Master of Science (MSc) Program in Environmental Health and Safety

Program Director:

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The Master of Science (MSc) program in Environmental Health and Safety is a multidisciplinary program designed to provide springboard training to the current and future environmental professionals. Over the past decades, there have been increasingly concerns on the impacts of anthropogenic activity on the safety and health of our living environment. Graduates from this MSc program can advance their careers in various sectors within the government, business and industries in Hong Kong and China.

Different from the currently available MSc programs in tertiary institutions in Hong Kong which mainly focus on environmental management and technology, the MSc program in Environmental Health and Safety mainly addresses the health and safety aspects of the environments, especially from the biological and health perspectives. Students will view environmental health as an integrated approach to health protection and improvement. The study will include the technical, legal and social issues that underpin environmental health practice, hazards and risk assessment, occupational health and safety, living environment and food safety.

Admission Requirements

Applicants should normally possess a strong bachelor's degree in Life Science, Chemistry, Environmental Science, or a related area with second-class honors or higher from a recognized institution. They should have a proven record of good academic performance, be proficient in English and must demonstrate strong interest in environmental health and safety issues. Admission to the program is based on the recommendation by the Committee on MSc Program in Environmental Health and Safety.

Program Duration

The normal period for completing the program is 12 months in full-time mode.

Program Fee

The program fee for 30 credits is HK\$100,000. Students who take course(s) beyond 30 credits to fulfill the graduation requirements are required to pay HK\$3,300 per credit.

Curriculum

Students are required to complete at least 30 credits of coursework, with at least 18 credits of foundation courses.

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a) Foundation courses (18 credits)

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ENVS 5111 Environmental Health and Safety
ENVS 5112 Environmental Hazards Identification
ENVS 5113 Marine Ecotoxicology
ENVS 5114 Environmental Diseases and Microbiology
ENVS 5115 Food Safety Control
ENVS 5116 Case Studies in Environmental Risk Assessment
ENVS 5117 Pharmacology, Toxicology and Health
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b) Elective courses (12 credits)

| ENVS | 5118 | Conservation and Sustainable Development |
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| ENVS | 5119 | Pollution Monitoring and Control |
| ENVS | 6111 | Environmental Health Research Project |
| EVSM | 5220 | Advanced Environmental Chemistry |
| EVSM | 5230 | Environmental Health and Management |
| EVSM | 5270 | Environmental Law |
| JEVE | 5320 | Water Quality and Assessment |
| JEVE | 5420 | Biological Waste Treatment and Management |

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from the program, a student must complete the program with a graduation grade average (GGA) of 2.850 or above as required of all postgraduate students at the University. Students failing to meet the GGA requirement are required to repeat or take additional course(s) even if they attain passing grades for all courses.