

**REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN URBAN ANALYTICS  
(MSc(UrbanAnalytics))**

(“These regulations are applicable to candidates admitted to the Master of Science in Urban Analytics Curriculum in the 2020-21 academic year”)

*(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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**Admission requirements**

MUA1 To be eligible for admission to the courses leading to the degree of Master of Science in Urban Analytics, candidates

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

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- (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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**Requirements for graduation**

MUA3 To be eligible for the award of the degree of Master of Science in Urban Analytics, 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 these regulations set out below.
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**Period of study**

MUA4 The curriculum shall normally extend over two 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 part-time study, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty. Candidates who are being granted advanced standing according to MUA6 shall complete the curriculum in not more than four years' time.

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### **Completion of curriculum**

MUA5 To complete the curriculum, candidates

- (a) shall satisfy the requirements prescribed in TPG 6 of the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
  - (b) shall take not less than 69 credits in the manner specified in these regulations and the syllabuses, and follow courses of instruction and complete satisfactorily all prescribed written work and practical work;
  - (c) shall complete and present a satisfactory dissertation on a subject within their approved field of study or complete a capstone project comprised of a smart planning and design studio; and
  - (d) shall satisfy the examiners in all prescribed courses and in any prescribed form of assessment.
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### **Advanced standing**

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- (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 12 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 Analytics, and should be accompanied by copies of academic transcripts to support the application.
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### **Dissertation/Capstone project**

MUA7 The choice of dissertation or capstone project shall be submitted for approval by no later than 15-April of Year 1 study of the part-time mode. The title of the dissertation shall be submitted for approval by no later than 15-April of Year 1 study of the part-time mode. The dissertation shall be presented by a date as prescribed in the syllabuses; the candidates shall submit a statement that the dissertation represents their own work undertaken after registration as candidates for the degree.

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### **Assessment**

MUA8 Each course will be assessed through a combination of written examination paper and coursework assessment, or by coursework assessment alone. The final grading for each course will be determined by performance in the written examination paper and an assessment of coursework.

MUA9 Part-time candidates

- (a) who have achieved a Semester GPA of 1.7 or above, may be permitted to present themselves for re-assessment in the course(s) of failure at a specified subsequent date;
- (b) who have satisfied the examiners in all the courses but have presented an unsatisfactory capstone report may be permitted to revise the capstone report and re-present it by a specified subsequent date;

- (c) who have satisfied the examiners in all the courses but have presented an unsatisfactory dissertation may be permitted to revise the dissertation and re-present it by a specified subsequent date.

MUA10 Candidates who are unable because of their illness to be present for one or more papers in any written examination may apply for permission to present themselves at a supplementary examination to be held before the beginning of the following academic year. Any such application shall be made on the form prescribed within two weeks of the first day of the candidates' absence from the examination.

MUA11 Candidates who

- (a) 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 capstone report or dissertation; or
- (b) have failed to satisfy the examiners in a second attempt in any course(s) or in their capstone report or dissertation; or
- (c) have exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in these regulations of the degree shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies.

### Grading system

MUA12 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

### Assessment results

MUA13 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.