PolyU Postgraduate Programmes

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The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) has a seven-decade history of application-oriented education. Since 1937, the university and its predecessors have graduated 355,000 students, many of which are now leaders of their professions and the community.

Today's PolyU advances knowledge through research and transfers knowledge and technology through education and service.

Faculty of Business

The Faculty of Business at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University is a major business school in the Asia-Pacific region dedicated to advancing knowledge through research and transferring knowledge and technology through education and service.

Triple Accreditation

The Faculty of Business was accredited by AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) in 2010 in recognition of our business education.

The Faculty was accredited by EQUIS (EFMD Quality Improvement System) in 2007 in recognition of our programmes, research and associated activities.

Our MBA programmes offered in Hong Kong and on the Chinese mainland are AMBA-accredited since 2005.

International Rankings

#68

UTD (University of Texas at Dallas) Top 100 World Rankings of Business Schools based on Research Contribution 2009-2013

Thomson Reuters’ ISI Web of Science data (shipping research 2010-2012)


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Welcome to the Faculty of Business of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

The Faculty is among a handful of business schools in the world with Triple Accreditation from AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), EQUIS (EMFD Quality Improvement System) and AMBA (Association of MBAs).

Our community is dedicated to the pursuit of IDEAS (Innovation-driven Education and Scholarship) with a 3D focus on Discovery, Design and Delivery. We realise knowledge and technology transfer through high-quality educational programmes, as well as partnership and close links with industry and the professional community.

The Faculty offers a comprehensive portfolio of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, many of which are recognised by professional bodies in the fields of accounting, finance, logistics, management, marketing and transport. Apart from the BBA, MBA, DBA and specialised master’s degrees, there are also research programmes leading to the MPhil and PhD awards.

To maintain the currency of our academic programmes and specialist consultancy, faculty members undertake application-oriented research, both within and across their disciplines, facilitated by the Faculty’s centres for research in branding and marketing, leadership and innovation, logistics, maritime studies and sustainability management. Our research has been ranked 68th in the world (The UTD Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings based on Research Contributions 2009-2013).

We look forward to welcoming you to our community of 200 academics from around the world, 4,900 students and 39,000 alumni.

Professor Edwin Cheng
Dean, Faculty of Business
Chair Professor of Management
Welcome to our professional postgraduate programmes in Accounting and Finance from the School of Accounting and Finance of the Faculty of Business at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

According to the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) Top 100 Business School Research Rankings based on research contributions to 24 leading business journals between 2009 and 2013, our Faculty has been ranked 68th in the world and our accounting area is ranked 43 based on the UTD Ranking between 2009 and 2012. We are the first university in Hong Kong that has accounting department; and provides many well established business managers and large base of alumni.

Our mission is to bring cross-discipline research into the classroom. We combine the best of both worlds of academia and real business. Our curriculum shows you how theories apply in today's business world. You will walk away from class well prepared to apply cutting-edge theories in accounting and finance to your business decision-making.

Our Accounting and Finance postgraduate programmes foster professional, intellectual and personal development of business executives in the fields of accounting and finance. We work in close partnership with relevant professional institutes to develop these programmes so as to reflect the state-of-the-art accounting and financial practices. You will develop new perspectives and understanding, and be well prepared for the business challenges of today and tomorrow. Join us and you will be better equipped for continued success and future challenges where it counts most – in the real world.

Professor C.S. Agnes Cheng
Head and Chair Professor of Accounting
School of Accounting and Finance
Master of Corporate Finance

Programme Code: 21048-CFM
Programme Director: Prof. Wilson Tong
Deputy Programme Director: Dr Allen Ng

What You Will Gain From The Programme

The Master of Corporate Finance (MCF) programme aims to provide corporate finance practitioners with education opportunities to enhance their professionalism and elevate their intellectual capacity in corporate finance, corporate risk management and related areas. The programme curriculum integrates theory and practice with emphasis on local applications, addressing the needs of those holding senior positions in corporate finance and banking.

On completion of the MCF programme, graduates will be able to:

- apply conceptual frameworks drawn from Accounting, Risk Management, Economics, Quantitative Method and Law to the analysis of investment and corporate finance issues;
- solve asset management/corporate finance problems as they present themselves in real-life situations;
- formulate financial strategies and policies; and
- envision possible outcomes on financial and strategic recommendations, and to evaluate the performance in a relevant and effective way.

