MASTERS PROGRAMMES
2021 INTAKE
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Why Hong Kong?

1st

2nd
2nd Freest Economy in the World (2020 Index of Economic Freedom)

2nd
Asia’s 2nd largest private equity centre managing about 20% of the total capital pool in the region

3rd

5th
5th in Worldwide Economic Performance (IMD World Competitiveness Ranking 2020)
**Vision**
To be a leading, globally impactful academic institution of business and economics.

**Unique Proposition**
The School is deeply rooted in Hong Kong, fully engaged with China, and truly international.

**Rankings**

**The University of Hong Kong**

- **No. 1 in Hong Kong**
- **No. 4 in Asia**
- **No. 22 in the World**

QS World University Rankings 2021

- **No. 9 in the World**

QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2020

- **No. 1 in the World**


- **No. 35 in the World**

Times Higher Education (THE) World Universities Ranking 2020

**HKU MBA Programme**

- **No. 1 in Asia**
- **No. 1 Worldwide**
- **No. 13 International School**

The Economist – Full-time MBA Ranking (2010-2018)

- Forbes – The Best International MBAs: One-Year Programs 2019

**Our 2020-2021 student community at a glance**

**Regions Represented**

- Canada
- USA
- UK
- France
- Germany
- China
- India
- Japan
- Australia
- Singapore
- Italy
- South Korea
- Indonesia

**Undergraduate University**

- Australian National University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Fudan University
- Imperial College London
- Korea University
- Nanjing University
- National Taiwan University
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Peking University
- Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Singapore Management University
- The London School of Economics and Political Science
- The University of Chicago
- The University of Edinburgh
- The University of Hong Kong
- The University of Manchester
- The University of Melbourne
- The University of Sydney
- Tsinghua University
- University of British Columbia
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Michigan
- University of Mumbai
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Toronto
- Xi’an Jiaotong University
- Zhejiang University
Our Campuses

The HKU Business School provides a dynamic and conducive environment for learning, teaching and research. Advanced facilities are provided on the three campuses located in the HKU Main Campus, Cyberport and Admiralty Town Centre.

**Cyberport Campus**

Located at the flagship of Hong Kong’s digital industry - Cyberport. The School’s facilities at Cyberport include state-of-the-art classrooms, group meeting rooms and social areas for postgraduate students and learning partners from corporates that collaborate with the School. This is a place where university and business communities can come together and inspire innovations.

**HKU Main Campus**

The Headquarters of the HKU Business School is located at K.K. Leung Building in the HKU Main Campus. In addition to facilities such as lecture theatres, classrooms, computer laboratories and other areas for academic activities, the campus is also home to many research centres and institutes under the School. The Main Campus also features other learning facilities, resources and services needed in university life.

**Town Centre Campus**

Located at the heart of the city, Admiralty Town Centre Campus brings the resources of the School to one of the financial districts in Hong Kong. Apart from featuring cutting-edge facilities such as executive classrooms, meeting rooms and comfortable lounges, this downtown campus is a convenient location for hosting events and seminars, and connecting students, alumni and partners from all over the world.
Master of Accounting

Modular Calendar
Courses are offered on a modular basis to allow students to focus on 1-2 courses at a time. Normally, each module consists of six to eight weeks including the examination week.

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For reference only, actual duration can vary.

Quick Facts

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Class Days

Normally 4 sessions of teaching per week

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Course Assessments

A combination of

- Assignments
- Mid-term Examinations
- Project Papers
- Presentations
- Other coursework
- Final Examination
Master of Accounting Overview

More than a Professional Accountant

The Master of Accounting programme at the HKU Business School combines a rigorous academic core with tailored practical skills and knowledge. It is accredited by the ACCA, CPA Australia, CIMA and HKICPA, and students on this programme benefit from our professional partnerships with the ACCA and KPMG. Our comprehensive curriculum structure covers accounting, finance, management and business analytics, and explores theories that explain the important roles of accounting in economic decisions, all of these help prepare you to be professional accountants, financial experts and future business leaders. Through exploring data analytics students will learn how to take insights and information and convert this into executable actions.

