

## Where did the 2002 Master of Arts graduates go?

### I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2002 to answer the following questions about Master of Arts 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 2002

Of the 16 graduates from this programme, 14 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MA		HKU Overall*	
	2002		2002	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	14	100%	505	100%
<b>Employed</b>	10	71%	455	90%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	2	14%	9	1.8%
<b>Further Studies</b>	2	14%	29	5.7%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0%	6	1.2%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	0	0%	6	1.2%

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### III. Further Studies

2 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
	M.Phil.
Arts	1
Social Sciences	1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Scholarship+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
	2002
May or before	13%
June	75%
July	75%
August	75%
September	75%
October	75%
November	88%
December	100%

No Response = 2

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### V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates
	2002
Educational Institutions	56%
Commerce & Industry	22%
Community, Social & Personal Services	11%
Civil Service	11%

No Response = 1


### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Arts graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary		Gross Income	
	MA	HKU Average*	MA	HKU Average*
	2002	2002	2002	2002
<b>Mean</b>	\$13,000	\$18,081	\$13,188	\$18,265
<b>Median</b>	\$12,500	\$17,000	\$13,250	\$17,000
<b>Minimum</b>	\$8,000	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$7,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$20,000	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$100,000

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### VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	3 (43%)
Two	2 (29%)
Three	1 (14%)
Seven	1 (14%)

No Response = 3

### VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
<b>Civil Service -</b>	
- HKSAR - Department of Health	- Registration Supervisor
<b>Educational Institutions -</b>	
- Cheung Chuk Shan College	- Teacher
- St. Margaret College HK	- Teacher
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Geography	- Research Assistant
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- La Salle Workshop	- Occupation's name not reported
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b>	
- Cellplus Limited	- Sales and Marketing Coordinator
- Grey Insight Limited	- Analyst

No Response = 1

Note: Some of the 2002 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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- IX.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.  
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