Examples of Previous Topics of Dissertations and Independent Projects

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Topic: We Need Therefore We Seek: Information Behavior of Lesbians in Hong Kong
By Alex WANG, Primary Librarian of an IB world school in HK

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

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Students’ Perspectives

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Programme Structure (2 Pathways)

**Dissertation**
- 3 core modules
- 3 specialist modules
- 1 elective module
- Dissertation (equivalent to 3 modules)

**Independent Project**
- 3 core modules
- 3 specialist modules
- 3 elective modules
- Independent project

**Modules: 5 Specialist Strands**

**Core**
- Methods of research and enquiry
- Leading and managing in the workplace
- Library and Information Science Foundation

**Knowledge Management**
- Knowledge management
- Learning strategies and management
- Organisational learning
- Internship in Library and Information Management
- Management Information Systems
- Project management

**Archives and Records Management**
- Archival management
- Preservation of information in a digital age
- Internship in Library and Information Management
- Archival principles and practices
- Project management
- Data curation
- Information technology and intellectual property laws in education

**Librarianship**
- Information resources and services
- Literature for young people in a digital age
- Digital collections
- Teacher Librarianship
- Preservation of information in a digital age
- Collection management
- Organising information
- Information retrieval theory and practice
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**Data Science**
- Data science and learning analytics
- Data curation
- Information system analysis and development

**Information Session**

- Date: December 16, 2017 (Saturday)
- Time: 2:15 pm
- Venue: Rooms 408-410, 4/F, Meng Wah Complex, HKU
- Registration: http://web.edu.hku.hk/infosessions

**Application Deadline**
- 12:00 noon, January 31, 2018 (Wednesday)

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**Admissions Requirements**

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

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 where the language of teaching and/or examination is not English, shall satisfy the University English language requirement applicable to higher degrees as prescribed under General Regulation G2(i); a. score of 550 or above (paper-based test) or 80 or above (internet-based test) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or
   b. minimum overall band of 6 with no sub-test lower than 5.5 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or
   c. grade C or above in the Overseas General Certificate of Education, the International General Certificate of Secondary Education, or the Cambridge Test of Proficiency in English Language;
4. shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination, if required.

- For admission, only TOEFL or IELTS scores recorded in the two years before the date of application will be considered.

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Some modules of this programme have been included in the list of reimbursable courses for CEF purposes. Application for CEF has to be made before the commencement date of the reimbursable modules. Details can be found at http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/cef cognise