Masters Programmes

2024 Intake

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Why Hong Kong?

1st
Freest economy: World No.1 since 1996 (Canada-based Fraser Institute)

2nd

3rd

4th
World No.4 global financial centre (The 2023 Global Financial Centres Index 33rd Edition)

5th
World No.5 World Competitiveness Ranking 2022
HKU Business School

Faculty Members

Rankings

The University of Hong Kong

HKU MBA Programme

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

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

180+
Faculty Members (Full-time)
Members from world-renowned and prestigious universities around the globe

19
Regions
Including: Australia, Canada, France, Singapore, Sweden, U.K and U.S.A etc.

Our 2023-2024 student community at a glance

Regions Represented

- Australia
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- France
- Germany
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Korea
- Kyrgyzstan
- Macau
- New Zealand
- Portugal
- Russia
- Singapore
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Trinidad
- U.K
- U.S.A
- Vietnam

Gender

62% Female
38% Male

Undergraduate University

- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Fudan University
- Imperial College London
- King’s College London
- Korea University
- McGill University
- Monash University
- Nanjing University
- Nankai University
- New York University
- Peking University
- Renmin University of China
- Shanghai Jiaotong University
- Sun Yat-Sen University
- The Australian National University
- The London School of Economics and Political Science
- The University of Hong Kong
- The University of Manchester
- The University of Melbourne
- The University of New South Wales
- The University of Queensland
- The University of Sydney
- The University of Warwick
- Tsinghua University
- University College London
- University of British Columbia
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Cambridge
- University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
- University of Oxford
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Toronto
- University of Warwick
- University of Washington
- Xiamen University
- Yonsei University
- Zhejiang University

Our 2023-2024 student community at a glance
Life in Hong Kong
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.

Town Centre
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.

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.

OTHER CAMPUSES

HKU Beijing Centre
Located in Asia Financial Centre where Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank is headquartered, HKU Beijing Centre mainly serves as a teaching venue for HKU Business School and provides ample space and state-of-the-art facilities for faculties to develop academic programmes, promote alumni entrepreneurial start-ups, and organise alumni events.

HKU-Tel Aviv Innovation Hub
The HKU-Tel Aviv Innovation Hub combines the academic excellence of HKU and the innovative, entrepreneurial energy of Israel. The Hub will foster deep engagements between the academic, business and technology communities of Israel, Hong Kong, and the Greater Bay Area, promoting cross-border collaborations and partnerships.

Shenzhen Campus
Located at the heart of Futian District in Shenzhen, the Shenzhen Campus is the School’s latest development to promote knowledge exchange, technology transfer and talent collaboration in the Greater Bay Area and Mainland China.

The Representative Office of The University of Hong Kong in Vietnam
HKU in Vietnam signifies the importance of Vietnam as a growing economy, for youth, talent, and key location. We strengthen connections with Vietnam by providing market-oriented research, superior learning experience, and instrumental resources.

HKU iCube
HKU iCube is in the prestigious Two Exchange Square featuring a magnificent harbour view. It serves as a place to facilitate knowledge exchange for HKUIB's associates, as well as a bridge to connect business leaders in and outside the school.
Modular Calendar
Courses are offered on a modular basis to allow students to focus on 1-3 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 2 sessions of teaching per course per week

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Course Assessments a combination of:

- Assignments
- Mid-term Examinations
- Project Papers
- Presentations
- Other coursework
- 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 interests to help achieve career aspirations

We also offer the opportunity to broaden students’ 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:

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

Academic Partnerships

- University Affiliation Program
- CFA Institute
- GARP

Q&A Programme Director

Top 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 is the benefit of choosing double concentration?

The main benefit of choosing double concentration is that it enriches 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 skills 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 scholarships to qualified students, who may receive a scholarship ranging from 10% to 50% in most cases, on the basis of student’s academic merit at the time of admission. A full tuition fee waiver may be offered to outstanding cases. All eligible candidates are automatically considered; no separate application is required.

Merit-Based Scholarship
We offer merit-based scholarships to qualified students, who shall receive a scholarship of 10%, on the basis of student’s performance, including but not limited to, academic performance of the first three modules, participation in extra-curricular activities, recommendations from course instructors, and level of support provided to the programme office. All eligible candidates are automatically considered; no separate application is required.

Fargo Wealth Excellence Scholarship
Up to 14 scholarships shall be awarded, starting from the academic year 2022-2023, to Year One students, available to all masters programmes offered by the HKU Business School on the bases 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
$462,000*
A deposit of HK$354,000* is required to confirm the admission offer. The balance shall be payable in two installments over one academic year, irrespective of the number of courses taken in each module.

How does Double Concentration Works?
Completion of 14 courses required. Additional course fee of HK$38,500 required per course.

Advanced Core Courses (Four Courses)
Corporate Finance and Asset Valuation
Economics for Financial Analysis
Fixed Income Securities and Interest Rate Modelling
Mathematical Techniques in Finance

Elective Courses** (Two Courses)
Candidates can choose electives from a list of courses from Master of Finance and other HKU Business School Masters Programmes

Capstone Course (One Course)
Advanced Corporate Finance*
Financial Engineering*
Risk Management*

Remarks: Not all the courses listed above will necessarily be offered each year and the above list is subject to further adjustment.
*A can be taken as an elective course provided that it is not chosen as a core course.
**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 students’ profile, capabilities, and performance in the Master of Finance programme.
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% 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.

