

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Graduate Attributes for Taught Postgraduate Programmes

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<http://www2.cuhk.edu.hk/gss/attributes.php>)

The University has clear expectations of the attributes of its graduates. The taught postgraduate programmes aim to educate students to embark on careers that would allow them to become world leaders in their fields, working as senior managers in enterprises, or experts in other professions related to the pursuit and application of knowledge.

Degree graduates of taught postgraduate programmes are expected to have acquired comprehensive, state-of-the-art knowledge and relevant expert skills in the subject discipline. Graduates of taught programmes should have gained access to results from up-to-date advances in the field and a depth of knowledge in specialty areas. They should have accumulated ample experience in practical training, clinical work, project development, or research activities, as prescribed by their programmes. Communication and language skills at a level appropriate to university graduates are expected already at the time of admission. In particular, fluent communication skills are expected in languages essential to their discipline. Proficiency in English is expected as it is the default international language in many professional and scholastic fields.

Postgraduate diploma programmes tend to serve very specific and diversified objectives and have relatively short study periods. The expected attributes of the graduates of these programmes should be specified by the divisions concerned.

While whole-person development is not part of the formal education objective for most postgraduate programmes, graduates are expected to have already possessed attributes of first-degree holders from CUHK or other leading universities, e.g. in domains such as honesty and integrity, in particular academic honesty, critical and independent thinking, cultivation of global perspective, desire to serve society, communication and language skills, and others.