

Where did the 2002 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Sciences) 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 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 2002

Of the 17 graduates from this programme, 13 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)				HKU Overall*			
	2002		2001		2002		2001	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	13	100%	18	100%	173	100%	181	100%
Employed	12	92%	12	67%	132	76%	122	67%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	1	5.6%	3	1.7%	4	2.2%
Further Studies	1	7.7%	5	28%	27	16%	39	22%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	6	3.5%	15	8.3%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	5	2.9%	1	0.6%

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III. Further Studies

Information not disclosed.

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	2001
May or before	33%	50%
June	33%	67%
July	50%	83%
August	58%	92%
September	83%	92%
October	83%	92%
November	92%	100%
December	100%	100%

V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Sciences) 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	2001
Educational Institutions	50%	36%
Commerce & Industry	33%	55%
Community, Social & Personal Services	8.3%	9.1%
Civil Service	8.3%	0%

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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*	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
Mean	\$15,288	\$16,750	\$17,936	\$18,932	\$15,358	\$17,131	\$18,460	\$19,298
Median	\$15,605	\$17,100	\$16,050	\$17,100	\$15,605	\$17,217	\$16,359	\$17,100
Minimum	\$9,500	\$13,000	\$9,000	\$6,400	\$9,500	\$13,000	\$9,000	\$6,400
Maximum	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$70,000	\$45,000	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$90,000	\$45,000

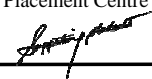
* HKU Average refers to the figure for the HKU Research Postgraduate Programme graduates.

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	6 (50%)
Two	4 (33%)
Three	1 (8.3%)
Four	1 (8.3%)

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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>
Civil Service -	
- HKSAR - Census and Statistics Department	- Research Statistician
Educational Institutions -	
- City University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant I
- The University of Hong Kong - SPACE	- College Lecturer
- Organization's name not reported	- Teacher
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Caritas - Hong Kong	- Social Work Assistant
Commerce and Industry -	
- HK Economic Times Ltd.	- Administrator
- Neon King Ltd	- Market Assistant
- PCCW	- Business Analyst
- Worldwide Bible Society	- Assistant Editor

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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