

**(TO BE APPLICABLE TO ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED FOR 2014-15 ACADEMIC YEAR AND THEREAFTER)**

**REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN URBAN PLANNING  
(MSc[UrbanPlanning])**

*(See also General Regulations)*

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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**Ar25 Admission requirements**

To be eligible for admission to the courses leading to the degree of Master of Science in Urban Planning, a candidate

- (a) shall comply with the General Regulations;
  - (b) shall hold
    - (i) a Bachelor's degree with honours of this University; or
    - (ii) another qualification of equivalent standard from this University or from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
  - (c) satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.
  - (d) A candidate who does not hold a Bachelor's degree with honours of this University or another qualification of equivalent standard may in exceptional circumstances be permitted to register if he demonstrates adequate preparation for studies at this level and satisfies the examiners in a qualifying examination.
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**Ar26 Qualifying examination**

- (a) A qualifying examination may be set to test the candidate's formal academic ability or his 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) A candidate who is required to satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination shall not be permitted to register until he has satisfied the examiners in the examination.
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**Ar27 Award of degree**

To be eligible for the award of the degree of Master of Science in Urban Planning, a candidate

- (a) shall comply with the General Regulations; and
  - (b) shall complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.
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**Ar28 Length of curriculum**

- (a) The curriculum shall extend over not less than two academic years of full-time study, or three academic years of part-time study, with a minimum of 300 hours of prescribed work.
- (b) A candidate who is being granted advanced standing according to Ar35 shall complete the programme in not more than three years' time.

**Ar29 Completion of curriculum**

To complete the curriculum, a candidate

- (a) shall follow courses of instruction and complete satisfactorily all written work and practical work as prescribed in the syllabuses;
  - (b) shall satisfy the examiners in all prescribed courses and studios and in any prescribed form of assessment;
  - (c) shall complete and present a satisfactory dissertation as prescribed in the syllabuses.
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**Ar30 Dissertation**

The title of the dissertation shall be submitted for approval by 15 November in the final year of study. The dissertation shall not exceed 15,000 words in length and must be presented in the candidate's final year of study on a date to be specified by the Head of the Department of Urban Planning and Design. The candidate shall submit a statement that the dissertation represents his own work undertaken after registration as a candidate for the degree. The examiners may also prescribe an oral examination on the subject of the dissertation.

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**Ar31 Examinations**

A full-time candidate

- (a) who has failed to satisfy the examiners in not more than half the number of course modules followed in the first academic year of study may be permitted to present himself for re-examination in the course module or modules of failure at a specified subsequent date;
- (b) who has failed to satisfy the examiners in any of the course modules followed in the second academic year of study, and has presented a satisfactory dissertation and studio reports, may be permitted to present himself for re-examination in the course module or modules of failure at a specified subsequent date;
- (c) who has satisfied the examiners in all the course modules but has presented an unsatisfactory studio report may be permitted to revise the studio report and re-present it by a specified subsequent date;
- (d) who has satisfied the examiners in all the course modules and has presented satisfactory studio reports but has presented an unsatisfactory dissertation may be permitted to revise the dissertation and re-present it by a specified subsequent date.

A part-time candidate

- (e) who has failed to satisfy the examiners in not more than half the number of course modules followed during the first or second year of study, or in a course module taken in the third year of study, may be permitted to present himself for re-examination in the course module or modules of failure at a specified subsequent date;
  - (f) who has satisfied the examiners in all the course modules but has presented an unsatisfactory studio report may be permitted to revise the studio report and re-present it by a specified subsequent date;
  - (g) who has satisfied the examiners in all the course modules and has presented satisfactory studio reports but has presented an unsatisfactory dissertation may be permitted to revise the dissertation and re-present it by a specified subsequent date.
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**Ar32** A candidate who is unable because of illness to be present for any paper or papers of the written examinations held in the first academic year of study if he is full-time, or in the first or second academic year of study if he is part-time, may apply for permission to present himself at a

supplementary examination in the paper or papers to be held before the beginning of the following academic year. Any such application shall be made in writing within two weeks of the first day of the candidate's absence from any examination.

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**Ar33**

- (a) A candidate who is not permitted to present himself for re-examination in any course module or modules in which he has failed to satisfy the examiners or to revise and re-present his studio report or dissertation shall be deemed to have failed and shall be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12.
  - (b) A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in a second attempt in any course module or modules or in his studio report or dissertation may be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12.
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**Ar34 Examination results**

At the conclusion of the examination, a pass list of candidates awarded the Master of Science (Urban Planning) degree shall be published. A candidate who has shown exceptional merit may be awarded a mark of distinction, and this mark shall be recorded on the candidate's degree diploma.

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**Ar35 Advanced standing**

- (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 one core course, three elective courses, and one planning studio 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, and
- (c) Applications for advanced standing shall normally be made at the same time of application for admissions to the Master of Science (Urban Planning) programme, and should be accompanied by copies of academic transcripts to support the application.