Special Features

- To help busy students complete the programme, all subjects are delivered in an executive teaching mode, in which students are required to complete only one subject at a time over a 7-week period;
- The most up-to-date industry practices are incorporated into the curriculum to make the programme a unique synthesis of academic theories and professional practices;
- Professional Development Lectures given by prominent practitioners provide students with updated industry information;
- There is a possible exit point with Postgraduate Diploma in Corporate Finance for students who have completed six Year One compulsory subjects;
- The programme is taught by staff from the School of Accounting and Finance which is accredited by The Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) of Hong Kong as a recognised institution for providing continuous professional training.
Programme Details

- You have to complete 6 Compulsory Subjects (18 credits), 4 Elective Subjects (12 credits), and 2 Compulsory Capstone Subjects (6 credits).
- A total of 36 credits are required for the Master of Corporate Finance award.
- Students only need to complete one subject at a time over a 7-week period. There are six blocks of 7-week in each academic year.
- Classes are normally scheduled on weekday evenings, Saturdays and some Sundays.

Year One (18 credits)

Compulsory Subjects
- Accounting for Business Analysis
- Corporate Governance, Disclosures and Implications
- Economics for Financial Analysis
- Investments
- Principles of Corporate Finance
- Quantitative Methods for Finance

Year Two (18 credits)

Elective Subjects* (any four)
- Corporate Risk Management
- Entrepreneurial Finance
- Financial Analysis and Valuation
- Game Theory and Business Strategy
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Project#

Compulsory Capstone Subjects* (any two)
- Finance and Strategy
- International Banking
- International Financial Management

* Subject to the university’s minimum enrolment requirement, not all subjects will be offered each year. And, registration is subject to the availability of quota.

# The Project can be either 3 credits or 6 credits depending on its scope.

The programme has been included in the list of reimbursable courses for Continuing Education Fund (CEF) purposes.
Duration
The normal duration of study is 2 years with a maximum study period of 4 years.

Entrance Requirements
- A Bachelor's degree awarded by a recognised university; or
- A Professional Diploma awarded by the former Hong Kong Polytechnic or the City Polytechnic of Hong Kong.

If you are not a native speaker of English, and your Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification was awarded by an institution at which the medium of instruction is not English, you are expected to fulfill the University's minimum English language requirement for admission. Please refer to the "Admissions Requirements" section at Study@PolyU for details.

Suitable candidates may be invited to attend admission interviews.

Fee
The tuition fee is HK$172,800 per programme (36 credits).

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Master of Corporate Governance

Programme Code: 21047-MCG
Programme Director: Dr Sunny Sun
Programme Manager: Ms Tam Ching-yee

What You Will Gain From The Programme

The Master of Corporate Governance (MCG) programme aims to provide an educational pathway for business or business-related degree graduates to specialise in corporate governance. It aims to equip corporate administrators, including chief executive officers, directors, financial controllers, treasurers, company secretaries and holders of other key corporate positions, with a sound knowledge of, and competency in corporate governance so that they can effectively participate in the planning, implementation and monitoring of corporate financial policies and strategies.

On completion of the MCG programme, graduates will be able to:

- appreciate the importance of business ethics pertaining to various corporate governance issues;
- comprehend best practices in respect of corporate governance, as required to achieve higher standards of corporate behaviour;
- develop a critical law and regulation insight and appreciate the role of law and regulation in corporate governance;
- apply the corporate accounting and finance concepts and financial reporting practices in accounting and financial planning, control and decision making;
- comprehend and appreciate management accounting controls, information systems, principles of organisation and strategy theories and their application to corporate management;
- explain and apply current Hong Kong taxation law and practices to advise on tax implications in corporate management and decision making;
- comprehend and appreciate the legal aspects involved in company matters and the corporate governance system of both Hong Kong and PRC companies; and
- fulfil exemption requirements of relevant professional bodies, including The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA), and The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries (HKICS).

