Examples of Previous Topics of Dissertation and Independent Project

Dissertation

Topic: A comparison of the educational roles of primary and secondary public school teacher-librarians in Shenzhen and Hong Kong
By Shu CHANG, Graduate

Writing a dissertation is the best way to learn how to conduct research. It will also benefit you by cultivating your critical thinking, improving your writing and enhancing your time management ability.

Topic: We Need Therefore We Seek: Information Behavior of Lesbians in Hong Kong
By Sam WANG, Primary Librarian of an International Baccalaureate (IB) world school in HK

The dissertation journey has equipped me with independent and in-depth research and writing skills, which was challenging and rewarding. I would like to take this chance to thank my supervisor, Peter Warriner, for his great help.

Topic: Evaluating the usability of the University of Hong Kong Libraries (HKUL) mobile website
By Shu CHANG, Graduate

The MSc(LIM) programme provided professional training and assisted me to successfully shift my career development from a web producer in local media to an instructional designer in the global corporate training sector.

Independent Project

Topic: Mobile Digital Devices’ Influence on HKU Students’ Magazine-Reading Habits
By Alex WANG, Graduate

The independent project of MSc(LIM) is a small-scale piece of research that can be completed within one term. You can actually choose a relevant topic that fits well with your own interests, academic background, as well as future development.

Topic: Mobile Digital Devices’ Influence on HKU Students’ Magazine-Reading Habits
By Reese FUNG, Graduate

By Reese FUNG, Graduate

“The independent project of MSc(LIM) is a small-scale piece of research that can be completed within one term. You can actually choose a relevant topic that fits well with your own interests, academic background, as well as future development.”

Topic: The MSc(LIM) programme in HKU gives me the opportunity to shift my field from sociology to library science. I find it conceptual and practical areas which bring us closer to the real-life activities. The lectures emphasise theoretical, conceptual and practical areas which bring us closer to the real-life activities.
By Fred CHAN, Research and Data Services Librarian of a university library in HK

“I had a great time in this programme. First of all, I learned systematic knowledge of librarianship. Secondly, the instructors in this programme were professional and conscientious. In the end, I was lucky to enter the field of librarianship, becoming a librarian in an interior design company.”

Students’ Perspectives

Andy CHOI, IT Officer of a university library in HK

No, I am a graduate in Computer Science and now working in a library as an IT officer. I want to know more about the library in terms of resource management and organisational dimensions. The MSc(LIM) programme provides this kind of knowledge to me which can benefit my work. Besides, the programme structure is flexible and most of the courses make use of online materials. This allows me to have a good work-life balance and flexibility of arrangement of time.

Charlotte FUNG, Research Analyst of a European bank in HK

The MSc(LIM) programme not only offers specialised knowledge in the field, it also nurtures two important qualities: common sense and a proactive learning attitude. It is generally believed that common sense is innate but my experience suggested that this can be developed through extensive learning and exploration, as long as one has the curiosity (regardless of your background). Lucky to be in the MSc(LIM) programme, I am experienced guides and good motivators, who inspire students to dig deeper into the subjects in the future.

Fred CHAN, Research and Data Services Librarian of a university library in HK

“The MSc(LIM) programme in HKU gives me the opportunity to shift my field from sociology to library science. I find it conceptual and practical areas which bring us closer to the real-life activities. The lectures emphasise theoretical, conceptual and practical areas which bring us closer to the real-life activities.”

Students’ Perspectives

Chris, Project Manager of a non-profit making organisation in HK

“The modules are well designed to equip students, the future information professionals, for the challenges ahead.”

Rebecca TAM, Assistant Information Services Librarian of a university library in HK

“There are increasing numbers of library support staff taking this programme to prepare themselves for a professional position. The programme definitely helped me to enhance my career. In addition, I was deeply impressed by the professionalism of experienced teachers, the interactive learning environment and enormous library collections, which facilitated my study to a very large extent.”

Connie CHU, Instructional Designer of an e-learning consultancy company in HK

“I had a great time in this programme. First of all, I learned systematic knowledge of librarianship. Secondly, the instructors in this programme were professional and conscientious. In the end, I was lucky to enter the field of librarianship, becoming a librarian in an interior design company.”

