

Study Scheme

Postgraduate Student Handbook 2026-27 (ARC-IV)

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

Architecture

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Master of Science Programme in Urban Design (Full-time)

Applicable to students admitted in 2026-27 and thereafter

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URBD5710, URBD5720, URBD6701

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(ii) **Elective courses**

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ARCH5731; LARC5231, 5232; URB5731, 5732, 5733, 5734, 5735 (Note 1) **9 units**

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Course List

<u>Code</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Unit</u>
ARCH5721	Urban History and Theory	3
ARCH5731	Advanced Topical Studies in Urbanism (applicable to students admitted in 2026-27 and thereafter); Topical Studies in Urbanism (applicable to students admitted in 2025-26 and before)	3
LARC5231	Advanced topics in Landscape Architecture	3
LARC5232	Topical Studies in Rural Revitalisation	3
URBD5702	Environmental and Urban Economics	3
URBD5703	Urban History and Theory	3
URBD5704	Research Methods in Urban Design	3
URBD5710	Urban Design Studio I	6
URBD5720	Urban Design Studio II	6
URBD5731	Topical Studies in Urban Design 1 - Urban Processes	3
URBD5732	Topical Studies in Urban Design 2 - Urban Transport Networks	3
URBD5733	Topical Studies in Urban Design 3 - Urban Management	3
URBD5734	Topical Studies in Urban Design 4 - International Workshop	3
URBD5735	Environmental Design for Liveable and Healthy Cities	3
URBD6701	Urban Design Thesis	6

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Learning Outcomes
Master of Science Programme in Urban Design Expected learning outcomes for graduates are:

- to become urban thinkers engaging in theoretical and practical debate at the forefront of the field of urban design;
- to appreciate the impact of social, economic, environmental and political context of cities;
- to evaluate the distinctive contribution potentially rendered by urban design to the making of place and the mediation of space.
- to demonstrate mature understanding of the relationship within a multidisciplinary context of the particular role of urban design to other specialist areas of expertise.
- to appreciate the importance of public engagement processes and develop skills in moderating such processes.
- to develop innovative design solutions in response to existing conditions and challenges.
- to explore the potential of new digital technologies.
- to develop skills that might reasonably be expected of a graduate from urban design undertaking the practice experience period required for full membership of the HKIUD.