

HKU



MPA

MASTER OF PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION



Wai Fung Lam
Professor of Politics and
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MPA Programme Director

MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

As a global city, Hong Kong is undergoing major political and socioeconomic change. Our public managers and professionals are increasingly challenged by complex problems and dynamic situations. The MPA programme at HKU is designed to prepare students to become public service leaders through equipping them with the analytical and problem-solving skills to meet these challenges.

We are celebrating over 40 years of excellence in providing professional education in public administration this year. With our extensive experience, internationally recognized faculty members, a vibrant student body, and well-designed curriculum, we provide a rigorous and fruitful education for those who wish to prepare themselves for a prominent career in public service.

We invite you to read on and explore our MPA programme.

The Programme

THE CURRICULUM

The curriculum is designed to achieve the following learning objectives:

- 1 ■ Acquire cutting edge knowledge in public administration and public policy.
- 2 ■ Understand the changing institutional and political contexts of public affairs.
- 3 ■ Examine the critical issues and possible solutions to the challenges in governance.
- 4 ■ Develop professional knowledge and core skills required to become effective public managers and leaders.

DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMME FEATURES:

- an optional live-in course in the Chinese Academy of Governance (國家行政學學院)
- extensive use of interactive teaching methods
- intensive workshops conducted by distinguished international scholars
- experience sharing with senior practitioners and professionals from the public, private and nonprofit sectors
- simulation exercises for training various practical skills
- opportunities for one-day shadowing with various organizations

THE MPA STUDENT

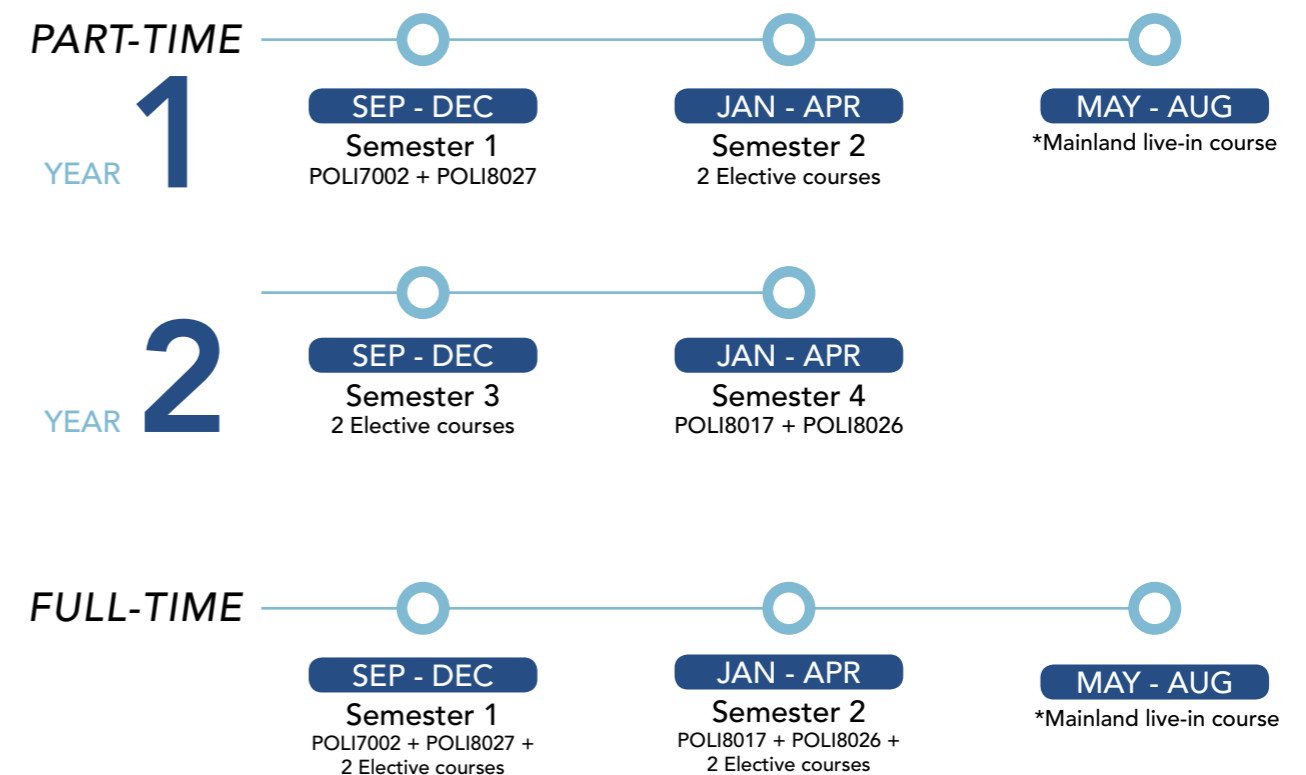
Our students are a mix of professionals from the public, business and non-governmental sectors. The majority have some managerial experience, although a number are from the top tiers of management, who seek to further their career through obtaining an MPA. The diversity of our student body provides exciting and enriching opportunities for exchange and learning in the classroom.

