Benchmarked against the highest international standards, the taught postgraduate curricula at HKU are designed to enable our students to develop their capabilities in:

**Aim 1:** Critical intellectual enquiry and acquiring up-to-date knowledge and research skills in a discipline/profession

- Critically review, consolidate and extend knowledge, skills and practices and thinking in a discipline/profession
- Critically evaluate new knowledge and research skills of specialist disciplines and professions from a range of global sources
- Demonstrate enhanced analytical skills

**Aim 2:** Application of knowledge and research skills to practice or theoretical exploration, demonstrating originality and creativity

- Apply disciplinary knowledge to practice or theoretical exploration creatively
- Employ research skills in practice or theoretical exploration in an original way
- Demonstrate critical awareness of the appropriate application of knowledge and research skills to practice or theoretical exploration
- Apply knowledge and skills in a broad range of professional work activities, drawing on relevant local, regional and international experience

**Aim 3:** Tackling novel situations and ill-defined problems

- Respond positively to unanticipated situations and problems
- Identify and define problems in unfamiliar situations
- Generate and evaluate innovative solutions to problems
- Deal with complex issues and make informed judgements in novel situations

**Aim 4:** Collaboration and communication of disciplinary knowledge to specialists and the general public

- Work with others in a constructive manner to complete tasks
- Negotiate with others in making a decision
- Communicate ideas professionally, making appropriate use of available technology
- Effectively communicate disciplinary knowledge with key stakeholders locally, regionally and internationally

**Aim 5:** Awareness of and adherence to personal and professional ethics

- Maintain highest standards of personal integrity and ethical practice in academic and professional settings
- Demonstrate critical awareness of global best practice in personal and professional ethics
**Aim 6: Enhancement of leadership and advocacy skills in a profession**

- Play a leading role in professional settings
- Articulate ideas effectively and motivate others to action
- Address critical issues and make contribution to change and development in the profession
- Attain familiarity with global best practice in the profession

(This educational aim applies only to professional curricula.)

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