MASTERS PROGRAMMES
2021 INTAKE
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)
HKU Business School

Faculty Members

Members from world-renewed and prestigious universities around the globe.

130+ Faculty Members (full time)

Including: Australia, Canada, France, Singapore, Sweden, UK and US etc.

14 Nationalities/Region

Rankings

The University of Hong Kong

Re. 1 in Hong Kong

Re. 4 in Asia

Re. 22 in the World

QS World University Rankings 2021

QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2020

Re. 1 in the World


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


Re. 1 in the World

Re. 13 International School

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

HKU MBA Programme

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

Xian Jiaotong University

Zhejiang University

Our 2020-2021 student community at a glance

Regions Represented

Our 2020-2021 student community at a glance
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.
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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<td>September</td>
<td>Full-Time</td>
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Class Days

Normally 4 sessions of teaching per week

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Morning Session | Afternoon Session | Evening Session

Course Assessments

A combination of:

+ Assignments
+ Mid-term Examinations
+ Project Papers
+ Presentations
+ Other courseworks
+ Final Examination
Master of Economics Overview

Bridging the gap between technicality and applicability

The Master of Economics programme at the HKU Business School aims to introduce students to frontier developments in economics and to equip them with state-of-the-art analytical tools. Our comprehensive curriculum has multiple learning streams and helps students connect economic theory with real world business. The School boasts a top-class teaching faculty with strong economists, outstanding alumni and mentors, and an active research environment, with long-term collaborative research opportunities available both within and outside the School. The theory and advanced research streams provide a strong foundation for PhD study, should students choose to continue their studies in academic research.

Multiple Streams for different interest to help achieve career aspirations

- Policy Analysis: Using economic perspective to understand and evaluate public policies
- Data Analysis: In-depth data analysis training
- Theory: Stepping stone
- Advanced Research: Cultivation of research capacities

Government Officials
- Economist
- PhD
- Equities Research Analyst
- Derivatives Trader
- Data operations

Non-Econ Track Boot Camp

Candidates who are required to complete a boot camp would be identified when reviewers make the admission decision and notified in the offer letter as part of the conditions.

Purpose: To ensure that students with non-economics background has the foundational knowledge and skills required to succeed in the Master of Economics programme.

Time: 3 Preparatory Courses
- Summer
  - Microeconomics (Online)
  - Computation and Analysis of Economic Data
  - Computation and Analysis of Economic Data (Face-to-Face in late August)

Assessment: Students are required to pass all the test at the end of each subject.

*Only contains first half of the course (ECON0057 Computation and Analysis of Economic Data), students can take the course for 6 credits if they also complete the second half of the course.
I. Core Courses (Three Courses)

- Microeconomics (Choose one)
  - Microeconomic Analysis
  - Microeconomic Theory
- Macroeconomics (Choose one)
  - Macroeconomic Analysis
  - Macroeconomic Theory
- Econometrics (Choose one)
  - Applied Econometrics
  - Econometric Theory I

II. Stream Core Courses (Three Courses)

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III. Elective Courses** (Three Courses)

Candidates can choose electives from a list of courses from Master of Economics and other HKU Business School masters programmes.

IV. Capstone Course (One Course)

- Advanced Topics in Applied Econometrics
- Advanced Topics in Economic Policy
- Theory Stream (Choose One)
- Advanced Research Stream
- Topics in Economic Research I
- Topics in Economic Research II
- Research Thesis

* For candidates with strong undergraduate training in economics and mathematics
* It can also be used to satisfy the Capstone requirement under Item IV.

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 Economics programme.

Scholarship

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

$288,000*

A deposit of HK$75,800* is required to confirm the admission offer. The balance shall be payable in two equal instalments in one year, irrespective of the number of courses taken in each module.

Dr. YANHUI WU

Economics of Organization and Strategy

What is the nature of the firm as opposed to the market? Why do some firms delegate power while others keep power at the top of the hierarchy? How to design incentive structures to motivate and coordinate workers? Where does innovation come from? In Economics of Organization and Strategy, we employ rigorous economics methodology to answer these fundamental business questions. Based on our answers, we draw far-reaching business implications with particular attention to knowledge-intensive production and the digital economy.

Master of Economics Electives

+ Labour Economics
+ Economics of Organization and Strategy
+ Public Economics
+ Health Economics
+ China in the Global Economy
+ Development Economics
+ Money and Banking
+ Economic Analysis of Aging Societies
+ Behavioral Economics

Remark: Not all the courses listed above will necessarily be offered each year and the above list is subject to further adjustment.
* Subject to change and final approval by The University of Hong Kong.
Advanced Research Stream

The Advanced Research Stream is research focused and students are expected to produce one research paper of reasonable quality which can further be developed into one of his/her PhD thesis chapters. Students will take courses with PhD students and can work on their thesis under the supervision of faculty members in the economics area. They will also provide research assistance to their supervisors and other members of this area. Students would also be matched with faculty members on supervision as well as research assistance.