Programme Structure

01 A comprehensive postgraduate curriculum encompassing accounting, finance, management, and business analytics

02 Theories that explicate the important roles of accounting in economic decisions

03 Professional training in business leadership, strategic management reporting, and advanced financial and performance management benefiting from the partnership with ACCA and KPMG

04 Accounting data analytics that convert information into executable actions

05 A capstone course to tie the various elements of the study together through real-world business projects

Q&A Programme Director

Top 5 questions about the Master of Accounting programme, answered by our Programme Director Prof. Kai Wai Hui.

1 What is the most important element of learning for an accounting professional nowadays?

It depends on the interests of the student. We cover several in-depth areas. In particular, our programme values leadership and analytic skills, as well as critical thinking. We would like students to become the future leaders of the profession.

2 What type of student is suitable to study the Master of Accounting Programme?

Anyone who is interested in the accounting profession. We look for qualified students with intellect, a good command of English, a career vision in accounting and finance and the confidence and dedication to achieve excellence.

3 I already have a bachelor degree or background in accounting. Is it beneficial for me to study the Master of Accounting Programme?

Another purpose of the programme is to establish cutting edge knowledge at an advanced level. Elective courses cover numerous accounting fields that bring you up to the graduate level. Accounting students will have course waivers and exemptions that allow them to leap to the advanced level. They may also take electives from other graduate programmes to enrich their knowledge.

4 I do not come from a business or commerce background, can I study the Master of Accounting Programme?

The programme covers elements of basic accounting knowledge, making it suitable for non-business major students. The curriculum will be challenging for them, but well manageable given the guidance we give them.

5 Does the programme allow me to get practical insights from the industry?

Our curriculum design is based on the most recent developments in the industry. There are also guest speakers and industry and career talks that bring about the latest developments. The curriculum has been updated over time to keep up with the latest global standards.

Professional Partnerships

- ACCA: The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- KPMG

Accreditation

- ACCA: Accredited Programme
- CIMA: Accredited Programme
- CPA Australia: Accredited Programme
- HKICPA: Accredited Programme

Prof. Kai Wai Hui

Programme Director - Master of Accounting
Scholarship

Entrance Scholarship

We offer merit-based scholarships to qualified students, who may receive a scholarship ranging from 10% to 50% in most cases. A full tuition waiver may be offered to outstanding cases. All eligible candidates are automatically considered; no separate application is required.

Fargo Wealth Excellence Scholarship

Up to 10 scholarships shall be awarded, starting from the academic year 2021-22, to Year One students available to all masters programmes offered by the HKU Business School on the basis of academic performance in the respective programmes and their contributions to the community of masters programmes. The Scholarship shall be of the value of HK$10,000 each.

Tuition Fee

$318,000*

A deposit of HK$80,000* is required to confirm the admission offer; the balance shall be payable in two installments over one academic year.

* Subject to change and final approval by The University of Hong Kong.

Course Exemption

Up to two core courses (except for the capstone course) may be granted subject to the approval of the Programme Director and the school, if you:

A. Can produce evidence, such as transcript and course syllabus, that a course is equivalent in content to another course taken elsewhere for which a satisfactory grade has been obtained; or

B. Are holding relevant professional qualifications which were obtained before admission to the programme.

No credits will be given for the exempted course and you will be required to take an approved alternative elective course of the same credit value.

Boot Camp

**Purpose:** To ensure that everyone has the foundational knowledge and skills required to fulfil the requirements for professional accounting accreditations

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Mode:** Interactive lectures

**Assessment:** Pass 3 Courses*

An online refresher course on fundamental accounting concepts will also be provided to brush up students’ accounting skills.

*Exam required at the end of each subject. Students are required to attend all classes, prepare and pass all 3 boot camp courses.

Effective communication of relevant financial information to important stakeholders such as investors and creditors is a key driver for corporate success. We will develop students with such crucial ability and prepare them to play a strategic role in organisations with their knowledge in financial reporting.

Dr. Winnie S.C. Leung

- Financial Accounting Foundation
- Advanced Financial Accounting

Remarks: Not all the courses listed above will necessarily be offered each year and the above list is subject to further adjustment.

