

Where did the 2001 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Sciences) graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2001 to answer the following questions about Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Sciences) graduates:

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- Among those who pursued further studies, what programmes were they enrolled in?
- Among those who were employed full-time, how long did it take them to get their first job offer?
- In which sectors were they employed?
- How much salary did they receive?
- How many job offers did they receive?
- Who were their employers and what were their job titles?

II. Employment Situations in 2001

Of the 23 graduates from this programme, 18 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)		HKU Overall*	
	2001		2001	
	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	18	100%	181	100%
Employed	12	67%	122	67%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	1	5.6%	4	2.2%
Further Studies	5	28%	39	22%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	15	8.3%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	1	0.6%

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III. Further Studies

5 graduates proceeded to postgraduate studies. The tables below show the academic programmes that they pursued and their sources of funds.

Field of Study	Academic Programme	
	Ph.D.	Master (Coursework)
Medical Science	1	-
Science	1	-
Social Sciences	2	1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	1
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	1
Government Grant + Loan	1
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	2

IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

The time taken for graduates to secure employment is shown below.

By the end of	% of new graduates who have secured employment
	2001
May or before	50%
June	67%
July	83%
August	92%
September	92%
October	92%
November	100%

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V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Sciences) graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Educational Institutions and Community, Social & Personal Services.

Sector	% of graduates
	2001
Commerce & Industry	58%
Educational Institutions	33%
Community, Social & Personal Services	8.3%

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Sciences) graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary		Gross Income	
	MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)	HKU Average*	MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)	HKU Average*
	2001	2001	2001	2001
Mean	\$16,750	\$18,932	\$17,131	\$19,298
Median	\$17,100	\$17,100	\$17,217	\$17,100
Minimum	\$13,000	\$6,400	\$13,000	\$6,400
Maximum	\$20,000	\$45,000	\$20,000	\$45,000

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Sciences) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	5 (45%)
Two	5 (45%)
Three	1 (9.1%)

No Response = 1

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Sciences) graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- Maryknoll Fathers' School	- Teacher
- Queen Elizabeth School Old Students' Association Secondary School	- Teacher
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant I
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Social Work & Social Administration	- Project Officer
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Corrad House	- Councilor
Commerce and Industry -	
- Barra International Ltd	- Research Analyst
- CSC	- Assistant Customer Based Analyst
- Infoislive Co Ltd	- Copywriter
- Karl Tomson Security	- Senior Engineer
- Cathay Pacific	- Acturarial Assistance
- South China Morning Post Publishers Limited	- Research Executive
- Dun & Bradstreet (Asia Pacific)	- Consultant

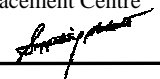
Note: Some of the 2001 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CePc.

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