Special Features

- An integrated curriculum to provide a sound knowledge of, and competency in all areas that are related to, and impinge on corporate governance;
- A combination of cutting-edge theories and up-to-date professional practices;
- Taught by academics with relevant professional and business experience;
- Graduates of the programme may be eligible for full exemption from the examination requirements of The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA), and The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries (HKICS). However, graduates of this programme who have registered with the HKICS on or after 1 November 2002 and have already attempted but failed any HKICS examination paper(s) should check with these professional bodies about exemption from these failed paper(s) even if they successfully graduate from this programme.
- Graduates of the programme may also be eligible for professional examination exemption in respect of other professional bodies, such as ACCA and CPA (Australia).
Programme Details

- You have to complete 9 Compulsory Subjects (27 credits) and 1 Elective Subject (3 credits).
- A total of 30 credits are required for the Master of Corporate Governance award.
- Normally, you will study two subjects in each of Semesters 1 and 2, and one subject in the Summer Term.
- Classes are normally scheduled on weekday evenings and / or Saturday afternoons.

Year One (15 credits)

Semester 1
- Corporate Financial Accounting
- Corporate Law

Semester 2
- Corporate Taxation and Tax Planning
- Organisation Management and Strategy

Summer Term
- Managerial Accounting and Information Systems

Year Two (15 credits)

Semester 1
- Corporate Administration
- Corporate Governance

Semester 2
- Corporate Finance and Policies
- Elective Subjects* (any one):
  - Business Risk Management
  - Economic Law and System of the PRC
  - Research Project
  - Securities Regulations and Practice
  - Strategic China Tax Planning and Management

Summer Term
- Contemporary Issues in Corporate Governance

* Subject to the university’s minimum enrolment requirement, not all subjects will be offered each year. And, registration is subject to the availability of quota.

The programme has been included in the list of reimbursable courses for Continuing Education Fund (CEF) purposes.
Duration
The normal duration of study is 2 years with a maximum study period of 4 years.

Entrance Requirements

- A Bachelor's or higher degree in business or a business-related discipline awarded by a recognised university, or other qualifications deemed equivalent by the Admissions Committee;
- To meet the minimum entrance requirements, applicants should have studied basic accounting and law or business law at the undergraduate level.

If you are not a native speaker of English, and your Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification was awarded by an institution at which the medium of instruction is not English, you are expected to fulfil the University's minimum English language requirement for admission. Please refer to the "Admissions Requirements" section at Study@PolyU for details.

Suitable candidates may be invited to attend admission interviews.

Fee
The tuition fee is HK$144,000 per programme (30 credits).

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Master of Finance

Investment Management (Full-time Day-time mode)

Programme Code: 21050-MIM
Programme Director: Prof. Louis Cheng
Deputy Programme Director: Dr Allen Ng

What You Will Gain From The Programme

The full-time day-time Master of Finance (Investment Management) (FT MoF) programme aims to provide degree graduates who would like to specialise in investment management, particularly those with no or little work experience, with a combination of solid finance concepts and up-to-date industry know-how. Furthermore, the programme prepares students for the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®) examination.

On completion of the FT MoF programme, graduates will be able to:

- apply conceptual frameworks drawn from Accounting, Risk Management, Economics, Quantitative Method and Law to the analysis of investment and corporate finance issues;
- solve asset management/corporate finance problems as they present themselves in real-life situations;
- formulate financial strategies and policies; and
- envision possible outcomes on financial and strategic recommendations, and to evaluate the performance in a relevant and effective way.

Special Features

- Candidates with no or little work experience are welcome to apply;
- Students are able to complete the Master's programme in ONE year;
- The most up-to-date industry practices are incorporated into the curriculum to make the programme a unique synthesis of academic theories and professional practices;
- The programme has been accepted into the CFA Institute University Recognition Program. This status is granted to institutions whose degree program(s) incorporate at least 70% of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK), which provide students with a solid grounding in the CBOK and positions them well to sit for the CFA exams;
- The programme is taught by staff from the School of Accounting and Finance which is accredited by the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) of Hong Kong as a recognised institution for providing continuous professional training.
**Programme Details**

- You have to complete 6 Compulsory Subjects (18 credits), 4 Elective Subjects (12 credits), and 2 Compulsory Capstone Subjects (6 credits).
- A total of 36 credits are required for the Master of Finance (Investment Management) award.
- Students will study 6 subjects in each of Semesters 1 and 2.

