HKU GEOGRAPHY

1. The oldest Geography Department in Hong Kong
2. Highly qualified and experienced faculty members from around the world
3. Experienced visiting and part-time teachers with specialized expertise
4. Contemporary and well-designed curricula in geographical knowledge, training and transferable skills
5. HKU Geography’s programmes regularly undergo rigorous reviews to ensure that they are of the highest standard and on par with similar top programmes overseas
6. Research (MPhil and PhD) and taught postgraduate (MA in Transport Policy and Planning & MA in China Development Studies) programmes
7. Diverse career opportunities after graduation

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A LEADING & DYNAMIC RESEARCH TEAM

Faculty members of HKU Geography have obtained major research grants over the years to support excellent research outputs. Some of these renowned funding agencies and schemes include:

- British Council
- Collaborative Research Fund
- Early Career Scheme
- Environment and Conservation Fund
- European Commission
- European Space Agency
- General Research Fund
- Health and Medical Research Fund
- Health Care and Promotion Scheme
- Italian Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Science and Technology of China
- National Key Research and Development Program
- National Natural Science Foundation of China
- Public Policy Research

Our Facilities

HKU Geography has a wide range of laboratory facilities, equipment and other support for high-quality teaching and research work:

- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Laboratory
- Geomorphology & Hydrology Laboratory
- Map Library
- Soils & Biogeography Laboratory
- Urban & Transport Research Laboratory

Undergraduate Programme

Geography Major

The programme aims to provide students with an understanding of the relationships between people and the environment, how these relationships have changed with space and over time, and the role of geography in the investigation and analysis of the issues and problems facing people, places and society.


Urban Governance Major


Overseas Field Trip

All Geography and Urban Governance Major students must enrol in a compulsory capstone experience to reinforce and develop both their geography-specific and general skills. The 2-week overseas field trip provides numerous possibilities for experiential learning and challenges students by exposing them to different environments. It gives them a chance to apply knowledge gained in the classroom and encourages the development of tacit, intuitive knowledge. Previous destinations include Australia, China, Italy, the UK and the USA.

Taught Postgraduate Programmes

MA in China Development Studies

- Since 2001
- The programme provides an opportunity to local and international students for systematic training and independent research on development issues in contemporary China
- More information: https://www.machds.hku.hk

MA in Transport Policy and Planning

- Since 1997
- Co-organized by the Department of Geography, Department of Urban Planning and Design, and Department of Civil Engineering, HKU
- The programme aims to provide the expanding transport sector with a steady supply of well-trained professionals at the executive level and provide training for graduates aspiring to pursue careers in the transport field
- More information: https://www.matpp.hku.hk

Research Postgraduate Programmes

MPhil and PhD

The Department runs research postgraduate programmes leading to MPhil and PhD for local, Mainland China and overseas graduates with a view to advancing knowledge and skills in solving real-world problems.

https://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch