

REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN REAL ESTATE (MSc[RealEst])

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

These regulations apply to candidates admitted in the 2017-18 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

MRE1

To be eligible for admission to the curriculum for the degree of Master of Science in Real Estate, candidates

- (a) shall comply with the General Regulations and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
- (b) shall hold a Bachelor's degree of this University or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or another 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

MRE2

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

Requirements for graduation

MRE3

To be eligible for the award of the degree of Master of Science in Real Estate, 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 set out below.
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Period of study

MRE4

The curriculum shall normally extend over one academic year of full-time study or two academic years of part-time study. Candidates shall not be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of two academic years of full-time study or three academic years part-time study, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty.

Completion of the curriculum

MRE5

- (a) To complete the curriculum candidates
 - (i) shall satisfy the requirements prescribed in TPG 6 of the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
 - (ii) shall follow course of instruction and complete satisfactorily all prescribed written work and practical work where appropriate;
 - (iii) shall satisfy the examiners in all prescribed courses in any prescribed form of assessment; and
 - (iv) shall satisfy the examiners in the manner specified in these regulations and syllabuses in completing 72 credits including prescribed courses and elective courses.
 - (b) The examiners may at their discretion prescribe an oral examination in any course or on the dissertation.
 - (c) Selection of courses shall be subject to the approval of the Taught Postgraduate Committee.
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Dissertation

MRE6

- (a) The title of the dissertation shall be submitted for approval not later than one month before the start of the final academic semester of the curriculum for full time candidates or four months before the start of the final academic semester of the curriculum for part-time candidates, and the dissertation shall be presented not later than twelve months after the start of the final academic semester of the curriculum. Candidates shall submit a statement that the dissertation represents their own works undertaken after registration as candidates for the degree.

Grading system

MRE7

Individual courses shall be graded according to one of 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) “Distinction”, “Pass” or “Fail”.

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

Assessment

MRE8

- (a) Candidates who have failed to satisfy the examiners in fewer than three courses, not including the dissertation, in any semester may be permitted to make up for the failed course(s) in the following manner as determined by the Board of Examiners:
- (i) repeating the failed course by undergoing instruction and satisfying the assessments; or
 - (ii) for elective courses, taking another course in lieu and satisfying the assessment requirements; or
 - (iii) presenting themselves for re-assessment in the failed course.
- (b) Candidates who have failed to present a satisfactory dissertation at the first attempt may be permitted to revise the dissertation and re-present it within a specified period determined by the Board of Examiners.

- (c) Candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12 if they have:
- (i) failed to satisfy the examiners in three courses or more in any semester; or
 - (ii) failed to satisfy the examiners of any one course at the third attempt; or
 - (iii) failed to satisfy the examiners upon re-assessment of the dissertation; or
 - (iv) exceeded the maximum period of registration.
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Assessment result

MRE9

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.

Advanced Standing

MRE10

Candidate may be given advanced standing for up to 2 courses or 12 credits on the ground that equivalent courses or subjects have been passed at another university or comparable institution accepted by the faculty for this purpose, provided that no candidate shall be eligible for the award of the degree set out in these regulations without having completed at least 60 credits in this curriculum.