

BA (Hons) in Design (Environmental Design)

設計學(榮譽)文學士 (環境設計)

Specialism Outline

The **BA (Hons) in Design (Environmental Design)**, a four-year full-time studio-oriented programme, is one of the two key design specialisms in the Environmental and Interior Design cluster of the School of Design for local and international applicants.

Driven by innovative, explorative, and critical questions, the programme guides students' creative development in the manipulation and mastery of spatial design linked to environmental as well as architectural inquiry.

With a structured progression throughout the four-year programme, core issues covered in the Environmental Design programme include a focus on the spatial and formal aspects of urban development, drawing from disciplines that impact the environment of dense settings, environmental technologies, and the spatial outcomes for positive change.

The Environmental Design programme focuses on harnessing the design skill to coordinate and harmonize environmental technologies, environmental data, architectural design, landscape design, and urban design to steer new trends of the interior and exterior settings of contemporary cities.

Aims & Objectives

The Environmental Design programme aims to provide students with creative, professional skills and knowledge that are necessary for a successful career in the design industry that focuses on the spaces and settings that define the liveable environment.

The objective is to educate environmental designers to have a broad interdisciplinary view of their roles in programming and influencing the spatial and material settings of liveable cities.

Graduates are expected to cover a number of spatial fields in their design of the environment, forming crossovers between architects, interior designers, geographers, landscape designers, product designers and project developers.

Commencing from a spatial and architectural foundation, graduates will gain knowledge of how environmental design intersects with other spatial and technical disciplines including architecture, landscape, urban design, and planning policies and environmental technologists.

Characteristics

Is Environmental Design for you?

- You have a passion for environmental design and technology, with a strong belief in the power of urban design / architectural design / landscape design to influence the ways we live.
- You are culturally sensitive and have a fascination with how we interact with our physical environment.
- You constantly think about ways in which the design of the environment can improve our lives and add to the diversity and interest of the cities where we live.
- You are a conceptual thinker who has a strong sense of space and place.

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- You have a good understanding of three-dimensional context of settings and can express yourself in both three- and two-dimensional media.
- You are an independent thinker and are self-driven, but are also able to work with others in a team; you think flexibly and adaptably. You can communicate your ideas and thinking well in English.

Specialism structure

Year 3 Pre-professional Collaborations

Students in the Environmental Design specialism are expected to locate their practice in historical, cultural and theoretical contexts. Working critically, students are challenged to integrate conceptual and technical skills for developing and communicating creative ideas, applying scales and systems of the environmental design within a professional context with pre-vetted practitioners and industry experts.

Year 4 Integrative Design

As an entry level of the environmental design profession, candidates are expected to work independently in the synthesis of theoretical, strategic, and creative thinking skills, with creation of innovative spaces and environmental systems. The year requires students to identify critical issues affecting the future of environmental improvement questing the link to other design fields or design systems that outlines a multidisciplinary project or team composition.

Students of the four-year programme are required to complete a total of 124 credits in order to graduate; including 30 credits earned from General University Requirements subjects, 30 from Common Compulsory Subjects, and 64 from Discipline-Specific and Elective Subjects.

Senior Year students are required to complete a total of 61 credits in order to graduate; including 9 credits earned from General University Requirements subjects, 6 from Common Compulsory Subjects, and 46 from Discipline-Specific and Elective Subjects.

Career Prospects

The Environmental Design Programme is intended to prepare students for a career in the profession of spatial and environmental design industry primarily to provide service in Hong Kong and Mainland China at an international standard, for collaborations with global companies and organizations.

Additionally, it informs students of the need and possibilities of further education while preparing students for education at the post-graduate level.

Graduates of the **BA (Hons) in Design (Environmental Design)** are able to design at different scales and within a number of spatial systems, harnessing different disciplines that deal with the environmental design industry including interior design, interior architecture, spatial design, environmental data, set design, exhibition design, furniture and furnishing design, lighting design, urban space design, landscape and interior-scape design, and experience design.