Master of Science in Library and Information Management
MSc(LIM)

Faculty of Education

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WHY MSc(LIM)?

“Information only becomes knowledge in the hands of someone who knows what to do with it.” The MSc(LIM) is designed to prepare candidates for professional work in the information sector, the fastest growing area of the economy. It is the only local University with library and information studies programmes at the Bachelor and post-graduate levels.
Why HKU?

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

Designed to prepare people to

• be ‘informed, reflective practitioners’ in the information age;
• develop information leadership capacities that can be used in a wide variety of environments both profit and not-for-profit: traditional library settings, education settings, business settings, and as consultants.
Who should apply?

• Everyone who holds a degree and who deals with information and who wants to provide leadership!

• People who are already engaged in the information professions and who are seeking a postgraduate qualification.
What makes the MSc(LIM) so special?

• First such award offered by a Hong Kong university
• A program tailored to the unique needs of Hong Kong
• The MSc(LIM) acts as both a first qualification and as an advanced qualification depending on entry knowledge
What do MSc(LIM) students/ alumni say?

“Lecturers from the MSc(LIM) programme are experienced guides and good motivators, who inspire students to dig deeper into the subjects and to find new discoveries. Their guidance and feedback stimulate our thoughts and streamline our thinking process, and at the same time, help to identify our own weakness and broaden our perspectives. This interactive learning journey is indeed an important foundation for both personal and career development.”

Charlotte (Graduate), Research Analyst of a European bank in HK

“The MSc(LIM) programme provides the knowledge to me which can benefit my work. Besides, the programme structure is flexible and most of the courses make use of online materials. It allows me to have a good work-life balance and flexibility of time arrangement.”

Andy (Graduate), IT Officer of a University library in HK
What do MSc(LIM) students/ alumni say?

“The MSc[LIM] programme covers a large amount of professional knowledge and skill sets, including information behaviour, collection management, and organizing information which are all important for library workers. The programme is definitely a stepping stone for people who decide to make librarianship their profession as well as to accelerate career advancement in the field.”

Lewis (Graduate), Reference Librarian of a University Library in HK

“The MSc(LIM) programme in HKU gave me opportunity to shift my field from sociology to library information management. I choose the MSc(LIM) programme not only because of the reputation of HKU, but also the flexible option for mode of study and the option for choosing a dissertation or an independent project.”

Fred (current student), Assistant Librarian II of a University library in HK
Mode of study

- One year for full-time or two years for part-time.
- A flexible modular structure allowing students to complete the degree according to their own pace.
- Classes on weekdays evening and Saturdays afternoon, also day-time classes on weekdays for full-time students.
- Classes in a face-to-face mode, supplemented by flexible delivery (Moodle).
Assessment

Includes diverse forms of assessment such as group work and presentation, individual essays/reports, e-portfolios, forum discussion, online activities, etc. in providing different types of learning experience and building up students’ knowledge in various aspects of LIM.
Programme structure

- 3 terms a year
- 10 modules for completion
- Two pathways:

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Each module consists of a minimum of 24 contact hours or equivalent.
Either independent project or dissertation

- Those who have no background in LIM are encouraged to choose to do an independent project.

- Those who already hold a LIM qualification are encouraged to consider doing a dissertation.
## Core Modules

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Specialist strands

Students are required to select 3 specialist modules from the list of their chosen specialist strand:

- Archives and records management [AR]
- Information Management [IM]
- Knowledge Management [KM]
- Librarianship [LIB]
Electives include…

- Administrative and legal issues in archives and records management [AR]
- Archival principles and practices [AR]
- E-learning strategies and management [KM]
- Information behaviour [IM], [LIB]
- Information resources and services [IM], [LIB]
- Information retrieval theory and practice [IM], [LIB]
- Knowledge management [KM]
- Knowledge taxonomies [KM], [LIB]
- Organisational learning [KM]
Electives, continued

- Records management [IM], [AR]
- Digital libraries: principles & applications [LIB]
- Collection management [LIB]
- Teacher librarianship [LIB]
- Organising information [IM], [LIB]
- Preservation of information [AR],[IM], [LIB]
- Literature for young people in a digital age [LIB]
- Digital literacies [IM], [LIB]
- Research workshops and seminars
- Internship in LIM [AR], [IM], [KM],[LIB]
Internship: Potential organizations/ libraries

- Flysheet Information Service Co. Ltd., Taiwan
- National Library of Public Information, Taiwan
- The Chopin Society of Hong Kong
- The Hong Kong Baptist University Library
- The University Museum and Art Gallery, HKU
- The University of Hong Kong Libraries
- University British Columbia
- University Library National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan
Programme Team

Prof. Liaquat Hossain (Programme Director)
Dr Dickson Chiu
Dr Sam Chu
Dr Xiao Hu
Dr Alvin Kwan

Dr Felix Siu
Dr Maggie Wang
Mr Peter Warning
Dr Allan Yuen

Plus local & visiting scholars
Admission Requirements & fees

• Hold a Bachelor’s Degree with honours or with qualifications and experience of equivalent standard

• Fees*  
  – HK$105,000 per programme (payable by 2 installments for full-time students and by 4 installments for part-time)

* Subject to the university’s approval
Online Application

http://www.als.hku.hk/admission/tpg/welcome.htm

Application Deadline

February 28, 2015
Questions & Answers