Programme Structure

The MPA is offered on a 2-year, part-time or 1-year, full-time basis. Students are required to complete eight taught courses and one capstone project or dissertation in order to graduate. The eight courses include four compulsory courses and four courses from a list of electives.

To accommodate mid-career students, the compulsory courses are usually scheduled on Saturdays and elective courses on weekday evenings or Saturday afternoons.

Timeline



* The optional Mainland live-in course (POLI8008 Public Administration in China) is available to students at additional cost. It lasts for about two weeks and will require time off work. This course will be offered at the Chinese Academy of Governance (國家行政學學院).

Students are expected to consult the administrator or Director of the MPA programme regarding the latest information about course offering and course selection. They can also access the syllabuses and regulations of the MPA programme at <http://ppa.hku.hk/mpa>.

Course List

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| I | Compulsory courses | POLI7002. Public administration: scope and issues POLI8017. Workshop in public affairs POLI8026. Workshop in managerial skills POLI8027. Public administration in Hong Kong |
| II | Capstone experiences courses | POLI8012. Dissertation "or" POLI8028. Capstone project |
| III | Elective courses: (these course offerings may vary each academic year) | POLI7001. Human resource management POLI7003. Public policy: issues and approaches POLI7004. Public management reform POLI8002. Ethics and public affairs POLI8003. Financial management POLI8004. Government and law POLI8008. Public administration in China POLI8009. Policy design and analysis POLI8011. Selected topics in public policy POLI8014. NGOs and governance POLI8019. Comparative public administration reform POLI8021. Organizational theory and management POLI8023. Selected topics in public management POLI8029. Non-profit management POLI8030. Institutional analysis for public policy and management POLI8031. Collaborative governance POLI8032. Selected topics in public administration |

Our Faculty

The MPA programme is taught by faculty members from HKU's Department of Politics and Public Administration. They are actively engaged in teaching, research, and service.



Professor John Burns
(B.A., St. Olaf; B.A., M.A., Oxford; Ph.D., Columbia), Honorary Professor



Professor Eliza W.Y. Lee
(B.Soc.Sc. CUHK; M.A., PhD Syracuse), Professor



Dr. Kwan Nok Chan
(B.A., MPhil., HKU; Ph.D., Indiana), Assistant Professor



Dr. Hui Li
(B.A., M.A., Remin; Ph.D., USC), Assistant Professor



Dr. Jung Eun Kim
(B.Sc., Ewha Womans U.; MES, York U.; Ph.D., Syracuse), Assistant Professor



Professor Ian Thynne
(B.A., B.A. (Hon.), Ph.D. Wellington), Visiting Professor



Professor Peter Lai
(B.A. HKU), Adjunct Professor (former Secretary for Security)



Dr. Terry Van Gevelt
(B.Sc., Warwick; MPhil., Ph.D. Cambridge) Assistant Professor



