

**REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
(MLA)**

AR8/416

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

These regulations will apply to candidates admitted in the 2016-17 academic year and thereafter.

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.

Admission requirements

MLA1 To be eligible for admission to the degree of Master of Landscape Architecture, a candidate

- (a) shall comply with the General Regulations and the Regulations for the Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
- (b) shall possess a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Landscape Studies or a degree with honours of this University in an allied subject; or another equivalent qualification from another university or 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 higher degrees as prescribed under General Regulation G2(b); and
- (d) shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.

Qualifying examination

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- (a) A qualifying examination may be set to test the candidates' formal academic abilities or their abilities to follow the prescribed courses. It may 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.

Period of study

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The curriculum shall normally extend over two academic years, including a summer semester, of full-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 unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty. Part-time study is not possible for the curriculum.

Curriculum requirements

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To complete the curriculum, candidates

- (a) shall satisfy the requirements prescribed in TPG 6 of the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
 - (b) shall enrol for courses of not less than 120 credits in the manner specified in these regulations and the syllabuses;
 - (c) shall follow instruction in the courses prescribed, and complete satisfactorily all coursework set either as assessment tasks or practical work; and
 - (d) shall satisfy the examiners in all assessment tasks as may be required.
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Course exemption

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- (a) Candidates may be granted exemption from the courses prescribed in the syllabuses with the approval of the Board of the Faculty if they:
 - (i) are holding a Bachelor of Arts in Landscape Studies or Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies degree of this University, in which case exemption of up to four 6-credit courses, not including the design studio courses, may be granted; and
 - (ii) are holding a bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from an accredited overseas institution, in which case exemption of up to three 6-credit courses, not including the design studio courses, may be granted.
- (b) Candidates who are so exempted must replace the number of exempted credits with elective courses of the same credit value."

Assessment

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A candidate must pass in all core courses, and sufficient elective courses to achieve the total credits required.

Grading System

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Individual courses shall be graded according to 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

Failure in Assessment

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The following clauses apply to candidates of all years:

- (a) Candidates who have passed in MLA design studio in any semester;
 - (i) but who fail at the first attempt in not more than one other core course in that semester may be permitted to present themselves for re-assessment in the same course within specific period determined by the Board of Examiners but no later than the end of the following semester. Those who fail at the second attempt shall be required to present themselves for re-assessment in the same course only once more within specific period determined by the Board of Examiners but not more than 12 months.
 - (ii) but who fail in more than one other core courses in any semester at the first attempt shall not be permitted to proceed to the subsequent semester and shall be required to repeat all or part of that year's curriculum and to present themselves for re-assessment in the following academic year. If they fail again at the second attempt, they may be permitted to present themselves for re-assessment only once more within specific period determined by the Board of Examiners but no later than the end of the following semester.
- (b) Candidates who have failed MLA design studio in any semester shall not be permitted to continue to the next semester, and must repeat the course in the following academic year.
- (c) Candidates who have failed in one or more electives in their first attempt may be required to enrol in the same or an alternate elective in the following year. Candidates failing in elective courses will not normally be offered an opportunity for re-assessment without re-enrolment in the same or an alternate elective during their studies.
- (d) Candidates who have failed in any core course at the third attempt or have exceeded the maximum period of registration shall be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G 12.

Assessment Results

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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.