



College of
Humanities and Law

Postgraduate Diploma in
Arbitration

Postgraduate Diploma in
Arbitration and Mediation



Postgraduate Diploma in Arbitration HB015

Postgraduate Diploma in Arbitration and Mediation HB013

Introduction

The application of arbitration and mediation has widely increased in Hong Kong. With a common law system and geographical convenience, Hong Kong provides the ideal venue for speedy and reliable dispute resolution when commercial conflicts arise. The Postgraduate Diploma in Arbitration / Postgraduate Diploma in Arbitration and Mediation were launched to meet the expanded application of Arbitration and Mediation.

Arbitration

One of the best methods of dispute resolution for construction contracts, international trade, shipping and trans-national businesses is arbitration for the benefits that judgments are enforceable across different jurisdictions as a result of the New York Convention[1958]. Hong Kong has a competitive advantage that there is an enormous pool of experienced professionals in the legal, shipping, international trade, and construction fields, and that they can support dispute settlement. The reservoir of specialist is expanding and the application of arbitration in various areas has increased. Another advantage is the bilingual jurisdiction adopted in Hong Kong and that is beneficial to parties from the Mainland, Taiwan and even Japan to arbitrate in Hong Kong. It is under such circumstances that the programmes are restructured with an expanded coverage cater for other fields.

Mediation

Mediation is another alternative to dispute resolution widely accepted and practised across different businesses and industries in view of its positive outcome in facilitating a more efficient, expeditious and fair disposal of disputes. The reform of the Hong Kong Civil Justice systems in 2009 promoted the use of mediation for a more efficient use of judicial time and resources. The use of mediation in family matters, construction disputes, building management disputes, probate, and even financial products are all very promising.

Programme Objectives

The programme aims to provide professional training in alternative dispute resolution, including arbitration and mediation, in particular the principles and practices of arbitration and mediation. It provides training on the application of these alternative dispute resolution methods in some identified fields including international trade, business transactions, construction, shipping, and the use of mediation in more domestic cases in housing management, family matters etc. The programme is designed as the initial step for those who want to become professional arbitrators, mediators and experts in alternative dispute resolution in a variety of fields to equip themselves with a sound academic foundation and practical knowledge.



academic and professional training.

Programme Structure

The programmes are designed for part-time study of one year. Teaching will be conducted through lectures, seminars and workshops. Tutorials and/or case studies discussions may be arranged where appropriate. Series of workshops will be arranged throughout the Mediation Practice (40 contact hours) modules. Sessions will be held on weekday evenings and Saturday/Sunday. The medium of instruction is English.

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Core modules

Law of Obligation and Civil Evidence
Arbitration Practice
Law of Arbitration
Award Writing
Mediation Practice*

* (for Postgraduate Diploma in Arbitration and Mediation only)

Elective modules

Construction Law
International Trade Law
Law of Shipping

Elective modules: (choose 1 out of 3)

Assessment

Assessment for all modules (except Mediation Practice) is based on both written examinations and a set of assignments submitted during the academic year. For Mediation Practice, students will be continuously assessed and continuous assessment represents 100% of the overall grade mark of each module.

Entry Requirements

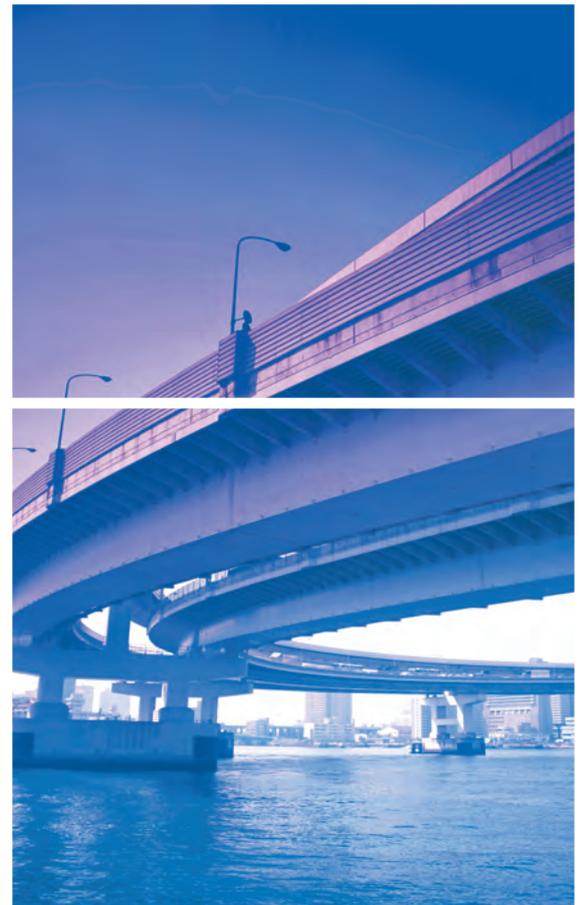
Applicants shall hold:

1. A bachelor's degree awarded by a recognized university or equivalent, in a relevant discipline with at least 2 years of experience; OR
2. A relevant professional qualification (e.g. RIBA/HKIA, RICS/HKIS, CIOB/HKICM, CIBSE/ICE/HKIE, HKIH/CIH, CILT, ICS, CIPS/HKIPS etc)

If the degree or equivalent qualification is from an institution where the language of teaching and assessment is not English, applicants shall provide evidence of English proficiency such as

- (i) an overall band of 6.0 or above with no subtest lower than 5.5 in the IELTS; or
- (ii) a score of 550 or above in the paper-based TOEFL, or a score of 213 or above in the computer-based TOEFL, or a score of 80 or above in the internet-based TOEFL; or
- (iii) HKALE Use of English at Grade E or above; or
- (iv) HKDSE Examination English Language at Level 3 or above; or
- (v) equivalent qualifications.

Applicants with other qualifications will be considered on individual merit.





Programme Recognition

HKU SPACE is awarded as the Recognised Course Provider by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), UK, on the provision of these programmes.

Students that successfully complete either of the programmes will be able to enter CI Arb at MCI Arb level. Students having completed the Postgraduate Diploma in Arbitration and Mediation will also be given exemption from CI Arb's module 1 Commercial Mediation Training.

Mediation Practice course (conducted by The Accord Group) has been also approved by Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited(HKMAAL) as an acceptable mediation course as meeting Stage One of the accreditation requirement.

Course Director / Teaching Staff

Mr. K. Y. Leung is the Course Director. He is responsible for the academic development of the postgraduate diploma programmes. Well-qualified professionals with valuable experience in the industries will be appointed to deliver the lectures of the programmes.





Fees

Application Fee : HK\$200

PgDip Arbitration : HK\$51,500

PgDip Arbitration and Mediation : HK\$67,000
(To be made by 2 instalments)

The first instalment is paid upon acceptance to an offer of admission to the programme. The second instalment shall be made in February the next year.

Cheques should be made payable to "HKU SPACE". All fees are non-refundable.

Members of HKIA, HKIE, HKIS, HKIH, and CILTHK are given a 5% discount to the advertised course fees.

Study Duration

The programme will commence in either June or September yearly and complete examinations in August in the following year. Students will attend lectures during weekday evenings and weekends.

Application

Please send your completed application form, together with the application fee and the following documents to the following address. Application forms are obtainable from this link (keywords: Arbitration, Mediation)
<http://hkuspace.hku.hk/web-course/course-search.php>

Course Director

Postgraduate Diploma in Arbitration/Postgraduate Diploma in Arbitration and Mediation

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(1) Copies of your academic and/or professional qualifications;

(2) Proven records of use of English;

Applicants are required to send a copy of any Certificates or Diplomas awarded to them that indicate their proficiency in the use of the English language. Applicants who do not have such Certificates or Diplomas should provide a statement from a referee regarding their proficiency in written and spoken English.

(3) Two passport-sized photographs (one photo affixed to the application form in the designated space and the other with your name hand-printed on the reverse side).

Deadline of Application

Candidates are encouraged to apply early. Please refer to the dates stated on the application form.



