Why Hong Kong?

Premier business hub in Asia, the bridge connecting Mainland China and the rest of the world


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


5th in Worldwide Economic Performance (IMD World Competitiveness Ranking 2020)
HKU Business School

Faculty Members

Members from world-renowned and prestigious universities around the globe

Unique Proposition

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

Vision

To be a leading, globally impactful academic institution of business and economics.

Rankings

The University of Hong Kong

QS World University Rankings 2021

QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2020

HKU MBA Programme

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


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

Undergraduate University

Our 2020-2021 student community at a glance

Regions Represented

Our 2020-2021 student community at a glance

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 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.

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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 courseworks
- Final Examination
Master of Finance Overview

A springboard for career ambitions in a centre of world finance.

The HKU Business School Master of Finance programme is a one-year full-time interdisciplinary programme. Our comprehensive and quantitative curriculum offers students multiple learning streams, as well as the option of double concentration, which they can select according to their interests and career aspirations. Students will be equipped with competitive and diverse financial knowledge and skill sets to succeed in the financial domain. They will have access to a first-class teaching faculty, outstanding alumni and mentors, and will also benefit from our professional partnerships with the CFA Institute - widely considered the investment profession’s most rigorous credentialing programme - and GARP.

Multiple Streams

for different interest to help achieve career aspirations

We also offer the opportunity to broaden your expertise by taking double concentration.

Preparing for your CFA

The Fundamental Core Courses are designed to allow students to gain a solid knowledge base to prepare for all levels of the CFA Examination on:

- Quantitative Analysis
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Economics and Fundamentals of Asset Valuation

Academic Partnerships

University Affiliation Program  CFA Institute®  GARP

Dr. Rujing Meng

Programme Director - Master of Finance

5 Questions about the Master of Finance programme, answered by our Programme Director, Dr. Rujing Meng.

1. The programme offers three streams. What are they and how can I choose them?

The HKU Master of Finance (MFin) Programme offers three streams: corporate finance, financial engineering, and risk management. Students can choose to concentrate in one of the streams or take double concentration, according to their interests and career aspirations.

2. What are the benefits of choosing double concentration?

The main benefit of choosing double concentration is that it enhances student learning and training experiences by allowing them to focus on two areas of expertise and hence a wider choice in their career.

3. Would there be any practical skills linking back to the Industry?

MFin Programme is an interdisciplinary programme aiming to provide motivated individuals with not only cutting-edge training in financial theory, but also the necessary STEM training, allowing them to apply the knowledge in a multitude of financial disciplines: asset and wealth management, corporate finance, financial engineering, and risk management. Students apply the techniques and knowledge to analyse business cases and conduct group projects. The cutting-edge curriculum balances quantitative skills and visionary thinking, and is further enriched by alumni and student activities, mentorship programmes, student clubs and professional seminars.

4. How close is the course to the current financial world, in terms of the curriculum and training?

Our curriculum is closely tied to professional practices and adapts to the changes of the global financial markets. We are a University Affiliation Program of CFA Institute and have been added to the GARP Partnership for Risk Education. Guest lectures and professional seminars from practitioners have brought up-to-date market information to the curriculum. Training workshops on Bloomberg, WIND and Python programming are also available to well equip students with the skill sets necessary to thrive in the workplace.

5. What will my future career path look like in the financial domain?

Our graduates will enjoy a competitive advantage in a wide range of career opportunities across commercial and investment banks, brokerage and investment firms, private equity and venture capital firms, insurance companies, treasury departments of non-financial corporations, regulatory agencies, and also consulting and accounting firms.
Scholarship

Entrance Scholarship
We offer merit-based scholarships to qualified students, who may receive a scholarship ranging from 10% to 50% in most 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 master’s programmes offered by the HKU Business School on the basis of academic performance in the respective programmes and their contributions to the community of master’s 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, irrespective of the number of courses taken in each module.

How does Double Concentration Works?
Requires 14 courses to be taken to complete.

Course Exemption
Up to four required courses, except capstone course, may be granted (normally by examination) if candidates:

A 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
B are holding relevant professional qualifications which are obtained before admission to the curriculum

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 recognized 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 is obtained before admission to the curriculum.

Advanced standing may be granted and the tuition fee would be adjusted downward by HK$3,000* per course.

