

## **Master of Science (MSc) Program in Global China Studies**

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The Master of Science (MSc) program in Global China Studies is an interdisciplinary program designed to equip students with necessary analytic and communication skills for further study as well as to make a successful transition for future employment. This program focuses on four broad subject areas – Economic Social History, Comparative Humanities, Contemporary China, and Quantitative Social Analysis – with an emphasis on providing students global and local perspectives on China's past and present. In addition, the program provides a pathway for advanced undergraduates, both from HKUST and other non-local universities, to take on the challenge of postgraduate study in Global China Studies before their formal undergraduate graduation.

### ***Admission Requirements***

Applicants must possess a bachelor's degree, or an equivalent qualification, from a recognized university, with a grade average of 3.0 or above. Students whose first language is not English or whose medium of instruction of the degree program completed previously was not English must possess an IELTS score of no lower than 7 (all sub-scores should be 6.5 or above), or a TOEFL score of no lower than 600 (PBT) or 100 (iBT).

All HKUST undergraduate students, including BSc in Global China Studies majors, may take up to four MGCS courses, subject to the approval of the course instructor and the Program Office, as surplus to their undergraduate degree. They may apply for the MSc program upon completion of their undergraduate degree, and can transfer up to 12 surplus credits to the MSc program.

Non-local applicants who have completed all their undergraduate coursework requirements with a cumulative grade average (CGA) of 3.0 or higher, and have fulfilled the English language requirement of the MSc program specified above, but have not yet received the formal undergraduate degree may also apply for early admission into the program with proper documentation from their home universities, while remaining registered as undergraduates in their home universities. Upon completion of the MSc degree requirements, these students are required to submit an official copy of their bachelor's degree certificate to the Program Office no later than 31 August each year in order to be conferred the MSc degree in Global China Studies at HKUST.

### ***Program Duration***

The program can normally be completed in one year in full-time mode and two years in part-time mode. Full-time students are required to take a minimum of 9 credits of coursework each regular term.

### ***Program Fee***

The program fee is HK\$120,000 for 24 credits, and HK\$5,000 for each additional credit.

### ***Curriculum***

Students are required to complete 24 credits of coursework, including three core courses (3 credits each), one course devoted to academic writing (3 credits), and four elective courses (3 credits each) which cover no less than two of four subject areas.

a) Academic Writing Course (3 credits)

LANG 5070  
or           Advanced Critical Writing for Academic Purposes  
LANG 5070H

b) Core Courses (9 credits)

Students are required to take the following three GCS core courses:

MGCS 5001   A New History for a New China, 1700-2000: Advanced  
MGCS 5010   Quantitative Methods in Social Science  
MGCS 5020   Chinese Social Stratification in Comparative Perspective

c) Elective Courses (12 credits)

The chosen elective courses should cover at least two of the following areas:

*Economic and Social History*

MGCS 5002   The Economy and Society in Imperial China  
MGCS 5003   Comparative Study of State Formation  
MGCS 5004   Economic History of East Asia-From Tributary Trade to  
                  Maritime Customs Networks

*Quantitative Social Analysis*

MGCS 5011   Quantitative Studies of China

*Contemporary China*

MGCS 5021   Reform and Social Conflicts in Contemporary China  
MGCS 5022   Political Economy of China  
MGCS 5023   China's Innovation System: Domestic and International  
                  Dimensions

*Comparative Humanities*

MGCS 5030   Social Theory and World History  
MGCS 5031   An Introduction to Socio-cultural History of China  
MGCS 5032   Ethnicity in Chinese Context

In exceptional circumstances, students may substitute up to six elective credits (two courses) from other postgraduate courses offered by the School of Humanities and Social Science to fulfill the program requirements with prior approval of the Academic Director. The approved substituting courses should be China-related.

***Graduation Requirements***

Students must complete the program with a graduation grade average (GGA) of 2.850 or above as required of all postgraduate students at the University.