**Semester One (18 credits)**

**Compulsory Subjects**

- Accounting for Business Analysis
- Economics for Financial Analysis
- Investments
- Principles of Corporate Finance
- Quantitative Methods for Finance
- Regulatory Framework

**Semester Two (18 credits)**

**Elective Subjects* (any four)**

- Derivatives Securities
- Financial Analysis and Valuation
- Fixed Income Securities
- Game Theory and Business Strategy
- Investment Banking and Credit Rating
- Security Analysis and Portfolio Management
- Project#

**Compulsory Capstone Subjects**

- Finance and Strategy
- International Financial Management

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* Subject to the university's minimum enrolment requirement, not all subjects will be offered each year. And, registration is subject to the availability of quota.

# The Project can be either 3 credits or 6 credits depending on its scope.

The programme has been included in the list of reimbursable courses for Continuing Education Fund (CEF) purposes.
Academic Partnership

GARP

The Master of Finance (Mof) programme at PolyU is proud to
be an academic partner with GARP for risk education.

Duration

The normal duration of study is 1 year with a maximum study period of 2 years.

Entrance Requirements

- A Bachelor's degree from a recognised university, or equivalent;
- A minimum score of 600 (Total, Verbal, and Quantitative Scores) in the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) OR a minimum score of 600 (or its equivalence under the revised General Test) in both Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning in Graduate Record Examinations (GRE).

If you are not a native speaker of English, and your Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification was awarded by an institution at which the medium of instruction is not English, you are expected to fulfill the following minimum English language requirement for admission purpose:

- A Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 80 for the Internet-based test, or 550 for the paper-based test; OR
- An overall Band Score of at least 6 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Suitable candidates may be invited to attend admission interviews.

Fee

Local students:
The tuition fee is HK$180,000 per programme (36 credits).

Non-local students:
The tuition fee is HK$230,400 per programme (36 credits).

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Master of Finance
Investment Management

Programme Code: 21048-MIM
Programme Director: Prof. Wilson Tong
Deputy Programme Director: Dr Allen Ng

What You Will Gain From The Programme
The Master of Finance (Investment Management) (MoF) programme aims to provide current and prospective investment management professionals with a combination of solid finance concepts and up-to-date industry know-how.

The programme provides students with up-to-date knowledge in asset management, portfolio management and fund management, with an emphasis on risk assessment, enabling students to work in the brokerage and fund management industries. Furthermore, it prepares students for the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®) examination.

On completion of the MoF programme, graduates will be able to:
- apply conceptual frameworks drawn from Accounting, Risk Management, Economics, Quantitative Method and Law to the analysis of investment and corporate finance issues;
- solve asset management / corporate finance problems as they present themselves in real-life situations;
- formulate financial strategies and policies; and
- envision possible outcomes on financial and strategic recommendations, and to evaluate the performance in a relevant and effective way.

Special Features
- To help busy students complete the programme, all subjects are delivered in an executive teaching mode, in which students are required to complete only one subject at a time over a 7-week period;
- The most up-to-date industry practices are incorporated into the curriculum to make the programme a unique synthesis of academic theories and professional practices;
- Professional Development Lectures given by prominent practitioners provide students with updated industry information;
- There is a possible exit point with Postgraduate Diploma in Finance (Investment Management) for students who have completed six Year One compulsory subjects;
- The programme has been accepted into the CFA Institute University Recognition Program. This status is granted to institutions whose degree program(s) incorporate at least 70% of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK), which provide students with a solid grounding in the CBOK and positions them well to sit for the CFA exams;
- The programme is taught by staff from the School of Accounting and Finance which is accredited by The Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) of Hong Kong as a recognised institution for providing continuous professional training.
Programme Details

- You have to complete 6 Compulsory Subjects (18 credits), 4 Elective Subjects (12 credits), and 2 Compulsory Capstone Subjects (6 credits).
- A total of 36 credits are required for the Master of Finance (Investment Management) award.
- Students only need to complete one subject at a time over a 7-week period. There are six blocks of 7-week in each academic year.
- Classes are normally scheduled on weekday evenings, Saturdays and some Sundays.