Professor Alan N. Lai
(B.A., MSoc.Sc., HKU) Adjunct Professor (Former Ombudsman and Former Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury)



Professor Andrew H.Y. Wong
(B.A., CUHK), Adjunct Professor (Former Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury)



Professor Wai Fung Lam
(B.Soc.Sc. CUHK; Ph.D. Indiana), Professor



Dr. Wai-Hang Yee
(B.Soc.Sc., MPhil., HKU; Ph.D., USC), Assistant Professor



Distinguished Alumni

Mr AU Chi Kwong, Sonny, PDSM, PMSM, JP
Under Secretary for Security, Security Bureau

Mr AU Wing Hung
Former Chief Building Surveyor, Buildings Dept.

Mr AU YEUNG Ho Lok, Luke, C.D.S.M. C.M.S.M
Former Deputy Commissioner, Custom & Excise Dept.

Mr CHAN Chi Kin
Former Principal Immigration Officer, Immigration Dept.

Ms CHAN Fung Lan, Doris
Principal Trade Officer, Trade and Industry Dept.

Dr CHAN Yiu Wing
Former Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Ms CHAN Yuk Mei, Cassandra
Former Controller of Procurement Division, Government Logistics Dept.

Dr CHAN YUEN Tak Fai, Dorothy, JP
Deputy Director of Admin & Resources/ Head, Centre for Logistics and Transport, HKU SPACE

Miss Monica CHEN, JP
Assistant Director, Trade and Industry Dept.

Mr CHEUNG Tak Keung, Jacob
Executive Director, Aviation Security Company Limited
Former Assistant Commissioner of Police, Hong Kong Police Force

Mr CHIANG Yam Wang, Allan
Former Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

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Former Assistant Director, Food and Environment Hygiene Dept.

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Former Chief Building Surveyor, Building Dept.

Mr CHUNG Siu Man, Raymond
Marine Advisor, London ETO, Marine Dept.

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Chief Executive Officer, Agency for Volunteer Service

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Executive Director, Family Planning Association of Hong Kong

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Head of Sustainable Lantau Office, Civil Engineering and Development Department

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Assistant Director, Buildings Dept.

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Head of External Affairs, MPFA

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Deputy Commissioner, Customs and Excise Dept.

Ir HON Chi Keung, JP
Former Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Development Bureau

Mr HUI Cho-hang, Desmond
Former Senior Superintendent, Quality Assurance Division, Correctional Services Dept.

Dr KO Pat Sing, Tony
Chief Executive, Hospital Authority

Mr KONG Ping Lam, Francis
Former Assistant Director (Hong Kong Island, Islands and Marine Command), Fire Services Dept.

Mr KWOK Kwok Chuen, JP, BBS
Former Government Economist, Financial Secretary's Office

Miss KWONG Kam Wai, Susana
Assistant Director (Local Public Relations), Information Services Dept.

Mrs KWONG LAU Po Yuk, Christina
Former Chief Engineer, Civil Engineering and Development Dept.

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Former Ombudsman, Office of Ombudsman
Former Permanent Secretary, Financial Services and the Treasury

Mr LAM Man Wing, Edwin
General Secretary, Hong Chi Association
Former Assistant Commissioner of Police, Hong Kong Police Force

Mr LAM Tin Sing, Enoch, JP
Former Director of Water Supplies, Water Supplies Dept.

Ms LAM Yuen Mui, Wendy
Senior Director (Corporate Affairs), McDonald's Restaurants (HK) Limited

Distinguished Alumni

Ms LAU Chi Wai, Edwina
Director of Management Services, Hong Kong Police Force

Mrs LAU MAK Yee Ming, Alice, JP
Former Commissioner of Inland Revenue, Inland Revenue Dept.

Mr LAW Chun Nam
Former Deputy Director of Immigration, Immigration Dept.

Mr LAW Wai Fung, Eric, CSMSM
Former Chief Superintendent and Head of Stanley Prison, Correctional Services Dept.

