The Master of Urban Design (MUD) Programme at the University of Hong Kong discusses the design of the built environment in an era of climate change, economic uncertainties, and disparities in wealth and health. Established in 1988, it is Asia’s first postgraduate programme dedicated to urban design, reflecting the growing interest in urban design issues commensurate with Hong Kong’s role as a leading Asian city as well as a global financial centre. The MUD programme is a launching pad to a career in shaping the world’s most rapidly urbanising regions and its most dynamic metropolises. The Programme attracts a diverse body of local and international students, most with a prior background such as architecture, urban planning, landscape architecture, urban studies, etc.

The teaching of the MUD programme is informed by cutting edge research and takes full advantage of its location in Hong Kong, a living laboratory to study the interactions between people and a high density built environment. It also draws extensively from international perspectives, exploring topics such as urban form and its impacts on climate change, high density urbanisation, well-being, and quality of life, sustainable accessibility and equity, renewable energy and place making. The MUD teaching team consists of leading academics and practitioners in urban design and related disciplines. The programme is accredited by the Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design (HKIGU) and the UK’s Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) under its specialisation scheme. Applicants with qualification satisfactory to both the MUD and Master of Science in Urban Planning (MUP) programme can apply for admission to both programmes with certain credits waived by both MUP. MUP is fully recognised by the Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP) and Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT).

Graduates of the MUD programme pursue careers in design practices, consultancies, and the public sector, many have become industrial thought leaders and prominent intellectual figures in the built environment disciplines. Equipped with knowledge, design and research skills, MUD graduates are in high demand by consulting firms, development organisations, communities and authorities at local, metropolitan, regional and national levels. They have been engaging in urban design schemes, policies, strategies, frameworks, guidelines, masterplans, design appraisal, as well as in place-making initiatives. Some are in urban design research, education, and critique. Upon completing the MUD Programme, graduates are entitled to a minimum of one-year Hong Kong’s working Visa (IANG), which are eligible for renewal.

The MUD Programme welcomes applicants for the:
- Asian Development Bank - Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSR)
- Japan-Asean Bank Graduate Scholarship Program (JABGPS)

Reciprocal advanced standing are available between the MUD and HKU MUP of Urban Planning programme.

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