*Up to two elective courses may be taken from other taught postgraduate programmes offered by the School, subject to availability and review by the Programme Director based on your profile, capabilities, and performance in the Master of Accounting programme.
Accreditation

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

The MAcc programme has been accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and with the completion of the required subjects (including elective course: MACC7016 Corporate Finance), exemptions will be granted to MAcc graduates for the following papers:

Accountant in Business
Corporate and Business Law
Financial Reporting
Management Accounting
Performance Management
Audit and Assurance
Financial Accounting
Taxation
Financial Management

For further details, please visit ACCA’s website at http://www.accaglobal.com

Alumni

Yije Wang, Moots of Accounting Class of 2020

Our Master of Accounting programme is accredited by CPA Australia. Upon successful completion of the required courses (including elective course: MACC7016 Corporate Finance), you will be granted exemptions from all the following 6 courses at the foundation level and gain direct entry to the CPA Program (Professional exams) as an CPA Australia Associate Member:

- Economics and Markets
- Business Finance
- Foundations of Accounting
- Financial Accounting and Reporting
- Fundamentals of Business Law
- Management Accounting

For further details, please visit CPA Australia’s website at https://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/

CIMA

The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

The MAcc programme is accredited by CIMA, upon successful completion of all the required courses (including elective course: MACC7014 Advanced Management Control), you will be granted 12 exemptions.

- BA1 Fundamentals of Business Economics
- BA2 Fundamentals of Management Accounting
- BA3 Fundamentals of Financial Accounting
- BA4 Fundamentals of Ethics, Corporate Governance and Business Law
- E1 Organisational Management
- P1 Management Accounting
- F1 Financial Reporting and Taxation
- Operational Case Study Exam
- F2 Project and Relationship Management
- F2 Advanced Management Accounting
- F2 Advanced Financial Reporting
- E3 Strategic Management

For more details, please visit CIMA’s website at https://www.cimaglobal.com

HKICPA

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants

The MAcc programme is an accredited programme of the HKICPA’s Qualification Programme (QP). Graduates of the Programme who passed certain courses (including elective courses: MACC7015 Principles of Management and MACC7016 Corporate Finance) will qualify for student registration and enrolment in the four core modules (current QP) OR exemption of the 10 Associate Level Modules (new QP) of the Institute’s Qualification Programme.

- M1 Accounting
- M2 Management Accounting
- M3 Business Economics
- M4 Business Management
- M5 Information Management
- M6 Financial Accounting
- M7 Financial Management
- M8 Principles of Auditing
- M9 Principles of Taxation
- M10 Business & Company Law

For more details, please visit HKICPA’s website at https://www.hkicpa.org.hk

As my undergraduate major is accounting, I was in touch with many accounting related topics, such as management accounting, financial accounting, and auditing. In addition, I acquired the ACCA in my undergraduate time, so my knowledge base is very solid. However, I felt I lacked the ability to put the knowledge into practice, so I chose to study the Master of Accounting. I hoped to have more opportunities to use the knowledge I learned in practical cases.

Emma Xu, Master of Accounting, Class of 2020
Class Profile

We recruit students from diverse backgrounds each year to enrich your learning experience.

**Academic Backgrounds**

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**Previous Employers**

- Accenture
- Asian Resources International Limited
- BOCI Research Limited
- British Embassy Beijing
- Carat Media Services Singapore Pte Ltd
- China Construction Bank
- China Merchants Bank
- DBS Bank Limited
- Deloitte
- Ernst & Young
- Industrial Alliance Financial Group
- Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC)
- KPMG
- Lehman Brown CPA Hong Kong Limited
- Prudential Hong Kong Limited
- PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
- Richter LLP
- Zhonghui Certified Public Accountants LLP
- Zhongtai Security Co., Ltd.

**Gender + Age**

- **Female**: 69%
- **Male**: 31%
- **Average Age**: 22 years
- **Average Working Experience**: 26%

**Working Experience**

- **1 year**: 1
- **8 months**: 8

*Among students with prior work experience (internship inclusive)*

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to our programme, you must:

1. **Obtain a TOEFL/IELTS score if you are not from an English-medium university**
2. **Obtain statements from two referees, regarding suitability for the programme**
3. **Hold a recognised Bachelor’s degree or equivalent**

**Minimum score requirement:** with no subtest below 5.5

- **TOEFL**: 80
- **IELTS**: 6

**Code Number**: TOEFL: 9671; GRE: 2482

**Application Process**

1. Access Taught Postgraduate Online Application System and create your application account
2. Fill in the application form and provide referee details
3. Pay HK$300 non-refundable application fee
4. Upload documents to the system
5. Send reference from template to your 2 referees

**Remarks:**

- Application with missing supporting documentation will be considered incomplete and will not be further processed.
- In the application stage, the original copy of supporting documents is NOT required and candidates only need to upload the softcopy to the application website. If you receive an admission offer from our programme, we will ask you to submit the original or certified true copy of the documents.
- Due to the large volume of applications received by HKU, your application account will only be valid for four weeks. You should submit your application within this period; otherwise, your application will be lost.
- Admission process normally takes 8 weeks after application deadline.

