

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 vigorous 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

OUR PROFESSORIAL STAFF



RESEARCH THEMATIC GROUPS

- China**
China's rapid development over the last 40 years has had a number of significant impacts on the growth and spatial distribution of the global economy. A constant renewal of our understanding of China allows us to track and trace the many socio-economic structural shifts that occur. Hong Kong's unique geographical position within the Greater China region provides us with privileged access to the mainland and allows the department to create complementary research opportunities for contemporary China studies.
- Environment**
Climate, hydrology, biogeography, and ecosystems in the natural environment are the primary foci in this thematic group. Through research such as tree-ring studies, air quality modelling, remote sensing of environmental issues, water quality and resource management fieldwork, and urban green infrastructure strategies for green cities, faculty members use their expertise to better understand abnormal climatic patterns, as well as to develop effective adaptations and mitigation measurements to preserve our fragile ecosystem and attain environmental sustainability for future generations.
- Urban & Transport**
Rapid urbanization has resulted in a massive shift socio-economically, culturally, and politically in urban transport planning and development in cities. With Hong Kong being a globally-recognized transport gateway to China and the world, on-going exploration is essential when examining and drawing on public discussions and policy recommendations to improve transport planning and design, mobility, resilience, and safety in the development of smart cities.

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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.
<https://www.geog.hku.hk/disciplinary-major-minor-in-geog>

Urban Governance Major

<https://www.geog.hku.hk/second-major-minor-in-urban-gov>

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.



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



PROGRAMMES AT HKU GEOGRAPHY

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>