* Subject to change and final approval by The University of Hong Kong.
If one compares the World’s 10 most valuable companies in both 2009 and 2019, 9 out of the 10 companies on today’s list were not there ten years ago. According to a recent academic research, less than 5 percent of all public firms that ever appeared in the U.S. stock market account for all of the net wealth earned by investors. So it is essential to use corporate finance tools to understand the agency costs, growth potentials and intrinsic value of firms and make more informed investment decisions.

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### Professional Qualifications

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**Suri Hu**
Assistant Professor, Guangdong University of Finance (Class 2013)

I got my bachelor degree in physics from Sun Yat-Sen University. I therefore had very little financial basis before I started to study at HKU. Literally speaking, the Master of Finance Programme helped me build my systematic framework of finance from scratch. Thanks to the programme, I passed CFA level I and II smoothly during the academic year, and passed level III after graduation. Furthermore, the learning experience at HKU also contributed to my pursuit of a PhD degree in finance later, and made me both a CFA chartered holder and a certified FRM holder.

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**Bryan Xiao**

I took the Corporate Finance stream because I want to do investment banking. Since my bachelor degree was in journalism, it took a lot of effort to get a good grade. At times, it felt that even though I had been through the concepts, I was still not familiar with them. However, if you’re from a business background, it would be easier for you. The most challenging thing is to balance the internship with studying. As a career changer, both were important to me. So, after the first module when I felt comfortable with most aspects of student life at HKU, I took an internship at a PE firm. Our office was really supportive. They helped me arrange all my courses in the evening sessions, so that I could work full-time during the day and attend lectures after work. It was really challenging living on such a tight schedule and both my work and studies required my brain resources.

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**Academic Partnerships**

The University of Hong Kong has been added to the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) Partnership For Risk Education with Master of Finance curriculum, GARP is a globally recognized organization dedicated to preparing professionals and organizations to make better-informed risk decisions. The academic partnership with GARP proves that our efforts in providing the best financial education are highly recognized. The alignment with GARP signals to students and their potential employers that our Master of Finance curriculum is closely tied to the market and is well-suited to prepare students for the demands of the global financial industry.

GARP is very pleased to announce the addition of the University of Hong Kong to the GARP Partnership for Risk Education. The Master of Finance offered by the University of Hong Kong is a rigorous, well-regarded program. The interdisciplinary nature of the curriculum offers provides a broad theoretical foundation and practical knowledge for its students, ensuring they will be well positioned to pursue the FRM designation and to assume strategic roles within the global risk management profession.

Dr. Chris Donachie, Managing Director - Head of Research & Educational Programs, GARP

HKU Master of Finance is a University Affiliation Program of CFA Institute, a global association of investment professionals that sets the standard for professional excellence and credentials. The CFA Program sets a standard for developing the skills, standards, competence, and integrity of financial analysts, portfolio managers, investment advisers, and other investment professionals worldwide. It is widely considered the investment profession’s most rigorous credentialing program. Status as an Affiliated University signals to potential students, employers, and the marketplace that the university curriculum is closely tied to professional practice and is well-suited to prepare students to sit for the CFA exams. Scholarships from CFA Institute will be offered to HKU MFin students.
Class Profile

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

Academic Backgrounds

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Previous Employers

- Agricultural Bank of China
- AIA
- Bank of China
- China Construction Bank
- China Development Bank
- China Merchants Bank
- China Railway (Shanghai) Investment Management Co., Ltd
- CITIC Securities
- DBS Bank
- Deloitte
- Ernst & Young
- GP Securities
- Guotai Junan Securities
- HSBC
- Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC)
- KPMG
- PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC)
- The Palace Museum
- Tsinghua University

Gender + Age

- 55% Female
- 45% Male

Age:
- Avg: 22
- Range: 20-35

Working Experience

- 22% with prior working experience

Avg work duration:
- 1 year
- 11 months

*Among students with prior work experience (Internship inclusive)
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.

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90% secured employment within three months after course completion^.

**Partial Employers List**

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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

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

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

**Master of Accounting**
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**Master of Finance**
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**Master of Finance in Financial Technology**
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**Master of Global Management**
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**Master of Science in Business Analytics**
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- Phone: (852) 3962 1246

**Master of Science in Marketing**
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**Our HKU Alumni Network**

- 230,000+ Alumni
- > 150 Nationalities
- 133 Alumni Networks
- 23,000+ HKU Business School Graduates