For more detailed steps, please refer back to the Master Programme website.
Living in Hong Kong
The HKU Business School has a dedicated team that prepares our masters students for success in the world of work.

Leveraging our networks and resources, we aim to provide top-notch career services that

01 help students explore and understand the industry sectors they are most interested in, and evaluate options based on their profile and aspirations;

02 help students develop a realistic career plan by facilitating the planning and execution of their personal career exploration and strategies; and

03 help students enhance their skills, competencies and confidence necessary in the world of business.

We value partnerships, and work tirelessly in reaching out to the community and corporate, both local and in the region, for all forms of collaboration, particularly that in terms of knowledge sharing and talent acquisition. Many of the related events and job opportunities are exclusive to HKU Business School masters students.

Partial Employers List

Technology
- Alibaba
- DiDi
- Huawei
- IBM
- NetEase
- Tencent

Banking
- Bank of America
- Bank of China
- Bank of Communications
- HSBC
- J.P. Morgan
- Ping An Bank
- Société Générale
- Standard Chartered

Financial Services (Auditing/Asset Management/Investment Banking/PE&VC)
- BlackRock
- Bloomberg
- China International Capital Corporation (CICC)
- CITIC Securities
- Goldman Sachs
- Guotai Junan International
- Moody’s Analytics
- China Merchants Finance

Professional Services and Consulting
- Accenture
- Deloitte
- Ernst & Young
- KPMG
- PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

Others
- DFS Group
- Hong Kong Monetary Authority
- Securities and Future Commission

*Data based on graduate surveys administered three months after course completion. Data from Master of Science in Marketing and Master of Global Management, which were launched in 2019 and 2020 respectively, are not yet available.
We support you along the Journey

Tools and Resources
Support your research and job market intelligence with professional tools

- HKU Moodle: Career Exploration Toolkit
- Career Portal
- Skills-based Training: Bloomberg, Python, WIND etc.
- Aptitude Test Banks

01 Know Yourself and Your Strengths
Gain awareness of your relationship style, your impact on others and your personal strengths.

- One-on-one Career Consultation
- Enhancing Your Professional Presence
- Personality and Workplace Communication

02 Plan Your Career
Analyse your profile, research the options, and build a realistic career plan

- One-on-one Career Consultation
- CV Clinic
- Industry Overview Series

03 Tell Your Story
Present your experience effectively and promote your professional identity.

- CV Writing and Cover Letter
- Personal Branding on Social Media
- Small Group Mock Interviews
- Presentation and Pitching Skills

04 Discover The Open And Hidden Job Market
Learn how to look for a job and how employers in the industry source the talents they need

- Recruitment Talks
- Job Fair
- Professional Body Sharing Seminars
- Seminars by Recruitment Experts

05 Network, Network, Network
Leverage the HKU Community to expand your network.

- Alumni Sharing
- Fireside Chats with Executives
- Competitions and Challenges

Career Development & Training
We offer a diverse range of career development activities
Contact Us

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- Email: MAccAdmissions@hku.hk
- Phone: (852) 3962 1280

**Master of Economics**
- Email: MEAdmissions@hku.hk
- Phone: (852) 3962 1243

**Master of Finance**
- Email: MFAdmissions@hku.hk
- Phone: (852) 3962 1258

**Master of Science in Financial Technology**
- Email: MFFTAdmissions@hku.hk
- Phone: (852) 3962 1487

**Master of Global Management**
- Email: MGMTAdmissions@hku.hk
- Phone: (852) 3962 1291

**Master of Science in Business Analytics**
- Email: MSBAAdmissions@hku.hk
- Phone: (852) 3962 1246

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Our HKU Alumni Network

230,000+ Alumni

>150 Nationalities

133 Alumni Networks

23,000+ HKU Business School Graduates