REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
(MLA)

These regulations will apply to candidates admitted in the 2013-14 academic year and thereafter.
(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.

Admission requirements to the Degree of Master of Landscape Architecture

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(a) shall comply with the General Regulations; and
(b) shall possess a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Landscape Studies or a degree with honours of this University; or another equivalent qualification from a comparable institution; and
(c) shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.

Qualifying examination

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(a) A qualifying examination may be set to test the candidate's formal academic ability or his ability to follow the prescribed courses. It may 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.

Period of study

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The curriculum shall extend over two academic years of full-time study. Candidates shall not be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of three academic years.

Curriculum requirements

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To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall

(a) enrol for courses of a total of 108 credits (the normal load per semester being 27 credits);
(b) follow instruction in the courses prescribed, and complete satisfactorily all coursework set either as assessment tasks or practical work to be undertaken as an integral part of the MLA curriculum;
(c) satisfy the examiners in all assessment tasks; and

(d) a candidate may, subject to approval by the Programme Director/Head of the Department, take other course(s) in the Faculty of Architecture to fulfil the elective course requirements.

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Assessment
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A candidate must pass in all core courses, and five elective courses.

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Failure in Assessment
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The following clauses apply to candidates of all years:

(a) Candidates who have passed in Landscape Planning and Design in any semester;
   (i) but who fail at the first attempt in not more than one other core course in that semester may be permitted to present themselves for re-assessment in the same course before the commencement of the next academic year. Those who fail at the second attempt shall be permitted to proceed to the subsequent semester of the curriculum and to present themselves for re-assessment in the same course only once more in the following academic year.
   (ii) but failed in more than one other core courses in any semester at the first attempt shall not be permitted to proceed to the subsequent semester and shall be required to repeat all or part of that year’s curriculum and to present themselves for re-assessment in the following academic year. If they fail again at the second attempt, they may be permitted to present themselves for re-assessment only once more before the commencement of the following academic year.

(b) Candidates who have failed Landscape Planning and Design in any semester shall not be permitted to continue to the next semester, and must repeat the course.

(c) Candidates who have failed in one or more electives in their first attempt may be required to enrol in the same or an alternate elective in the following year. Candidates failing in elective courses will not normally be offered an opportunity for re-assessment without re-enrolment in the same or an alternate elective

(d) Candidates who have failed in any core course at the third attempt shall be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulations G 12.

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Award of Degree
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The degree of Master of Landscape Architecture may be awarded with Distinction, at the discretion of the Board of Examiners.