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)
HKU Business School

Rankings

The University of Hong Kong

- 1
  in Hong Kong
  in Asia
  in the World
  QS World University Rankings 2021

- 22
  in the World
  QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2020

- 1
  in the World

- 35
  in the World
  Times Higher Education (THE) World Universities Rankings 2020

HKU MBA Programme

- 1
  in Asia
  in the World

- 13
  International School
  The Economist – Full-time MBA Ranking (2010-2018)

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.
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

- Monday: Morning Session
- Tuesday: Afternoon Session
- Wednesday: Afternoon Session
- Thursday: Afternoon Session
- Friday: Afternoon Session
- Saturdays: Evening Session

Course Assessments a combination of

- Assignments
- Mid-term Examinations
- Project Papers
- Presentations
- Other courseworks
- Final Examination
Master of Finance in Financial Technology Overview

The financial sector is evolving rapidly in the digital era.

The HKU Business School Master of Finance in Financial Technology programme is jointly offered by three faculties: HKU Business School, the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Engineering. Our cutting-edge curriculum balances quantitative skills and visionary thinking, and applies techniques of big data, AI and natural language processing to analyse real-world financial projects. Students will also cover the legal aspects of FinTech, from cyber-security to data protection and smart contracts. There is a strong industry demand for MFinTech graduates, with career opportunities in commercial and investment banks, brokerage and investment firms, private equity and venture capital firms, FinTech startups, insurance companies, treasury departments of non-financial corporations, regulatory agencies, and consulting and accounting firms.

Interdisciplinary Programme

| Commercial and Investment Banks | Insurance Companies |
| Brokerage and Investment Firms | Treasury Departments of non-financial corporations |
| Private Equity and Venture Capital Firms | Regulatory Agencies |
| FinTech startups | Consulting and Accounting Firms |

Career Industry Opportunities

Dr. Rujing Meng
Programme Director - Master of Finance in Financial Technology

Q&A PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

Top 5 questions about the Master of Finance in Financial Technology programme, answered by our Programme Director Dr. Rujing Meng:

1. Why did we revamp the FinTech Stream under the Master of Finance to Master of Finance in Financial Technology?

   Due to the upcoming importance of FinTech in the industry, we wanted to provide a more comprehensive structure to our students. With our faculty’s rich experience in delivering the FinTech education through the previous Master of Finance FinTech stream and collaborating with the Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Law, the curriculum of the new Master Programme enhances the learning experience, allowing our graduates to be more well-rounded in skills and expertise.

2. What type of student is suitable to study the Master of Finance in FinTech?

   The programme is designed for those who are interested in the financial technology sector, as they would learn new competencies in new technologies such as big data, artificial intelligence and blockchain, etc. Students with computer science, engineering, mathematics, physics, statistics or science and technology related disciplines are highly preferred. Graduates are expected to be technologically adept, business savvy and able to offer innovative solutions to finance-related industries.

3. Why did we revamp the FinTech Stream under the Master of Finance to Master of Finance in Financial Technology?

   The financial sector is evolving rapidly in the digital era. The onslaught of data and powerful computing power demands new thinking and continuous innovation. FinTech startups and established companies have to adopt new ways of thinking and anticipate what will come next. In response to this technology evolution, FinTech jobs are in high demand.

4. What is the difference between the Master of Finance and the Master of Finance in FinTech Programme?

   The Master of Finance in FinTech aims to nurture FinTech talents with quantitative and analytical skills as well as practical experience, by employing technological innovations in financial practices.
**Scholarship**

**Entrance Scholarship**
We offer merit-based scholarships to new students at the time of admission. The amount of each scholarship is subject to the performance of the candidate. All eligible candidates will automatically be considered and no separate application for the scholarship is required.

**Fargo Wealth Excellence Scholarship**
Up to 10 scholarships shall be awarded, starting from the academic year 2021-22, to new 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**
$396,000*
A deposit of HK$95,000* is required to confirm the admission offer, the balance shall be payable in two instalments over one academic year.