Mr LEE Cheung Wing, John
Former Head of Customs Drug Investigation Bureau, Customs and Excise Dept.

Dr LEE Ching Yee, Jane
Director, HKSKH Welfare Council

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Principal Project Coordinator, Sustainable Lantau Office, Civil Engineering and Development Dept.

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Under Secretary for Development, Development Bureau

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Senior Doctor, The Family Planning Association of Hong Kong

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Former Assistant Commissioner, Labour Dept.

Ms MA Siu Hung, Candy
Police Civil Secretary, Hong Kong Police Force

Mr NG Bond Loy
Former Chief Fire Officer, Fire Services Dept.

Ms PANG Mee Yuk, Melissa
Deputy Head, Property Development, MTR Corporation

Mr SHUM Kwok Leung
Former Deputy Chief Ambulance Officer, Fire Services Dept.

Dr TANG Yiu Hang, Simon
Cluster Chief Executive, Hospital Authority

Mr TO Chun Wai, Clarence
Former Assistant Commissioner of Police, Hong Kong Police Force

Mr TSANG Chee Wah, Luke
Former Head of Programme Development, RTHK

Mr TSO Wai Yan
Former Principal Investigator, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Mr WONG Fook Yee
Former Assistant Director, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Dept.

Mr WONG Tak Wing, Albert, JP
Former Assistant Director of Audit, Audit Commission

Ms WONG Tee Vee, Vivian
Senior Assistant Registrar and Faculty Secretary, Faculty of Law, HKU

Miss YAU Kwai Chong, Eliza
Former Assistant Secretary to the Commission on Strategic Development, Central Policy Unit

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Assistant Director (New Territories), Fire Services Dept.

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Chief Manager, Corporate Communication, Hospital Authority

Mrs YUEN KWONG Sau Yee, Cecilia
Former Assistant Director, Social Welfare Dept.

Mrs YUEN KAO Hing Monica, Esther
Chief Executive and Secretary, The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Mr. YEUNG Man Pun
District Commander, Hong Kong Police Force

Dr YUK Tak Fun, Alice, JP
Chairman, The Hong Kong General Chamber of Social Enterprises

Distinguished International Scholars

In addition to our own staff, distinguished international scholars and practitioners are invited to give guest lectures and especially to be involved in POLI 8017 Workshop in Public Affairs, which is explicitly international in focus.

Professor Chris Ansell

Professor
Department of Political Science
University of California, Berkeley

Professor Eugene Bardach

Professor of Public Policy, Emeritus
Goldman School of Public Policy
University of California Berkeley

Professor Arjen Boin

Professor
Department of Political Science
Leiden University

Professor Barbara Gray

Professor Emeritus of
Organizational Behaviour
Department of Management and
Organization
The Smeal College of Business
The Pennsylvania State University

Professor Shamsul Haque

Editor-in-Chief, Asian Journal of
Political Science
Deputy Editor, International Review
of Administrative Science
Department of Political Science
The National University of
Singapore

Professor Patricia Ingraham

Founding Dean, College of
Community and Public Affairs
Binghamton University, State
University of New York

Professor Bryan Jones

The "Jake" Pickle Regents Chair in
Congressional Studies
Department of Government
The University of Texas at Austin

Professor Jan-Erik Lane

Professor in political science
University of Geneva

Professor Peter J May

Donald R. Matthews Distinguished
Professor in American Politics
Department of Political Science
University of Washington

Prof H Brinton Milward

Director
School of Public Administration and
Policy
University of Arizona

Ms Colette Nault

Director, General Recruitment
Priorities
Resourcing and Learning Branch
Public Service Commission of
Canada

Professor Rosemary O'Leary

Professor Emeritus, Public
Administration and International
Affairs
Maxwell School
Syracuse University

(Late) Professor Elinor Ostrom

Nobel Prize Laureate in Economic
Sciences
Arthur F Bentley Professor
Department of Political Science
Indiana University, Bloomington