Leonie TANG, Research Associate (Collection Management) at a museum in HK

“The MSc(LIM) programme is carefully and thoughtfully designed to provide a comprehensive foundation for professional careers in libraries and information management. The lectures emphasise theoretical, conceptual and practical areas which bring us closer to the real-life activities. The lectures emphasise theoretical, conceptual and practical areas which bring us closer to the real-life activities.”

Charlotte FUNG, Research Analyst of a European bank in HK

“The MSc(LIM) programme provided professional training and assisted me to successfully shift my career development from a web producer in local media to an instructional designer in the global corporate training sector.”

Danni FENG, Librarian of an interior design company in HK

“The MSc(LIM) programme is carefully and thoughtfully designed to provide a comprehensive foundation for professional careers in libraries and information management. The lectures emphasise theoretical, conceptual and practical areas which bring us closer to the real-life activities. The lectures emphasise theoretical, conceptual and practical areas which bring us closer to the real-life activities.”

Connie CHU, Instructional Designer of an e-learning consultancy company in HK

“I had a great time in this programme. First of all, I learned systematic knowledge of librarianship. Secondly, the instructors in this programme were professional and conscientious. In the end, I was lucky to enter the field of librarianship, becoming a librarian in an interior design company.”

Author: Master of Science in Library and Information Management
Module 1：Information Management

- Information resources and services
- Literature for young people in a digital age
- Digital libraries: principles and applications
- Digital literacy
- Preservation of information
- Collection management
- Organising information
- Information retrieval theory and practice
- Information behaviour
- Knowledge licences
- Digital literacies
- Internship in library and information management
- Project management

Module 2：Knowledge Management

- Knowledge management
- E-learning strategies and management
- Organisational learning
- Knowledge communities
- Internship in library and information management
- Management information systems
- Project management

Module 3：Core

- Methods of research and enquiry
- Leading and managing in the workplace
- Library and information science foundation

Module 4：Archives and Records Management

- Records management
- Preservation of information
- Internship in library and information management
- Archival principles and practices
- Administrative and legal issues in archives and records management
- Project management

Module 5：Data Science

- Data science and learning analytics
- Data curation
- System analysis and development models and methods

Students study a total of 10 modules including either an independent project or a dissertation which leads to a specialist strand in a specific area of study. The dissertation option provides students an independent study module to complete research projects highly relevant and applicable to their learning and work environment.

Admissions Requirements

To be eligible for admission to the programme, a candidate shall satisfy both the University Admissions Requirements and the Programme Specific Requirements as listed below:

1. shall comply with the General Regulations (http://www.handbook.hku.hk/tgp/2016/appendices/Appendix_A.html) and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula (http://www.handbook.hku.hk/tgp/2016/appendices/Appendix_B.html);
2. shall hold a Bachelor’s degree of this University or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
3. for a candidate who is seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching another examination is not English, shall satisfy the University English language requirement applicable to higher degrees as prescribed under General Regulation G2(b);
4. satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination, if required.

How to Apply?

Applicants may apply online at: http://www.aal.hku.hk/tgp

Application Deadline

12:00 noon, February 6, 2017 (Monday)

Enquiries

- http://web.edu.hku.hk/programme/mlim
- mlim@hku.hk                (+852) 2241 5856

MLIM@HPU

The Programme is professionally accredited by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP), UK.

Information Management is a multi-disciplinary field of study which combines social and behavioural sciences, ICT (information and communications technology), organisational behaviour and library sciences, as well as leadership and project management.

Our graduates will acquire this multi-disciplinary knowledge and understand its applications in a wide variety of careers such as government, finance, library management and many others.

HKU, a world-class university, is a major regional and international centre for research. Its library system has more than two million volumes with highly sophisticated electronic services and extensive databases for student use.

Students come from all backgrounds and occupations. Some of these include education, publishing, information technology, corporate training, research, librarianship, business and management.

Mode of Study

The curriculum normally extends over one academic year of full-time study or two, but no more than four consecutive parts of part-time study. Classes are usually held in weekday evenings or on Saturday mornings and afternoons. There are also day-time classes on weekdays for full-time students.