I enjoyed that many classes in the programme include project and group work. This helped me to enhance my team working skills, meet new people and learn how students from different cultural and academic backgrounds approach tasks in a different way.

My favourite class was the Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management class taught by the programme director, Dr. Meng. The trading challenge, where we managed a portfolio over several weeks, was one of the highlights of the course and gave students a hands-on experience in how to trade in the global financial markets.

I would say the programme can be described as highly focused on technical skills with a few practical insights.

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 examinations. Scholarships from CFA Institute will be offered to HKU MFin students.

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 recognised. 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 demand 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 offered provides a solid theoretical as well as practical foundation 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 Donohue, Managing Director - Head of Research & Educational Programs, GARP
Class Profile
We recruit students from diverse backgrounds each year to enrich students learning experience.

Academic Backgrounds

43% Finance
26% Economics
12% Accounting / Business / Marketing
9% Business Analytics / Mathematics / Science
4% Computer Science / Engineering
3% Arts / Social Science / Law
3% Others

Previous Employers (Internship)
- Amazon
- Acit Financial
- Atos Hewitt
- Bloomberg LP
- BMW (China) Automotive Trading Ltd.
- BNP Paribas
- CILSA Limited
- Cushman & Wakefield
- Everbright Securities Company Limited
- Goldman Sachs
- HP Tech Ventures
- HSBC
- J.P. Morgan Chase Bank (China) Company Limited
- Ping An Bank
- PNC Financial Services Group Inc.
- Prudential plc
- Sequoia Capital
- SK Group
- SoftBank
- Xiaomi Corporation

Gender + Age

Female 55%  Male 45%

Average Age
19  22  28

Working Experience*

95%

Avg Work Duration
5 months

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

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

Minimum score requirement:

- TOEFL: Internet-based 80
- TOEFL: Paper-based 550
- 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.

Application Process

1. Fill in the application form and provide referee details
2. Access Taitgh Graduate Online Application System and create your application account
3. Pay HK$300 non-refundable application fee
4. Upload documentation to the HKU Business School TPG Application System
5. Remind referees to complete the reference online

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/official true copy of the documents.
- Due to the large volume of applicants 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.
- Admissions decisions are generally available in a month after the application deadline.

For more details, please refer to the Masters Programmes website
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 guide students to explore their career direction by assisting them to unlock their potentials and identifying their own interest;

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

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

04 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
- Amazon
- Baidu
- ByteDance
- Huawei
- IBM
- Meituan
- Tencent

Banking:
- Bank of America
- Bank of China
- BNP Paribas
- Citibank
- HSBC
- Morgan Stanley
- Standard Chartered

Financial Services (Auditing/Asset Management/Investment Banking/PE/AC):
- Bloomberg
- China International Capital Corporation (CICC)
- CITIC Securities
- E Fund Management
- Guotai Junan International
- Huatai Financial Holdings
- J.P. Morgan

Professional Services and Consulting:
- Deloitte
- Ernst & Young
- KPMG
- McKinsey & Company
- Mercer
- PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

Others:
- BYD
- LVHN
- Procter & Gamble (P&G)
- Hong Kong Monetary Authority

* Data based on graduate surveys which was launched in 2022.
The Student Enrichment Team

The Student Enrichment Team organises a wide range of events and activities for students and alumni of the seven specialized masters programmes. They are categorized into five areas including Personal Development and Wellness, Professional Training and Seminar, Networking and Team Building, Communication Skills and Hard skills training. Students can have an enjoyable and fruitful journey as well as having the opportunity to explore different areas and meet different people.
Mentorship Programme

The Mentorship Programme aims to provide a platform for all masters students of HKU Business School to explore beyond the classroom and gain real-world insight about the industry and careers from alumni and experienced practitioners (mentor), in order to foster an engaging Masters’ community, as well as to contribute their knowledge and experience to nurture the young generation.

Our Mentors

They are professionals, industry practitioners, middle to senior executives or MSc alumni with 7+ years working experience in Accounting, Marketing, Finance, FinTech Banking, Business Analytics and Management etc. They are passionate about supporting the young generation with their valuable experience, insight and networks, and will serve on a pro-bono basis.

Mentorship Activities

- Kick-off Ceremony
- Mentor - Mentee Networking using LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY®
- Mentor - Mentee Roundtable Discussion
- Mentor - Mentee Professional Seminars and Career Workshops
- Mentor Dialogue Exchange and Sharing Sessions

Mentors Professional Background

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Student Ambassador Programme

Our HKU Business School Masters Student Ambassadors are enthusiastic, passionate, outgoing, and knowledgeable. Ambassadors are very much interested in being leaders, while simultaneously working closely with students and the Student Enrichment Team. Ambassadors are responsible for taking the lead to plan and initiate student-led activities. Ambassadors will have a golden opportunity to meet and be inspired by global leaders and senior executives of different industries as well as establish a global mindset and work with students from different cultural backgrounds.
Contact Us

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Master of Finance in Financial Technology
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280,000+
Alumni

> 150
Nationalities

100
Alumni Networks

30,000+
HKU Business School Graduates

Our HKU Alumni Network