Year One (18 credits)

**Compulsory Subjects**

- Accounting for Business Analysis
- Economics for Financial Analysis
- Investments
- Principles of Corporate Finance
- Quantitative Methods for Finance
- Regulatory Framework

Year Two (18 credits)

**Elective Subjects* (any four)**

- Derivatives Securities
- Financial Analysis and Valuation
- Fixed Income Securities
- Game Theory and Business Strategy
- Security Analysis and Portfolio Management
- Project*

**Compulsory Capstone Subjects* (any two)**

- Finance and Strategy
- International Banking
- International Financial Management

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* The Project can be either 3 credits or 6 credits depending on its scope.

The programme has been included in the list of reimbursable courses for Continuing Education Fund (CEF) purposes.

Academic Partnership

GARP

The Master of Finance (MoF) programme at PolyU is proud to be an academic partner with GARP for risk education.
Duration
The normal duration of study is 2 years with a maximum study period of 4 years.

Entrance Requirements
- A Bachelor's degree awarded by a recognised university; or
- A Professional Diploma awarded by the former Hong Kong Polytechnic or the City Polytechnic of Hong Kong.

If you are not a native speaker of English, and your Bachelor’s degree or equivalent qualification was awarded by an institution at which the medium of instruction is not English, you are expected to fulfill the University's minimum English language requirement for admission. Please refer to the "Admissions Requirements" section at Study@PolyU for details.

Suitable candidates may be invited to attend admission interviews.

Fee
The tuition fee is HK$172,800 per programme (36 credits).

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Master of / PgD in Professional Accounting (Mixed-mode)

Programme Code:
MPA: 21046-MAF (Full-time),
    21046-MAE (Part-time)
PgDPA: 21046-PAF (Full-time),
       21046-PAE (Part-time)
Programme Director: Dr Simon Fung
Programme Manager: Dr Jody Wong

What You Will Gain From The Programme

The Master of Professional Accounting (MPA) programme is a conversion Master's programme aiming to provide business degree graduates with an intensive education in accounting and related knowledge and skills. Students' achievement is targeted at two levels:

- To become a professional user, preparer, and auditor of accounting information upon completion of the Postgraduate Diploma;
- To become expert users of accounting information for making executive decisions upon completion of the Master's Degree.

The completion of seven core subjects leads to the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Accounting (PgDPA). On completion of the PgDPA components, graduates will be able to:

- apply and evaluate contemporary development and framework in external reporting, including corporate financial accounting, Hong Kong taxation and auditing,
- apply up-to-date accounting and finance concepts and techniques in internal decision making, including management accounting, managerial finance and strategic management,
- analyse and evaluate the legal, regulatory and ethical issues facing professional accountants.

In addition to the above core subjects, the completion of two additional compulsory subjects and three elective subjects leads to the award of the Master of Professional Accounting (MPA). On completion of the MPA components, graduates will be able to:

- analyse and evaluate theoretical frameworks in accounting, finance and corporate governance.
- develop additional expertise in selected aspects of accounting and finance, such as theory and practice of accounting in China, strategic tax management in Hong Kong and China, financial statement analysis, finance for multinational corporations, mergers and acquisitions, or integrated knowledge through group projects.

Special Features

PgDPA and MPA (Part one), containing the seven core subjects, have been accredited by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA) as conversion programmes. Together with a degree recognised by the HKICPA, graduates completing these seven core subjects will be eligible to enrol in the HKICPA Qualification Programme (QP). Upon completion of another five subjects, students will be awarded the Master of Professional Accounting.

The programme is also accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and CPA (Australia). PgDPA and MPA graduates are eligible to claim exemption of 9 papers from the ACCA professional examination. Together with meeting other undergraduate pre-requisites, graduates will also be eligible to apply for associate membership with CPA (Australia).

In addition, MPA students are exempted from 12 examinations through the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)'s Master Gateway fast track route, and can start directly with the Management Case Study Examination. PgDPA and MPA graduates are also granted exemption of 2 papers from the Certified Tax Adviser (CTA) Qualifying Programme offered by the Taxation Institute of Hong Kong.

