The programme of the school as a whole provides a unifying and supporting context where everyone is a student, everyone is engaged in cooperative learning, teaching, and research; academic regulations and administrative positions exist to accommodate the essential purpose of the university: learning and the advancement of knowledge and culture.

As a student you are a member of a community of students and your work and study is a contribution that can lead and be supported by the efforts of others. The arrangement of studios allows the students to cooperate and work closely with students of all other levels as well as teachers and internal and external advisors in design and particular aspects of architectural studies.

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The Master of Architecture is a two-year programme leading to a professional degree in architecture. It comprises two terms of architectural design studios followed by two terms of independent design and supplementary studies as a thesis.

**Admission requirements:**

1. **Statement of purpose**
   - Explanation of your reasons for applying

2. **Portfolios**
   - a) of previous school work
     - Evidence of your design abilities
   - b) of independent work
     - Expression of your professional interest

3. **Supporting material**
   - a) Record of practical experience
     - Evidence that the requirements have been fulfilled
   - b) References
     - Evaluation form by employer
     - (preferably direct supervisor)
     - Two confidential recommendation forms (download from the website of Graduate School)
   - c) Other documents
     - As required by the University

**Notes**

More detailed information on the supporting documents required by the University can be found at the Graduate School web-site: http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/gss/

Department forms can be downloaded from the following web-address:
http://wwwarch.cuhk.edu.hk/downloads/M2706-forms.pdf

All submissions except the portfolios should be in A4 format.

The portfolio of independent work should illustrate independent studies and your own work from practical experience and should be accompanied by a commentary of not more than 1500 words.

All application materials should be submitted directly to the Department of Architecture not later than 28 February 2006. The evaluation and recommendation letters are confidential and should be sent directly by the referees. The application form can also be filled out and submitted online at the Graduate School web-site.

**Practical Experience**

The minimum period of practical experience is nine months and should be gained after the completion of an undergraduate architectural degree.

Of this, five consecutive months should be as a full-time employee in one architectural office, either in Hong Kong or abroad. The remaining four months can consist of equivalent experience. Equivalent experience is work in other areas of the construction industry, research or study in related fields, or community development projects.

For each instance of practical experience, applicants should provide evidence from the employer stating the start and end dates of employment, the position, and that it was full-time.

It is advisable to consult in advance with CUHK faculty responsible for admissions and practical training on questions of acceptable equivalent experience. Conditional offers will be given to applicants who have fulfilled all requirements except those for practical experience by the time of the application. An applicant with a conditional offer is required to submit the evidence for fulfilling practical experience by 15 July 2006.

Below is a proposed new clause pending the approval of Graduate School:

1. Applicants with a 5-year professional undergraduate degree in Architecture recognized by country where the school is located, can be waived of the requirement for practical training.

2. Applicants with a 4-year undergraduate degree in Architecture recognized by country where the school is located, can fulfill the requirement for practical training with 9 months of cumulative relevant full-time working experience gained during or after their previous degree programme.