

Where did the 2002 Master 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 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 27 graduates from this programme, 19 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MSocSc		HKU Overall*	
	2002		2002	
	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	19	100%	505	100%
Employed	18	95%	455	90%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	9	1.8%
Further Studies	1	5.3%	29	5.7%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	6	1.2%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	6	1.2%

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III. Further Studies

1 graduate proceeded to postgraduate studies. The tables below show the academic programme that he/she pursued and his/her source of funds.

Field of Study	Academic Programme
	Ph.D.
Social Sciences	1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	1

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	33%
June	40%
July	60%
August	67%
September	87%
October	100%

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V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates
	2002
Educational Institutions	47%
Community, Social & Personal Services	47%
Civil Service	6.7%
Commerce & Industry	0%

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Social Sciences graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary		Gross Income	
	MSocSc	HKU Average*	MSocSc	HKU Average*
	2002	2002	2002	2002
Mean	\$25,654	\$18,081	\$25,654	\$18,265
Median	\$25,000	\$17,000	\$25,000	\$17,000
Minimum	\$20,000	\$7,000	\$20,000	\$7,000
Maximum	\$30,000	\$80,000	\$30,000	\$100,000

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	1 (6.7%)
Two	8 (53%)
Three	4 (27%)
Four	1 (6.7%)
Five	1 (6.7%)

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master 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 - Department of Health	- Clinical Psychologist
Educational Institutions -	
- Lei Muk Shue Catholic Primary School	- Educational Psychologist
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Clinical Psychologist
- The Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod	- Educational Psychologist
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Psychology	- Educational Psychologist
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Psychology	- Educational Psychologist
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	- Educational Psychologist
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	- Clinical Psychologist
- Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong	- Counsellor
- Hong Kong Christian Service	- Clinical Psychologist
- Organization's name not reported	- Clinical Psychologist
- Organization's name not reported	- Educational Psychologist
- Organization's name not reported	- Psychologist
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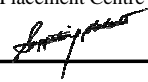
Note: Some of the 2002 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their

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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. Please contact the CePc for further details.

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