

**(THESE REGULATIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO CANDIDATES ADMITTED TO THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN URBAN PLANNING CURRICULUM IN THE 2016-17 ACADEMIC YEAR AND THEREAFTER)**

**REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN URBAN PLANNING  
(MSc[Urban Planning])**

*(See also General Regulations and Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula)*

Any publication based on work approved for a higher degree should contain a reference to the effect that the work was submitted to the University of Hong Kong for the award of the degree.

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**Ar25 Admission requirements**

To be eligible for admission to the courses leading to the degree of Master of Science in Urban Planning, candidates

- (a) shall comply with the General Regulations and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
- (b) shall hold
  - (i) a Bachelor's degree with honours of this University; or
  - (ii) another qualification of equivalent standard from this University or from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose; and
- (c) shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.

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**Ar26 Qualifying examination**

- (a) A qualifying examination may be set to test the candidates' formal academic ability or their abilities to follow the courses of study prescribed. It shall consist of one or more written papers or their equivalent and may include a project report.
- (b) Candidates who are required to satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination shall not be permitted to register until they have satisfied the examiners in the examination.

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**Ar27 Requirements for graduation**

To be eligible for the award of the degree of Master of Science in Urban Planning, candidates

- (c) shall comply with the General Regulations and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula; and
- (d) shall complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.

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**Ar28 Period of Study**

- (a) The curriculum shall normally require two academic years of full-time study, or three academic years of part-time study. Candidates shall not be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of four academic years of full-time study, or five academic years of part-time study, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the

Faculty.

- (b) Candidates who are being granted advanced standing according to Ar36 shall complete the curriculum in not more than three years' time.

### **Ar29 Completion of curriculum**

To complete the curriculum, candidates

- (a) shall satisfy the requirements prescribed in TPG 6 of the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
- (b) shall follow courses of instruction and complete satisfactorily all written work and practical work as prescribed in the syllabuses;
- (c) shall satisfy the examiners in all prescribed courses and studios and in all prescribed form of assessment; and
- (d) shall complete and present a satisfactory dissertation as prescribed in the syllabuses.

### **Ar30 Dissertation**

The title of the dissertation shall be submitted for approval by 15 November in the final year of study. The dissertation shall not exceed 15,000 words in length and must be presented in the candidates' final year of study on a date to be specified by the Head of the Department of Urban Planning and Design. Candidates shall submit a statement that the dissertation represents their own work undertaken after registration as candidates for the degree. The examiners may also prescribe an oral examination on the subject of the dissertation.

### **Ar31 Assessment**

Full-time candidates

- (a) who have achieved a Semester GPA of 1.7 or above in the first two semesters of study may be permitted to present themselves for re-assessment in the course(s) of failure at a specified subsequent date;
- (b) who have failed to satisfy the examiners in any of the courses in the last two semesters of study, and have presented a satisfactory dissertation and studio reports, may be permitted to present themselves for re-assessment in the course(s) of failure at a specified subsequent date;
- (c) who have satisfied the examiners in all the courses but have presented an unsatisfactory studio report may be permitted to revise the studio report and re-present it by a specified subsequent date;
- (d) who have satisfied the examiners in all the courses and have presented satisfactory studio reports but have presented an unsatisfactory dissertation may be permitted to revise the dissertation and re-present it by a specified subsequent date.

Part-time candidates

- (e) who have achieved a Semester GPA of 1.7 or above in the first two semesters of study, may be permitted to present themselves for re-assessment in the course(s) of failure at a specified subsequent date;
- (f) who have satisfied the examiners in all the courses but have presented an unsatisfactory studio report may be permitted to revise the studio report and re-present it by a specified subsequent date;
- (g) who have satisfied the examiners in all the courses and have presented satisfactory studio reports but have presented an unsatisfactory dissertation may be permitted to revise the

dissertation and re-present it by a specified subsequent date.

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**Ar32** Candidates who are unable because of illness to be present for assessment(s) held in the first academic year of study if they are full-time, or in the first or second academic year of study if they are part-time, may apply for permission to present themselves again in the assessment(s) to be held before the beginning of the following academic year. Any such application shall be made in writing within two weeks of the first day of the candidates' absence from any assessment.

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### Ar33

Candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies if they:

- (e) are not permitted to present themselves for re-assessment in any course(s) in which they have failed to satisfy the examiners or to revise and re-present their studio report or dissertation shall be deemed to have failed; or
  - (f) have failed to satisfy the examiners in a second attempt in any course(s) or in his studio report or dissertation; or
  - (c) have exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in these regulations of the degree.
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### Ar34 Grading systems

Courses shall be graded according to the following grading systems as determined by the Board of Examiners:

- (a) Letter grades, their standards and the grade points for assessment as follows:

Grade	Standard	Grade Point
A+	Excellent	4.3
A		4.0
A-		3.7
B+	Good	3.3
B		3.0
B-		2.7
C+	Satisfactory	2.3
C		2.0
C-		1.7
D+	Pass	1.3
D		1.0
F	Fail	0

and

- (b) "Pass" or "Fail" for URBP6911 Foundation course on statistics and quantitative methods.

Course which is graded according to (b) above will not be included in the calculation of the GPA.

**Ar35 Assessment results**

On successful completion of the curriculum, candidates who have shown exceptional merit may be awarded a mark of distinction, and this mark shall be recorded in the candidates' degree diploma.

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**Ar36 Advanced standing**

- (a) Advanced standing shall be granted to candidates who have successfully completed a cognate Masters degree of this University or another qualification of equivalent standard accepted for this purpose.
- (b) Advanced standing of up to 30 credits may be granted by the Board of the Faculty of Architecture subject to the condition that the application for advanced standing is received within five years of successful completion of the degree accepted for this purpose.
- (c) Applications for advanced standing shall normally be made at the same time of application for admission to the Master of Science in Urban Planning curriculum, and should be accompanied by copies of academic transcripts to support the application.

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