Students’ Perspectives

Andy CHOI
IT Officer at a university library in Hong Kong

As 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 resources 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.

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Fred CHAN
Research and Data Services Librarian at a university library in Hong Kong

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 a capstone project. The module ‘Information retrieval theory and practice’ is very useful because the knowledge and skills are transferable so I can apply them in my library work and information services engagement. If you are someone in the business, you can benefit from the knowledge, skills and resources from this programme.

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.

Connie CHU
Instructional Designer at an e-learning consultancy company in Hong Kong

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Research Analyst at a European bank in Hong Kong

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Rebecca TAM
Assistant Information Services Librarian at a university library in Hong Kong

Danni FENG
Librarian at an interior design company in Hong Kong

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The dissertation option is an independent study module (equivalent to three courses) giving students the opportunity to complete research projects which are highly relevant and applicable to their specialist strand in a specific area of study. Students will study a total of 10 courses including either a capstone project or a dissertation. They will take a three-course capstone project or a dissertation option in their final term.