WHY URBAN STUDIES AT HKU?

The BA (Urban Studies) programme is offered by the Department of Urban Planning and Design (DUPAD), which has 40 years of experience in urban studies and urban planning education. The vision of DUPAD is to become an internationally leading planning school with excellence in teaching and research in urban studies, aiming to help reshape urban planning and policy in Hong Kong, China, the Belt and Road Region and elsewhere with its world-class urban science and policy analytics.

This is an interdisciplinary, studio-based and professionally-oriented programme. This programme places an emphasis on spatial analysis, planning and development, design and communication skills, and integrated problem-based learning to enable students to approach urban problems from multiple perspectives. The curriculum is aligned to nurture professional planning and development surveyors and future global urban leaders. Students will learn core theories, methods, policies and practices of urban studies, and develop their ability to apply knowledge to urban issues in Hong Kong and elsewhere.

CAREER PROSPECTS

The BA (Urban Studies) programme is recognised by the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) in planning and development. Graduates from this unique programme can become professional planning and development (P&D) surveyors. They can also become professional urban planners if they continue with the Master of Science in Urban Planning programme in the department, which is the only professional planning programme in Hong Kong recognized by the Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP) and the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).