INTRODUCTION

The Master of Housing Management (MHoM) programme offered by the Department of Urban Planning and Design (UPD) is the first Master of Housing Management programme established in Hong Kong and is run and taught by a committed group of full-time academic, research and teaching staff, as well as practitioners. This programme is designed not only to upgrade the training and skills of practising housing professionals but also to provide intellectual and professional training to those wishing to specialise in the housing area at postgraduate level. In addition to standard coursework, special workshop courses on communication and research skills and research methods respectively are offered. All students will work with an academic supervisor to complete a dissertation, a highly valued educational tool that allows students to cultivate their intellectual capacity and develop deeper insights into their work.

The Department of Urban Planning and Design in the Faculty of Architecture is an excellent place to develop housing management studies for several reasons. Optional courses related to urban and management issues are offered; there are frequent academic lectures and research seminars by local and international experts on housing and related topics, and students gain access to experts in a variety of fields related to housing management. Additionally, it is the home base of the Asia Pacific Network for Housing Research (APNet), a researchers’ association committed to the study of housing issues in the Asia Pacific, organizing academic conferences on related topics.

The MHoM programme has two streams, the Academic Stream and the Professional Stream, both offered in a 2-year part-time mode of study. They are differentiated by the amount of coursework required and professional accreditation received.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

The MHoM is recognized by the Chartered Institute of Housing and the Hong Kong Institute of Housing. Graduates of this stream are therefore eligible to apply for Corporate Membership of both institutions after fulfilling the Practical Experience Requirement (PER).

ADMISSIONS

To be eligible for admission, applicants:
(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 from this University, or
(ii) a qualification of equivalent standard from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose; and
(c) satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.

Candidates seeking admission to the MHoM shall indicate their choice of stream for consideration. Once admitted to a stream candidates are not allowed to transfer to another except with approval.

Qualifications which are accepted include:
(a) a Professional Diploma in Housing Management awarded by the HKI School of Professional and Continuing Education and possession of at least five years’ work experience in the housing field; or
(b) full membership of the Hong Kong Institute of Housing (MHIH) and possession of at least five years’ work experience in the housing field (at least two out of which must be post-qualification); or
(c) full membership of the Chartered Institute of Housing (MCIH) and possession of at least five years’ work experience in the housing field (at least two of which must be post-qualification).

Candidates who hold these qualifications, if selected, shall not be offered admission unless they have satisfied the examiners in a qualifying examination to test their academic ability to follow the course of study prescribed. The qualifying examination shall consist of one or more written papers and shall be set prior to the final selection of candidates for admission and the curricula.

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COURSE STRUCTURE
Courses for the different streams of study are listed below. All courses are organized in the evenings (7:00 – 9:00pm) except for Workshop on Communication Skills and Foundation Course on Research Methods, which will be conducted in the evenings and weekends.

COMPULSORY COURSES

PROFESSIONAL STREAM
YEAR 1
- Housing, Planning and Sustainability (6 credits)
- International Housing Policies and Practices (6 credits)
- Housing Economics (6 credits)
- Practices of Housing Management and Maintenance (6 credits)
- Housing Management Law and Land Law (6 credits)
- Principles of Law (6 credits)

YEAR 2
- Organizational and Financial Management (6 credits)
- Building Services (6 credits)
- Dissertation (24 credits)
- Optional Course (6 credits)

A Foundation Course on Research Methods offered during Year 1. Professional Stream students will take a Workshop on Communication Skills.

ACADEMIC STREAM
YEAR 1
- Housing, Planning and Sustainability (6 credits)
- International Housing Policies and Practices (6 credits)
- Housing Economics (6 credits)
- Optional Course (6 credits)

YEAR 2
- Transitional Cities: Urban and Spatial Development (6 credits)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (6 credits)
- Policy and Asset Management (6 credits)
- Planning Practice, Law and Ethics in Hong Kong (6 credits)
- Globalization and Urban and Regional Development in China (6 credits)

For further details of the programmes and course syllabuses, please visit: www.arch.hku.hk/programmes/spgd/master-of-housing-management/admissions/

OPTIONAL COURSES

PROFESSIONAL STREAM
YEAR 1
- Transitional Cities: Urban and Spatial Development (6 credits)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (6 credits)
- Policy and Asset Management (6 credits)
- Planning Practice, Law and Ethics in Hong Kong (6 credits)
- Globalization and Urban and Regional Development in China (6 credits)

YEAR 2
- Practices of Housing Management and Maintenance (only offered to Year 1 students)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (6 credits)
- Facility and Asset Management (6 credits)
- Planning Practice, Law and Ethics in Hong Kong (6 credits)
- Globalization and Urban and Regional Development in China (6 credits)

ACADEMIC STREAM
YEAR 1 & 2
- Practices of Housing Management and Maintenance (only offered to Year 1 students)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (6 credits)
- Facility and Asset Management (6 credits)
- Planning Practice, Law and Ethics in Hong Kong (6 credits)
- Globalization and Urban and Regional Development in China (6 credits)

COURSE FEES
The composition fee for the 2-year part-time programme for the 2019-2020 intake is HK$9,940 per annum for Professional Stream and HK$7,030 per annum for Academic Stream. The fee for 2019-2020 is subject to final approval. The fee will be paid in 4 installments at the end of each semester according to the University schedule.

The composition fee only covers tuition fees for courses on offer and student’s usage of University facilities, such as health clinics, sports centre and library facilities. It does not include fees such as costs for field trips, printing, binding, stationery, and books.

ASSESSMENT
All courses will be examine through written examinations or coursework assessment or a combination of both. Written examinations take place in December/January and April/May. In addition to satisfying the examiners in prescribed courses and in any prescribed form of assessment, candidates are also required to complete and present a satisfactory dissertation.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT (PER)
Although the Practical Experience Requirement (PER) is not a formal component of the Master’s degree programme, students of the Professional Stream are expected to work on the requirements alongside academic study. It is hoped that students would fulfill all the requirements by the time they successfully complete the Master’s degree programme, so that graduates are immediately qualified to apply for corporate membership of the two housing institutes.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES
Applications have to be made online at the University’s website: www.aal.hku.hk/pbg/programme/master-housing-management no later than 31 December 2018.

Results of the admissions will be announced in April/May 2019 and the commencement date is September 2019.