

Accreditations



Graduates will be accredited for direct application to the Graduate ISEP membership and current students will enjoy FREE student membership for the duration of the programme.



Graduates will be conferred ISB® Advisor designation by IAASE and be eligible for membership to IAASE's network, and enjoy their first year for FREE (subject to renewal).

Scholarships

Hong Kong Future Talents Scholarship Scheme for Advanced Studies (HKFTSS)

The SLG Programme has been selected for the HKFTSS, local students admitted to the Programme are eligible to apply for the scholarship. The award of the scholarships will be based on merits.

The Centre for Civil Society and Governance Scholarship (CCSG Scholarship)

Students who have attained outstanding academic performance in the SLGP programme will be nominated for the CCSG Scholarship. The Scholarship will be awarded on the completion of the programme.

Key knowledge components of sustainability management and governance

Interdisciplinary approaches to organisational decision-making

Critical insights and systems thinking

Enabling you to make a greater impact

Professional development enhancement in public, private and civil society entities

Analytical and problem-solving skills

Admissions Requirements

- ☑ A Bachelor's degree or an equivalent recognised qualification
- ☑ Satisfy HKU's English language requirements
- ☑ Preference will be given to candidates who have two or more years of related work experience
- ☑ Shortlisted candidates will be required to attend an online interview via Zoom

Tuition Fee

- ☑ 1-Year Full Time: HKD 250,000 per year
- ☑ 2-Year Part Time: HKD 125,000 per year

Application Deadlines

- ☑ Non-local Students: February 27, 2026 (Friday, 12:00 noon)
- ☑ Local Students: March 31, 2026 (Tuesday, 12:00 noon)

Apply Now

- ☑ Offers will be made on a rolling basis
- ☑ Scan the QR code and apply online: admissions.hku.hk/tpg/



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Master of Social Sciences in the field of
Sustainability Leadership and Governance
永續發展領導力與治理碩士課程



SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

2026-27
MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCES IN

Our Programme



Established in 2003, the MSocSc in Corporate Environmental Governance was renamed MSocSc in Sustainability Leadership and Governance in 2021. The programme aims to equip students with the required understanding and skill set to address the sustainability-related challenges that organisation and society face. This programme has elevated sustainability beyond market trends for an enduring transformation of the way we think and act, so learners take informed decisions for a just society.

Secure Cutting-edge Concepts and Knowledge to Address Sustainability Challenges

Candidates who aspire to develop a career, or to further enhance their expertise, in the fields of corporate responsibility, sustainability strategy, reporting, impact investing, and environmental policy will find this programme particularly attractive. Through cross-disciplinary approaches, the rigor of academic discourse, as well as leadership and communication skills development, you will be able to make leading contribution and lasting impact. We welcome you to visit our website for further details and to contact us with any questions.

Our Centre



Established in December 2002, the Centre for Civil Society and Governance (the Centre) is the first research centre in Hong Kong dedicated to enhancing our knowledge of civil society – its nature, constituents, dynamics, roles (in particular its contribution towards governance) – and to contributing to the attainment of a sustainable society through forging community-based, innovative solutions to inform policy deliberation and collective action.

Programme Structure

4 Compulsory courses	24
4 or 5 Elective courses	24
Capstone	12
Total	60 credits

Mode of Attendance
1-year full-time / 2-year part-time
Classes conducted on weekday evenings and Saturdays

COMPULSORY COURSES	6 credits
Concepts of sustainability leadership	
Governance and policy for sustainability transition	
Market-based instruments and low carbon economy transition: a regional perspective	
Principles for the management of corporate sustainability	

CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE COURSE	12 credits
Capstone	

ELECTIVE COURSES	6 credits
Climate governance: mitigation and adaptation	
Decision-making in value chain management	
Digital society and governance	
Environmental economics and analysis	
Globalisation and the environment	
Social entrepreneurship and social innovation	
Special topics in cutting edge sustainability methods	
Sustainability management systems	
Sustainable and responsible investment	
Transparency, accountability and disclosure	

Environmental impact assessment *	
Green buildings and energy management *	
Urban planning and environmental management	

* Cross-listed elective courses worth 3 credits each.

Our People

Dr. Vivian Chu BSc (UCL); MSc (UCL); PhD (HKU) FHEA, ISB® Programme Co-Director	Dr. Winnie Law BPlan (Auckland); MPlan (Auckland); PhD (HKU) FHEA, MHKIQEP, CEMAHK Programme Co-Director
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Professor Joyce Tsoi B.Eng (UCL); MSc (DIC) (ICL); PhD (HKU)	Dr. Jessica Williams LLB (EXON); MSc (Cardiff); PhD (HKU)

Our Alumni

Mr. Patrick Ho (2007 Graduate) Head of Sustainable Development Swire Properties	Ms. Susan Clear (2019 Graduate) Director of Social Impact Investing Macquarie Group
Mr. David Kim (2019 Graduate) Head of Sustainability Department The Bank of East Asia	Ms. Tiffany Lee (2019 Graduate) Assistant Director of Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd.
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