Professor Roger B Parks

Emeritus Professor
School of Public and Environmental
Affairs
Indiana University, Bloomington

Professor James L Perry

Distinguished Professor and
Chancellor's Professor
School of Public and Environmental
Affairs
Indiana University, Bloomington

Professor Guy Peters

Maurice Falk Professor of American
Government
Department of Political Science
University of Pittsburgh

Professor Martin Rein

Professor Emeritus of Social Policy
Department of Urban Studies and
Planning
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology (MIT)

Professor Beryl Radin

Adjunct Professor
McCourt School of Public Policy
(MSPP)
Georgetown University

Professor Jodi Sandfort

Professor and Chair of the school's
Leadership & Management Area
Humphrey School of Public Affairs
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis

Ms Fiona Spencer

Merit Commissioner
Province of British Columbia
The Government of Canada

Ms Marilyn Stuart-Major

Director General, Executive
Programs
Public Service Commission of
Canada

Professor Jacob Torfing

Professor in Politics and Institutions
Roskilde University
Director, Centre for Democratic
Network Governance

Professor Montgomery Van Wart

Professor
Department of Public
Administrative
California State University San
Bernardino

Professor Gary Wamsley

Professor Emeritus
Center for Public Administration
and Policy
Virginia Tech

Professor Roger Wettenhall

Faculty of Management
School of Administrative Studies
University of Canberra

Professor Kenneth Wiltshire

J.D. Story Professor of Public
Administration
Department of Government
University of Queensland

Graduates' Quotes

"The MPA programme proved to be an eye-opener for me. Despite having been a technical bureaucrat throughout my career, I was amazed that it had opened so many new dimensions to me in the public administration arena. Subjects like policy formulation, implementation and critical analysis, human resources management, as well as financial management were much more enriching than what I had originally expected from a postgraduate course. In retrospect, I consider the time and effort spent at HKU well worth it for the intellectual as well as practical knowledge with which the programme has equipped me."

Ir Chi Keung HON, JP

Former Permanent Secretary for Development (Works),
Development Bureau
MPA 1997

"Obtaining a second degree from a renowned university has enhanced my career prospects and opportunities. The benefits of earning an MPA from HKU, however, go beyond graduation. As part of the Alumni Association, my learning and development has continued through priority access to seminars and workshops on public affairs and, more importantly, through connection with a large and highly networked group of alumni and peers."

Mr. Tak Keung CHEUNG

Former Assistant Commissioner of Police (Operations),
Hong Kong Police Force
MPA 2005

"The MPA programme at HKU strikes the appropriate balance between theory and practice; it allowed me to build upon the skills and knowledge I needed in my pursuit to raise the standard of good governance and public service."

Mr. Alan N. LAI, GBS, JP

Former Ombudsman,
Office of the Om

"I appreciate how the MPA programme is designed to approach concepts and theories through day-to-day issues in society. Although I had been working in Government for some time, as I went through the programme, I often discovered new perspectives, sometimes enlightened by a more theoretical-based framework, sometimes inspired from an "outsider's" standpoint. The programme would not be complete, however, without the good mix of classmates who brought not only ideas but also fun and laughter during class. The network built up is truly an asset to my career as I have access to contacts across many Government departments. I must say their official and unofficial advice has often made my job easier!"

Ms. Leonie H.L. LEE

Assistant Secretary (Heritage Conservation),
Development Bureau
MPA 2010

MPA Application Process and Admissions

Applicants for admission to the MPA programme shall:

- hold a Bachelor's degree with honours;
- satisfy the English language requirements of HKU; and
- if deemed necessary, satisfy examiners in a qualifying examination.

*Successful applicants usually have at least three years of work experience.

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| Application Process | : Prospective students may apply online at: http://hku.hk/tpg |
| Tuition Fee and closing date | : Information can be found online at http://ppa.hku.hk/mpa |
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| On-line application | : http://hku.hk/tpg |



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