

University educational aims Benchmarked against the highest international standards, the 4-year undergraduate curriculum at HKU is designed to enable our students to develop their capabilities in:	Learning outcomes of BA(UrbanStud) On successful completion of the curriculum, students should be able to:	Yr. 1	Yr. 2	Yr. 3	Yr. 4
Pursuit of academic/professional excellence, critical intellectual enquiry and life-long learning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. acquire ‘urban literacy’, a capacity to appreciate the inter-connectivity of urban issues 2. commitment to act or pursue professional practices that will contribute to environmentally sustainable, socially equitable, economically vibrant, aesthetically pleasing, efficient, and institutionally holistic urban developments 3. demonstrate in-depth knowledge and understanding of urban studies and their theoretical underpinnings 	√	√	√	√
Tackling novel situations and ill-defined problems	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. apply inter-disciplinary perspectives to understand and analyze urban development 5. apply knowledge and skills acquired to identify urban problems, and to deal with new situations in urban development and planning 6. develop abilities to use new technical tools and contemporary practices and technology to deal with the changing circumstances. 	√	√	√	√
Critical self-reflection, greater understanding of others, and upholding personal and professional ethics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. solicit the needs, opinions and values of the professionals and community 8. appreciate and challenge traditional thinking in urban studies and planning 9. understand the importance of upholding professional ethics 		√	√	√

Intercultural communication and global citizenship	<p>10. appreciate and respect the diversity of culture and how it shapes cities, buildings, urban policies and the way of life;</p> <p>11. establish an international outlook to deal with local urban problems and issues; and</p> <p>12. appreciate local urban policies and planning from the global perspective.</p>	√	√	√	√
Communication and collaboration	<p>13. possess visual, design, and multi-media communication skills in presenting ideas to the community</p> <p>14. communicate effectively with stakeholders of a diverse range of interests with the necessary techniques and knowledge;</p> <p>15. collaborate with interdisciplinary teams to tackle urban problems; and</p> <p>16. negotiate and mediate with parties of conflicting interests.</p>		√	√	√
Leadership and advocacy for the improvement of the human condition	<p>17. understand urban policies and planning on the improvement of the urban environment</p> <p>18. generate visionary and realistic solutions to urban policies and planning</p>	√	√	√	√