

## **REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN URBAN DESIGN AND TRANSPORT (MSc(UDT))**

(These Regulations are applicable to candidates admitted to the Master of Science in Urban Design and Transport curriculum in the 2022-2023 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.

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### **MUDT1 Admission Requirements**

To be eligible for admission to the courses leading to the degree of Master of Science in Urban Design and Transport, candidates

- (a) shall comply with the General Regulations and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
  - (b) shall hold
    - i. a Bachelor's degree with honours in transport, urban design or related and relevant fields of this University; or
    - ii. a qualification of equivalent standard of this University or another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
  - (c) for a candidate who is seeking admission based on 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.
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### **MUDT2 Qualifying Examination**

- (a) A qualifying examination may be set to test the candidates' formal academic ability or their ability 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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### **MUDT3 Requirements for Graduation**

To be eligible for the award of the degree of Master of Science in Urban Design and Transport, 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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### **MUDT4 Period of Study**

The curriculum shall normally require two academic years of full-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, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty.

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### **MUDT5 Completion of Curriculum**

To complete the curriculum, candidates

- (a) shall satisfy the requirements prescribed in TPG 6 of the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
  - (b) shall follow courses of instruction and complete satisfactorily all written work and practical work as prescribed in the syllabuses;
  - (c) shall satisfy the examiners in all prescribed courses and studios and in all prescribed form of assessment; and
  - (d) shall complete and present a satisfactory capstone dissertation and urban design thesis as prescribed in the syllabuses.
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### **MUDT6 Research Dissertation and Urban Design & Transport Thesis Project**

- (a) The title of the research dissertation shall be submitted for approval by 15 November in the final year of study and must be presented in the candidates' final year of study on a date to be specified by the Head of the Department of Urban Planning and Design.
  - (b) Candidates shall submit a statement that the dissertation represents their own work undertaken after registration as candidates for the degree. The examiners may also prescribe an oral examination on the subject of the research dissertation.
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### **MUDT7 Assessment**

- (a) Candidates shall be assessed for each of the courses for which they have registered, and assessment may be conducted in any combination of continuous assessment of coursework, written examinations and/or any other assessable activities. Only passed courses will earn credits.
- (b) Candidates shall not be permitted to repeat a course for which they have received a passing grade for the purpose of upgrading.
- (c) Candidates who have failed to satisfy the examiners at first attempt in not more than 18 credits of the core and elective courses, excluding Urban Design Studio or Research Dissertation and Urban Design & Transport Thesis Project, may be permitted to present themselves for re-assessment in the failed courses at a specified date. If they again fail, but in not more than 12 credits of the core and elective courses, excluding Urban Design Studio or Research Dissertation and Urban Design & Transport Thesis Project, they may be permitted to repeat the relevant curriculum and to present themselves for re-assessment at a specified date in the failed course(s) at a third and last attempt.
- (d) Subject to the provision of MUDT7(c), candidates who have failed to satisfy the examiners in an elective course in the first attempt may be permitted under special circumstances to register for another elective course as substitution and be assessed at a specified date. If they fail to satisfy the examiners in the substitute elective course, they may be permitted to present themselves for re-assessment only once more at specified date. If any of the failed courses is not being offered in the particular academic year, this may be construed as a special circumstance for the purpose of this article.
- (e) Candidates who have failed to satisfy the examiners in any academic year in work prescribed in the Urban Design Studio or in the Research Dissertation and Urban Design & Transport Thesis Project may be permitted to present themselves for re-assessment at a specified date.

If they again fail to satisfy the examiners in any work, they shall be required to repeat all or part of the work prescribed during the academic year and to present themselves for re-assessment at a specified date in the work repeated.

- (f) Candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation if they have:
- failed to satisfy the examiners at a first attempt in more than 18 credits of core and electives courses excluding Urban Design Studio or Research Dissertation and Urban Design & Transport Thesis Project; or
  - failed to satisfy the examiners in any of the failed courses in their second attempt or in any of the failed substitute elective courses in 12 credits or more of core and electives courses excluding Urban Design Studio or Research Dissertation and Urban Design & Transport Thesis Project; or
  - failed to satisfy the examiners in their second attempt in any of the work prescribed in the Urban Design Studio or Research Dissertation and Urban Design & Transport Thesis Project; or
  - failed to satisfy all requirements for the award of the degree within three academic years from the commencement of studies.
- (g) Candidates who are unable because of their illness to be present at the written examination of any course may apply for permission to present themselves for a supplementary examination of the same course, which shall be held at a time to be determined by the Board of Examiners. Any such application shall be made on the form prescribed within two weeks of the first day of the candidate's absence from any examination. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in the supplementary examination shall be required to repeat the failed course.

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### MUDT8 Grading System

Individual courses shall be graded according to the following grading system

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

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### MUDT9 Assessment Results

Upon 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.

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### **MUDT10 Advanced Standing**

- (a) Advanced standing shall be granted to candidates who have successfully completed a cognate Master's degree of this University or another qualification of equivalent standard accepted for this purpose.
- (b) Candidates may upon application be granted advanced standing from core course except for the studios and capstone experience, on the basis of their previous studies.
- (c) Advanced standing of up to 24 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.
- (d) Applications for advanced standing shall normally be made at the same time of application for admission to the Master of Science in Urban Design and Transport curriculum and should be accompanied by copies of academic transcripts to support the application.

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