Urban Studies Programme
An Interdisciplinary Programme to Train Future Urban Leaders
Jointly organised by Department of Geography and Resource Management and School of Architecture
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The Urban Studies Programme is a four-year undergraduate multidisciplinary programme that leads to a Bachelor of Social Science degree. It is designed for students who have an interest in exploring the complexities and challenges of the rapidly evolving urban world, the global urbanization processes and the various strands of urbanism. The interdisciplinary Programme enables students to inquire broadly and deeply into the nature and dynamics of cities through the theoretical perspectives of different schools of thoughts, the rigorous application of skills and techniques for urban analysis, and the contextual learning of the world's best practices in sustainable urban development, planning and design.

The Programme aims to develop students’ awareness and understanding of how their own urban experiences are shaped by broader historical, cultural, environmental, socio-political and economic forces at different geographical scales. The Programme will prepare students for a wide range of careers and will equip them with a uniquely multi-disciplinary perspective in investigating and understanding urban issues and developing sustainable solutions to developmental challenges found in Hong Kong, the Pearl River Delta region and beyond.

Programme Objectives

The Urban Studies programme is jointly organised by the Department of Geography and Resource Management and the School of Architecture, with strong inputs of urban studies related courses offered by various departments in the Faculties of Social Science and Arts. The curriculum is designed to achieve the following objectives:

- To help students understand major challenges of global urbanization processes;
- To teach students to appreciate the existing environments of urban space and places to understand the contested processes of social interaction;
- To equip students with a solid knowledge foundation in frontier urban research and development;
- To provide students with exceptional insights in urban history, cultural roots, and metropolitan perspectives in Hong Kong and mainland China;
- To equip students with the understanding of the relationships between the socio-economic context and physical fabric of urban conditions and develop basic skills in urban and environmental planning and design, together with urban policy making and governance;
- To train students as future leaders in the urban world with cutting-edge knowledge on related issues; and
- To prepare students for work in a wide range of fields as diverse as urban design and planning, environmental protection and management, property development, public policy and social enterprise domains.
Programme Highlights

- Foundation courses on urban studies, urban economics, sustainability, design and place-making and comparative studies of cities.
- Local and overseas field trips to understand urban development, governance, policies, planning and design in Hong Kong, China and overseas countries.
- Develop an area of specialization for a career or further studies in the urban field.
- Completion of a capstone thesis or project on the chosen area of specialization.

Areas of Concentration

To better prepare students for work or further studies, students will choose an area of concentration out of three specialized areas of urban studies:

- Urban Planning and Design
- Urban Environment
- Urban Policy and Governance

Students are required to complete five concentration courses including two core courses and at least three elective courses, chosen in consultation with the Academic Advisor.

Admission Requirements

The Programme is designed as a 4-year curriculum and students can apply through the following channels:

**JUPAS (4-year Curriculum) — JUPAS Code: JS4838**

Applicants are required to fulfill the minimum University requirements. They shall have obtained in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination:

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**Non-JUPAS (Local and International Applicants)**

Applicants who possess a qualification that qualifies them for university admission in the country/region where such qualification is obtained may apply admission to the Programme. Applicants shall also have attained an acceptable level of language proficiency.

For details, please contact the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/adm.

Graduation Prospect

Graduates can pursue careers in the field of urban planning and design, environmental protection, public administration, housing and real estate, education, economic development and community development. They can also pursue graduate studies in city and regional planning, geography, public administration, urban design, environmental management etc.

