

Where did the 2001 Master of Science in Urban Planning 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 Science in Urban Planning graduates:-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- 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 24 graduates from this programme, 20 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MSc(UrbanPlanning)				HKU Overall*			
	2001		2000		2001		2000	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	20	100%	17	100%	570	100%	596	100%
Employed	19	95%	14	82%	508	89%	542	91%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	1	5.0%	1	5.9%	13	2.3%	12	2.0%
Further Studies	0	0%	0	0%	37	6.5%	25	4.2%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	5	0.9%	8	1.3%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	2	12%	7	1.2%	9	1.5%

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III. 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	2000
May or before	18%	31%
June	24%	31%
July	35%	54%
August	53%	69%
September	82%	85%
October	94%	92%
November	94%	92%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 2

IV. Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Science in Urban Planning graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in the Civil Service, Educational Institutions and Community, Social & Personal Services.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2001	2000
Commerce & Industry	43%	31%
Civil Service	29%	23%
Educational Institutions	21%	23%
Community, Social & Personal Services	7.1%	23%

No Response = 5

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V. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Science in Urban Planning graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MSc(UrbanPlanning)		HKU Average*		MSc(UrbanPlanning)		HKU Average*	
	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000
Mean	\$13,175	\$14,674	\$20,283	\$19,910	\$13,556	\$15,769	\$20,663	\$20,963
Median	\$13,000	\$15,000	\$17,100	\$17,100	\$13,650	\$16,095	\$17,333	\$17,145
Minimum	\$8,000	\$8,500	\$8,000	\$3,000	\$8,000	\$8,500	\$8,000	\$6,000
Maximum	\$17,505	\$20,000	\$77,500	\$73,000	\$17,505	\$20,000	\$97,500	\$92,000

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VI. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Master of Science in Urban Planning graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	10 (59%)
Two	6 (35%)
Three	1 (5.9%)

No Response = 2

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VII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master of Science in Urban Planning graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- HKSAR	- Executive Officer
- HKSAR - Environmental Protection Department	- Assistant Environmental Protection Officer
- HKSAR - Planning Department	- Town Planning Graduate
- HKSAR - Planning Department	- Town Planning Graduate
Educational Institutions -	
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Technical Assistant
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Environmental Campaign Committee	- Project Co-ordinator
Commerce and Industry -	
- Asia Vision Technology Ltd.	- Personal Assistant to CTO
- Modern Terminals Limited	- Assistant Market Research Officer
- River Trade Terminal Co., Ltd	- Management Trainee
- River Trade Terminal Co., Ltd	- Management Trainee
- Toco Planning Consultant	- Planning Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Assistant Town Planner
Others -	
- Organization's name not reported	- Executive
- Organization's name not reported	- Planner
- Organization's name not reported	- Planner Analyst
- Organization's name not reported	- Teaching Assistant

No Response = 1

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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VIII. Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.

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