Scholarship / Financial Aid *

1. Full scholarship will be awarded to truly outstanding candidates admitted to the Advanced Research Stream
2. Research support, HK$10,000/month for the first 6 months of Year 2
3. Research assistantship, HK$10,000/month for the second 6 months of Year 2

* Subject to the final approval of the University

Active Research Environment

HKU Business School maintains an active research environment. Its economists conduct both basic and applied research and publish regularly in leading academic journals. In addition, research institutes and centres have been established to foster-scale and long-term collaborative research within and outside the Faculty. These include:

Russe Xu
Strategy Analyst, Bydence (Class of 2020)

Selina Sun
Project Assistant, China Huairong International Holdings Limited (Class of 2020)

Duration

1st Year
Core courses and stream core courses

2nd Year
Research paper and elective courses

Admission Requirements

1. Hold a recognized Bachelor’s degree or equivalent, with strong academic background
2. Two referees statements regarding the suitability for the programme from academic professors
3. 2-page Research Statement, expressing your field of interest and skill
4. Obtain an English test score if you are not from an English-medium university, minimum score requirement: TOEFL (80) or IELTS (6)

My undergraduate major was in Information Management and Information Systems, however, I didn’t enjoy coding, so I took the Policy stream for the Master of Economics, which is more theoretical. The professors in Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy 1 courses had many unique ideas and I learned about how they were able to draw their conclusions. They were able to provide us with valuable knowledge which cannot be found in textbooks, especially when combining theory and practice together in real action.

7 research institutes and centres

1. Asia Case Research Centre
2. The Centre for Asian Entrepreneurship and Business Values
3. The Centre for China Financial Research
4. The Centre for Financial Innovation and Development
5. The Contemporary Marketing Centre
6. Institute for China and Global Development
7. The Hong Kong Institute of Economics and Business Strategy

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

Academic Backgrounds

- **Economics**: 39%
- **Finance**: 29%
- **Accounting**: 14%
- **Business / Management / Marketing**: 8%
- **Mathematics / Science / Statistics**: 5%
- **Others**: 4%
- **IT / Engineering**: 1%

Previous Employers

- AIA International Limited
- Bank of China
- China Citic Bank
- China Construction Bank Corporation
- China Merchants Bank
- China Securities Co Ltd
- Dah Sing Bank
- Deloitte
- Ernst & Young
- Everbright Sun Hung Kai Co. Ltd
- Guoxin Junan International
- Hang Seng Bank (China) Limited
- HKSAR Government
- HSBC
- KPMG
- McKinsey & Company
- Ping An
- PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
- SF Express

Gender + Age

- Female: 61%
- Male: 39%

- Average Age: 23
- Age Range: 20 - 33

Working Experience

- With prior working experience: 23%

- Average work duration: 2 years and 2 months

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

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 documentation to the system
5. Send reference form 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/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 a more detailed process, please refer back to the Master Programme websites.

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

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

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.

90% secured employment within three months after course completion.

**Partial Employers List**

**Technology**
- Alibaba
- Didi
- Huawei
- IBM
- NetEase
- Tencent

**Banking**
- Bank of America
- Bank of China
- Bank of Communications
- HSBC
- BNP Paribas
- 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)
- China Merchants Finance
- CITIC Securities
- Goldman Sachs
- Guotai Junan International
- Moody's Analytics

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

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

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*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.

1. **Know Yourself and Your Strengths**
   - Identify your professional strengths and personal weaknesses.
   - Learn to recognise your personal strengths and utilise them to satisfy your career goals.

2. **Plan Your Career**
   - Understand your career profile, research career options, and plan your career.
   - Set career objectives, and outline your career trajectory.

3. **Tell Your Story**
   - Showcase your experiences, skills, and achievements.
   - Create an attractive personal branding strategy.

4. **Discover the Open and Hidden Job Market**
   - Research job opportunities.
   - Network with professionals and companies.

5. **Network, Network, Network**
   - Build a professional network.
   - Attend networking events and connect with industry leaders.

Tools and Resources:
- Career Planning
- Industry Overview Series
- CV Clinic
- Jobs Fair
- Professional Body Sharing Events
- Alumni Sharing Sessions
- Internship Fair
- Networking Events
- Webinars and Workshops
Contact Us

230,000+ Alumni

> 150 Nationalities

133 Alumni Networks

23,000+ HKU Business School Graduates

Our HKU Alumni Network

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Master of Finance
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Phone: (852) 3962 1258

Master of Finance in Financial Technology
Email: MFFTadmissions@hku.hk
Phone: (852) 3962 1487

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

Master of Science in Business Analytics
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