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# Programme Structure and Unit Requirements

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**II Major Unit Requirements 主修課程要求** | 65 |
| 1 Faculty Package 學院課程 | 9 |
| 2 Required Courses 必修科目 | 26 |

(a) **Foundation Courses 基礎課程**

- Introduction to Urban Studies 城市研究導論
- Urban Sustainability 城市可持續發展
- Urban Economics 城市經濟學
- Urban Design and Place Making 城市設計及地方營造
- Studies of Cities in Comparative Perspective 城市比較研究

(b) **Methodology 方法學**

- Research Design and Methodology 研究設計與方法

(c) **Field Studies 實地考察**

- Field Studies I / II 實地考察 (一) / (二)

(d) **Capstone Courses 終結性科目**

- Urban Studies Capstone Thesis I / II or 城市研究畢業論文 (一) / (二)
- Urban Studies Capstone Project I / II 城市研究畢業報告 (一) / (二)

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(a) **Concentration Courses 專修範圍**

- Concentration Courses (choose one concentration) 15
  - Urban Planning and Design
  - Urban Environment
  - Urban Policy and Governance

專修範圍 (選擇一項)
  - 城市規劃及設計
  - 城市環境
  - 城市政策及管治

(b) **Free Major Elective Courses 主修選修科目**

| 15 |

**III Free Electives 其他選修科目** | 19 |

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入學要求

城市研究是四年制學士學位課程，學生可以循以下途徑申請入學：

聯招（四年制課程）－聯招編號：JS4838
申請人須於香港中學文憑考試獲取以下等級成績，以符合大學最低入學要求：

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非聯招（本地及國際生）

持有其他學歷的申請人，如所持資歷符合入讀當地大學的資格亦可申請。申請人亦需具備一定程度的語文能力。


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課程特色

- 基礎課程包括城市研究、城市經濟學、可持續發展、設計及場所營造及城市比較研究
- 在本地及海外進行實地考察，了解城市發展、管治、政策、計劃及設計
- 在個別專修範圍發展專長，以具備在城市研究範疇繼續升學或就業
- 與專修範圍有關的畢業論文或報告

專修範圍

為繼續深造或就業作更佳的準備，學生可以在三個專修範圍內選擇其一：
- 城市規劃及設計
- 城市環境
- 城市政策及管治

同學需向導師諮詢並需完成五科專修範圍的科目，包括兩科核心科目及最少三科選修科目。

畢業前景

畢業生可以在城市規劃及設計、環境保護、公共行政、房屋及地產、教育、經濟發展及社區發展等不同方面發展事業，而他們亦可以在城市與區域規劃、地理、公共行政、城市設計、環境管理等方面繼續深造。
課程目的

本課程由地理與資源管理學系及建築學院合辦，而社會科學院及文學院內不同學系則提供相關科目以供選讀。課程設計達以下目的：

- 協助同學理解全球城市化過程的主要挑戰；
- 教導學生認識都市空間的現有環境及瞭解社會互動的競爭過程；
- 以最新的城市研究及發展的知識裝備學生，務求打好本科穩固的基礎；
- 為同學提供別有見地的角度來了解香港和中國的城市發展歷史、文化的根源、及都市各方面的變化；
- 裝備同學明瞭社會經濟發展及都市建設環境之間的關係，好讓他們掌握城市及環境規劃與設計和城市政策的制訂與管治等基本技巧；
- 在相關城市議題上，為學生提供最新的知識，以培訓學生成為城市世界未來的領袖；
- 預備同學在不同行業工作，諸如城市設計及規劃、環境保護及管理、物業發展、公共政策及社會企業範疇。

培育未來城市領袖的跨學科課程

城市研究課程是一門四年制跨學科社會科學學士課程，適合對有興趣探討一日千里的全球城市化過程及認識各種城市生活形態的複雜性和所衍生的挑戰的學生修讀。這門跨學科課程讓同學透過探討不同學術派別的理論、運用城市分析的方法和技巧，及認識都市可持續發展、規劃與設計的最佳範例，廣闊而深入地探究城市的性質及互動性。

本課程旨在培養學生明白及意識到不同地理尺度的歷史、文化、環境、社會政治及經濟力量如何塑造他們的城市經驗；課程並會裝備學生投身不同行業，並培育他們能以獨特和跨領域的角度去探索及理解都市議題，以及為香港、珠三角區以及其他地區理出可持續發展的方案。