REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN
MSc(SED)

(These regulations are applicable to candidates admitted to the Master of Science in Sustainable Environmental Design in the 2022-23 academic year and thereafter.)

(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.

Admission requirements

SED1 To be eligible for admission to the courses leading to the degree of Master of Science in Sustainable Environmental Design, 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 architecture, engineering, surveying, environmental science, geography 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; and
   (iii) preferably a professional qualification in the architecture, building engineering, surveying or related fields; and
(c) shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.

Qualifying examination

SED2 (a) The qualifying examination may be set to test the candidates’ formal academic ability or their ability to follow the courses of study prescribed.
(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

SED3 To be eligible for the award of the degree of Master of Science in Sustainable Environmental Design, 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.
Period of study

SED4 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 three academic years of full-time study, or four academic years of part-time study, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty.

Completion of curriculum

SED5 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 60 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; and
(d) shall satisfy the examiners in all prescribed courses and in any prescribed form of assessment.

Assessment

SED6 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.

SED7 (a) Candidates who have failed to satisfy the examiners in any course at the first or second attempt, 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, saved as provided for under SED8:

(i) undergoing re-assessment/re-examination in the failed course to be held no later than the end of the following semester (not including the summer semester); or
(ii) re-submitting failed coursework, without having to repeat the same course of instruction; or
(iii) repeating the failed course by undergoing instruction and satisfying the assessments; or
(iv) for elective courses, taking another course in lieu and satisfying the assessment requirements.

(b) There shall be no appeal against the results of examinations and all other forms of assessment.
Progression

SED8
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 two 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.

Grading system

SED9  Courses shall be graded according to letter grades, their standards and the grade points for assessment as follows:

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Assessment results

SED10  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.