Applicants who possess professional designations (i.e. HKICPA, ACCA or CPA (Australia) membership) and substantial professional experience or a Master of Corporate Governance (MCG) from PolyU will be granted transfer of a maximum of 18 credits, enabling them to complete the MPA award within ONE year on part-time basis.
Programme Details

- You have to complete 7 Core Subjects (21 credits) for the PgDPA award.
- You have to complete 7 Core Subjects, 2 Compulsory subjects and 3 Elective Subjects (36 credits) for the MPA award.
- Classes are normally scheduled on weekday daytime/ evenings and / or Saturday afternoons.

Core Subjects for MPA and PgDPA (21 credits)
- Accounting for Corporations
- Accounting for Strategic Management
- Auditing Framework
- Financial Reporting Environment
- Hong Kong Tax Framework
- Management Accounting
- Managerial Finance

Compulsory Subjects for MPA (6 credits)
- Accounting Theory
- Corporate Governance

Elective Subjects for MPA* (any three) (9 credits)
- Finance for Multinational Corporations
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Project
- Strategic Tax Management in Hong Kong and China
- Theory and Practice of Accounting in China

* Subject to the university's minimum enrolment requirement, not all subjects will be offered each year. And, registration is subject to the availability of quota.

The programme has been included in the list of reimbursable courses for Continuing Education Fund (CEF) purposes.
Mode of Study and Duration

Mode of study: Mixed-mode

Students can pursue their studies in either a full-time stream (MAF/PAF) or part-time stream (MAE/PAE). In general, one daytime/evening class per week will be scheduled for each subject over a regular 13-week semester and two daytime/evening classes per week over a 7-week Summer Term.

For the MPA

Depending on their study pace, students should normally be able to complete the programme full-time in 1 year and part-time in 2 years with a maximum study period of 4 years.

For the PgDPA

Students should normally be able to complete the programme full-time or part-time in 1 year with a maximum study period of 2 years.

The programme offers structured progression patterns, and students are highly encouraged to follow the pattern to benefit from a cohort-based study and to graduate within 1 year for the full-time option, or within 2 years for the part-time option.

Entrance Requirements

- A Bachelor’s degree in business* awarded by a recognised tertiary institution;
- A Bachelor’s degree other than in business awarded by a recognised tertiary institution plus evidence equivalent to the completion of pre-entry course(s) designated by the School of Accounting and Finance (AF) of PolyU; or
- Applicants who possess professional designations (i.e. HKICPA, ACCA or CPA (Australia) membership) with substantial professional experience or a Master of Corporate Governance awarded by PolyU.

If you are not a native speaker of English, and your Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification was awarded by an institution at which the medium of instruction is not English, you are expected to fulfill the University's minimum English language requirement for admission. Please refer to the “Admissions Requirements” section at Study@PolyU for details.

Suitable candidates may be invited to attend admission interviews. Applicants for the full-time stream are recommended to submit their GMAT scores.

* Applicants who have completed courses in Financial Accounting, Business Law, Cost Accounting, Economics, Management, and Statistics are deemed to be business degree holders.

Fee

Local students:
The tuition fee is HK$172,800 per programme for MPA (36 credits) and HK$160,800 per programme for PgDPA (21 credits).

Non-local students:
The tuition fee is HK$230,400 per programme for MPA (36 credits) and HK$134,400 per programme for PgDPA (21 credits).

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MSc in Accountancy (Mixed-mode)

Programme Code:
21049-AFM (Full-time)
21049-APM (Part-time)
Programme Director: Dr Patrick Leung

What You Will Gain From The Programme
The MSc in Accountancy (MSc) programme familiarises you with contemporary and up-to-date accounting knowledge and issues. It aims to build up and strengthen your accounting knowledge base, enabling you to develop sound analytical skills and judgement, and make efficient and effective business decisions.

Special Features
This is a flexible specialist programme providing a progressive and deepening understanding of major accounting issues for accounting graduates, practitioners and executives. The focus is on real world-related and contemporary academic studies, and practical applications. Two of the key elements are PRC accounting and the contemporary application of information systems in accounting.
Programme Details
The programme adopts both a deepening and broadening approach in enhancing students’ knowledge and skills. The deepening approach is adopted for most of the core subjects, whereas a mix of deepening and broadening approaches are applied to elective subjects.

To obtain the MSc, you are required to complete 4 Core Subjects, 3 Elective Subjects and either a Dissertation or 3 additional Elective Subjects (30 credits).

