kong and Mainland China are ineligible for ADB-JSP & JJWBGSP scholarship.

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