

Where did the 2005 Master of Social Sciences graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2005 to answer following questions about Master of Social Sciences 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 2005

Of the 6 graduates from this programme, 6 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MSocSc				HKU Overall*			
	2005		2004		2005		2004	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	6	100%	20	100%	527	100%	707	100%
Employed	6	100%	19	95%	495	94%	642	91%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	1	5%	2	0.4%	8	1%
Further Studies	0	0.0%	0	0%	21	4.0%	30	4%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0%	3	0.6%	14	2%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	6	1.1%	13	2%

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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	
	2005	2004
May or before	60%	44%
June	60%	69%
July	60%	88%
August	60%	94%
September	60%	100%
October	60%	100%
November	80%	100%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 1

IV Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2005	2004
Community, Social & Personal Services	50%	71%
Civil Service	50%	0.0%
Educational Institutions	0.0%	29%

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V 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*	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Mean	\$26,316	\$25,643	\$17,827	\$16,731	\$26,316	\$25,643	\$17,964	\$17,063
Median	\$26,540	\$25,917	\$16,000	\$15,000	\$26,540	\$25,917	\$16,000	\$15,000
Minimum	\$25,000	\$14,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$25,000	\$14,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Maximum	\$27,500	\$35,000	\$57,500	####	\$27,500	\$35,000	\$58,333	####

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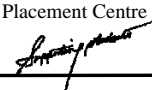
VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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	4 (80%)
Two	1 (20%)

No Response = 1

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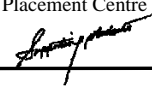
VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

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 -	
- Department of Health	- Clinical Psychologist
- Department of Health	- Clinical Psychologist
- Social Welfare Department	- Clinical Psychologist
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	- Clinical Psychologist
- The Neighbourhood Advice Action Council	- Clinical Psychologist
- The Spastics Association of Hong Kong	- Clinical Psychologist

Note: Some of the 2005 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.

Please contact the CePc for further details.

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