

**(SUBJECT TO APPROVAL)
REGULATIONS FOR THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA
IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
(PDLA)**

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

These regulations will apply to candidates admitted in the 2021-22 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

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To be eligible for admission to the Postgraduate Diploma in Landscape Architecture, candidates

- (a) shall comply with the General Regulations and the Regulations for the Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
- (b) shall possess a Bachelor's degree with honours of this University; 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 ability or their ability 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 one academic year, including a summer semester of full-time study. Candidates shall not be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of two academic years, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty.

Requirements for graduation

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To be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Landscape Architecture, candidates

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

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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 a total of 66 credits;
 - (c) shall follow instruction in the courses prescribed, and complete satisfactorily all coursework set either as assessment tasks or practical work to be undertaken as an integral part of the PDLA curriculum; and
 - (d) shall satisfy the examiners in all assessment tasks.
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Assessment

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A candidate must pass in all 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 all candidates:

- (a) Candidates who have passed in Foundation Design Studio in any semester;
 - (i) but who fail at the first attempt in not more than one other course in that semester may be permitted to present themselves for re-assessment in the same course before the commencement of the next academic year. Those who fail at the second attempt shall present themselves for re-assessment in the same course once more in the following academic year.
 - (ii) but who fail in more than one other course 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 before the commencement of the following academic year.
- (b) Candidates who have failed in Foundation Design Studio in any semester shall not be permitted to continue to the next semester, and must repeat the course.
- (c) Candidates who have failed in any course at the third attempt shall be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulations G 12.
- (d) Candidates who have exceeded the maximum registration period shall be recommended for discontinuation of studies.

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 at the discretion of the Board of Examiners.