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:

- Acquire cutting edge knowledge in public administration and public policy.
- Understand the changing institutional and political contexts of public affairs.
- Examine the critical issues and possible solutions to the challenges in governance.
- 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

PART-TIME

YEAR 1

- Semester 1: POLI7002 + POLI8027 + 2 Elective courses
  - SEP - DEC
- Semester 2: 2 Elective courses
  - JAN - APR
- Year 1: 2 Elective courses
  - MAY - AUG

YEAR 2

- Semester 3: 2 Elective courses
  - SEP - DEC
- Semester 4: POLI8017 + POLI8026
  - JAN - APR
- Year 2: 2 Elective courses
  - MAY - AUG

FULL-TIME

- Semester 1: POLI7002 + POLI8027 + 2 Elective courses
  - SEP - DEC
- Semester 2: 2 Elective courses
  - JAN - APR
- Year 1: 2 Elective courses
  - MAY - AUG
- Year 2: 2 Elective courses
  - MAY - AUG

* 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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# 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.

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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.

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University of California, Berkeley

Professor Eugene Bardach
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Goldman School of Public Policy
University of California Berkeley

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Deputy Editor, International Review of Administrative Science
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The National University of Singapore

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Department of Political Science
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J.D. Story Professor of Public Administration
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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.*

Mr. 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 2003

MPA Application Process and Admissions

Applicants for admission to the MPA programme shall:
(a) hold a Bachelor’s degree with honours;
(b) satisfy the English language requirements of HKU; and
(c) if deemed necessary, satisfy examiners in a qualifying examination.

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

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Tuition Fee and closing date: Information can be found online at http://ppa.hku.hk/mpa
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Website: http://ppa.hku.hk/mpa
On-line application: http://hku.hk/tpg

*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 Undersecretary, 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
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