Those who are unable to complete the MSc programme may graduate with a Postgraduate Diploma upon completing 4 Core Subjects and 3 Elective Subjects (21 credits), or a Postgraduate Certificate upon completing 4 Core Subjects (12 credits).

Core subjects and elective subjects are listed on the right side.

Core Subjects

- Accounting Theory
- Applied Econometric Methods in Accounting and Finance Research
- Contemporary Issues in Accounting Information Systems*
- Theory and Practice of Accounting in China*

Elective Subjects+

- Business Environment in China
- Contemporary Issues in Attestation and Assurance Services
- Contemporary Issues in Information Systems Audit and Control
- Contemporary Issues in Managerial Accounting
- Financial Management
- International Accounting
- Research Methods
- Seminar in Financial Reporting and Capital Markets Research
- Seminar in Management Accounting Research
- Taxation Management in Hong Kong and China
- The Legal System and Economic Law in China
- Theories and Models in Finance
- AC Dissertation (9 credits)

* Subject to the university’s minimum enrolment requirement, not all subjects will be offered each year. And, registration is subject to the availability of quota.

** Two subjects (with * in the Core Subjects section) of this programme have been included in the list of reimbursable courses for Continuing Education Fund (CEF) purposes.
Mode of Study and Duration

Mode of study: Mixed-mode

Students can pursue their studies in either a full-time study load (taking 9 credits or more in a semester) or a part-time study load (taking less than 9 credits in a semester). In general, one evening class per week will be scheduled for each subject in Semesters 1 and 2 and two evening classes per week in an optional Summer Term.

Depending on their study pace, students should normally be able to complete the programme full-time in 1 to 1.5 years and part-time in 2 to 2.5 years with a maximum study period of 5 years. Students will be required to attend more classes in the evening if they choose the full-time option and the duration of study will be subject to class quota availability.

The programme offers semi-structured progression patterns, and you are encouraged to follow the pattern to benefit from a cohort-based study and to graduate within 1.5 years for the full-time option, or within 2.5 years for the part-time option.

Entrance Requirements

- A Bachelor's degree in accounting or other relevant disciplines; or
- Equivalent professional qualifications

If you are not a native speaker of English, and your Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification was awarded by an institution at which the medium of instruction is not English, you are expected to fulfil the University's minimum English language requirement for admission. Please refer to the "Admissions Requirements" section at Study@PolyU for details.

Preference will be given to applicants with at least one year of relevant working experience.

Suitable candidates may be invited to attend admission interviews.

Fee

Local students:
The tuition fee is HK$144,000 per programme (30 credits).

Non-local students:
The tuition fee is HK$192,000 per programme (30 credits).

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Reflections from Our Graduates

“I am a PolyU graduate, so I know the university is famous for practicality and building network. The guest lectures were good opportunities for interacting with people such as HK, US and China regulators. I learned how to conduct AGMs and board meetings and gained extensive practical experience.”

Julian Leung Ho Yan
2014 Graduate
Master of Corporate Governance

“I was not a finance professional by training but my job requires me to achieve the financial target of a business unit comprising 50 people. This programme did not only sensitize me to numbers but also enabled me to understand the meaning behind a set of numbers.”

Simon Ng Siu Hin
2014 Graduate
Master of Corporate Finance

“It was a really wonderful year. I met excellent people, learned useful knowledge and got in touch with different cultures.”

Kelly Zhang Kaili
2014 Graduate
Master of Finance – Investment Management
(Full-time Day-time)
With a non-finance background, I took the Master of Finance programme to help me with career development and advancement. I really like the portfolio management project where I worked with groupmates on a hypothetical portfolio of stocks.

Brian Hon Shiu Fai
2014 Graduate
Master of Finance - Investment Management

Doing case studies with classmates from different backgrounds was a good way of provoking thought and generating ideas. The programme was highly intensive but the learning experience was really satisfying and rewarding.

Kevin Han Dongfang
2014 Graduate
Master of Professional Accounting

Reading academic papers and presenting the results of our own research were most rewarding though challenging. Through these, I developed analytical and critical thinking. Hong Kong taxation and China accounting practices, and IT control and Accounting Information System are particularly important and useful for me.

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