Application for MA Programme in Religious Studies (MARS)

Required Application Documents

1. Copies of the latest official **academic transcripts** (with official chop from the Registry) **and grading scheme**
   - There should be explanatory notes printed/attached to the transcript indicating the grading scheme of the University.
   - If there is no grading scheme attached to the transcript, please attached a letter issued by the Registry to certify that your University does not have grading scheme to classify students.

2. Copy of **graduation certificate** 畢業證書 and **diploma certificate** 學士學位證書 (if applicable)
   - Applicants who obtained degrees from universities in Mainland China are required to provide an Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (教育部學歷證書電子註冊備案表) issued by the CHESICC (學信網) together with other supporting documents. Please refer to the official website of the CHESICC on the sample of the Online Verification Report at https://www.chsi.com.cn/xlcx/bgys.jsp

   - For applicants who are studying in tertiary level programme, please provide a letter issued by the Registry of your university for the proof of study. The expected graduation date should be prior to the admission date of MARS.

3. Proof of English language proficiency
   - Please read English Language Requirements for Admission and upload one of the required proof in the application system.

4. A photocopy of Hong Kong Identity Card or other identity document (e.g. passport)

5. Confidential recommendations/referee's report
   - Applicants can input information of the two referees through the Online Application System for Postgraduate Programmes. The University will send the invitations of confidential recommendations to the referees for online completion.

* Please read https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions/admissions/documents-required for the details of each required document.

Important Points to Note
- Scanned copies of transcripts and grading scheme will be considered for the issue of admission offers. ***Admitted students are required to submit original copies of those official documents (in a sealed envelope) for verification by the conditions fulfillment deadline as stipulated in the admission notification.***

- Some applicants may opt to submit electronic official transcripts. The electronic official transcripts should be sent to the Graduate Divisions by email directly or to be downloaded from a system of the issuing universities by the Graduate Divisions.

- Certificates and transcripts that are not in English should be accompanied by an official certified translation in English.

- TOEFL and IELTS scores are considered valid for two years from the test date. GMAT scores are considered valid for five years from the test date.

- Admission offers will usually be issued from November to May of the following year. Applicants can check their application status / results via the Online Application System for Postgraduate Programmes. Applicants may consider their applications unsuccessful if they do not hear from us after July.

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