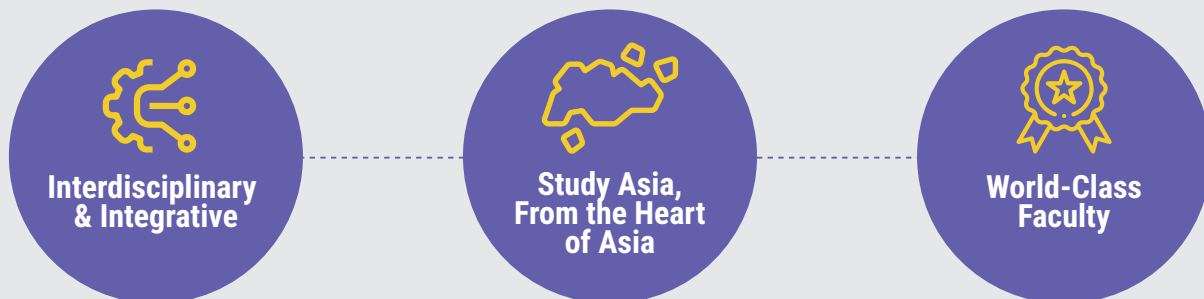


MPhil & PhD in Asian Urbanisms

A Unique Interdisciplinary Approach to the Study of Asian Cities

The College of Integrative Studies offers two full-time postgraduate research programmes: an MPhil and a PhD in Asian Urbanisms. As Asia continues to urbanise at pace, these programmes are designed to meet the scholarly need for new understandings of Asian cities.



- > A new paradigm of study designed to tackle the most complex problems facing Asian cities.
- > Combines taught courses and independent research to equip students with the knowledge and ability to tackle complex urban problems.
- > Designed to actively and purposively go beyond the traditional Urban Studies paradigm and focus – both theoretically and empirically – on the uniqueness of Asian cities.
- > Exposes students to ideas emerging from multiple disciplines, such as:
 - Humanities
 - Business & Management
 - Economics
 - Climate Science
 - Public Policy
 - Information Systems/Computer Science



Programme Structure

MPhil in Asian Urbanisms

Core Courses (4 Credit Units)

Any 4 from:

- Urban Studies: Theory and Method
- Cities in Asia: Planning, Policy and Praxis
- Graduate Seminar with Invited Industry Partners
- Introduction to Interdisciplinary Research
- Principles of Sustainability
- Studying Cities: Research Methods

Elective Courses (4 Credit Units)

Any 4 from:

- Comparative Urbanisms
- Urban Sustainability
- Urban Technologies/GIS
- Social Life of the City
- Urban Economics & Policy
- Urban & Regional Economics
- Independent Study
- Urban-related courses offered by Visiting Fellows

- Master's Thesis and Oral Defence (12 Credit Units)

The minimum duration of the programme is two years and the maximum duration is three years.

PhD in Asian Urbanisms

Core Courses (6 Credit Units)

- Urban Studies: Theory and Method
- Cities in Asia: Planning, Policy and Praxis
- Graduate Seminar with Invited Industry Partners
- Introduction to Interdisciplinary Research
- Principles of Sustainability
- Studying Cities: Research Methods

Elective Courses (6 Credit Units)

Any 6 from:

- Comparative Urbanisms
- Urban Sustainability
- Urban Technologies/GIS
- Social Life of the City
- Urban Economics & Policy
- Urban & Regional Economics
- Independent Study
- Urban-related courses offered by Visiting Fellows

- PhD Qualifying Examination
- Graduate Research Professional Development (GRPD) (1 Credit Unit)

- Graduate Instructorship
- PhD Dissertation with Defence (28 Credit Units)

The minimum duration of the programme is three years. Most students, however, are expected to take about four years to complete the programme.

Admission & Application | Requirements

Application period: 1 August to 31 January

MPhil in Asian Urbanisms

- Bachelor's degree in a related discipline (such as, but by no means limited to, urban studies, architecture, urban planning or urban geography), from a reputable undergraduate programme with excellent academic performance.

- Curriculum Vitae
- Good GRE results
- Good English Proficiency Test (TOEFL or IELTS) scores

PhD in Asian Urbanisms

- Bachelor's and Master's degree, at least one of the two in a related discipline (such as, but by no means limited to urban studies, architecture, urban planning or urban geography), from a reputable undergraduate programme with excellent academic performance.

- Statement of Purpose, up to 1500 words
- Research Proposal, up to 2500 words
- At least two Referral/Recommendation letters

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