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**Dr. Alan P. Kwan**
- Quantitative Trading - Big Data in Finance

Finance, like many industries, is undergoing its unique transformation toward using data and algorithms to create higher value-added services and reduce costs. As data and algorithms become more freely available to end users, it is those people with both technical familiarity by also understanding of the big picture that will help organisations capture value. We will study how each financial service has certain economics, which necessitate different statistical models and data inputs.

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**Course Exemption**
Up to two required courses, except capstone course, may be granted (normally by examination) if candidates can produce evidence, such as transcript and course syllabus, that a course is equivalent in content or another course taken elsewhere for which a satisfactory grade has been obtained or are holding relevant professional qualifications which are obtained before admission to the curriculum.

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

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**Advanced Standing**
Advanced standing of up to two required courses, except for capstone course, may be granted if:

A. The course is completed at a graduate, postgraduate or master level from a recognised curriculum elsewhere within the last 4 years before admission to the Master of Finance curriculum and a good grade in the course was achieved or

B. The candidate possesses a relevant professional qualification which are obtained before admission to the curriculum.

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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 MiFinTech programme.

**Up to one elective can be taken from the 3 subjects offered by the Faculty of Engineering.

** Up to one elective can be taken from the 3 subjects offered by the Faculty of Law.

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**Faculty of Engineering**
- Deep Learning
- Financial Fraud Analytics

**Faculty of Law**
- Privacy and Data Protection
- E-Finance: Law, Compliance and Technology Challenges
- Law of Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing and Compliance Issues

**Other Masters Programmes**
- Master of Accounting
- Master of Economics
- Master of Finance

**Capstone course**
- Big Data in Finance

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**Fundamental Core Courses**
- Corporate Finance and Asset Valuation
- Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management
- Blockchain and Cryptocurrency (Faculty of Engineering)
- Regulation of Financial Markets (Faculty of Law)

**Advanced Core Courses**
- Derivative Securities
- Mathematical Techniques in Finance
- Advanced Financial Programming and Databases
- Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence in Finance
- Quantitative Trading

**Elective courses**
- Introduction to FinTech and its Impact on the Future of Banking and Finance
- Text Analytics and Natural Language Processing in Finance and FinTech
- Entrepreneurship in Finance: Hedge Funds, Private Equity and Venture Capital
- Asian Financial Markets
- Equity Valuation and Investment Management
- Entrepreneurial Finance and Innovation Strategy

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**Faculty of Engineering**
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**Other Masters Programmes**
- Master of Accounting
- Master of Economics
- Master of Finance

**Capstone course**
- Big Data in Finance
Hong Kong FinTech Landscape

Top 10

Hong Kong is among the world’s top ten fintech hubs. In 2018, Hong Kong ranked 5th in digitalisation of the traditional financial sector, and the percentage of its fintech users in Hong Kong reached 35.1%. In 2019, the consumer fintech adoption rate reached 67% in Hong Kong.

5th

In 2018, Hong Kong ranked 5th in EY’s Open Banking Opportunity Index

Top 10

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) granted 8 virtual bank licenses since March 2019. Virtual banking will spur innovation and development of Hong Kong fintech, enhance customer experience and financial inclusion.

Hong Kong Fintech Week, the annual flagship fintech event in Asia hosted by InvestHK, drew more than 12,000 attendees

50 exhibitors

18 trade delegations in 2019

Source: Fact Sheet- Hong Kong Fintech Landscape, InvestHK, Feb 2020

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:

TOEFL 80

IELTS 6

GMAT/GRE scores are not required, but candidates with a good GMAT/GRE score or possessing a business Bachelor’s degree or have business related work experience will be favourably considered.

Apply Here

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 all supporting details 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 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 steps, please refer to the Master Programme websites.
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;

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

#### 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 Trainings: Bloomberg, Python, WIND etc.
  - Aptitude Test Banks

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

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

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Network, Network, Network
Leverage the HKU Community to expand your network.
+ Alumni Sharing
+ Fireside Chats with Executives
+ Competitions and Challenges
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230,000+
Alumni

> 150
Nationalities

133
Alumni Networks

23,000+
HKU Business School Graduates

Our HKU Alumni Network