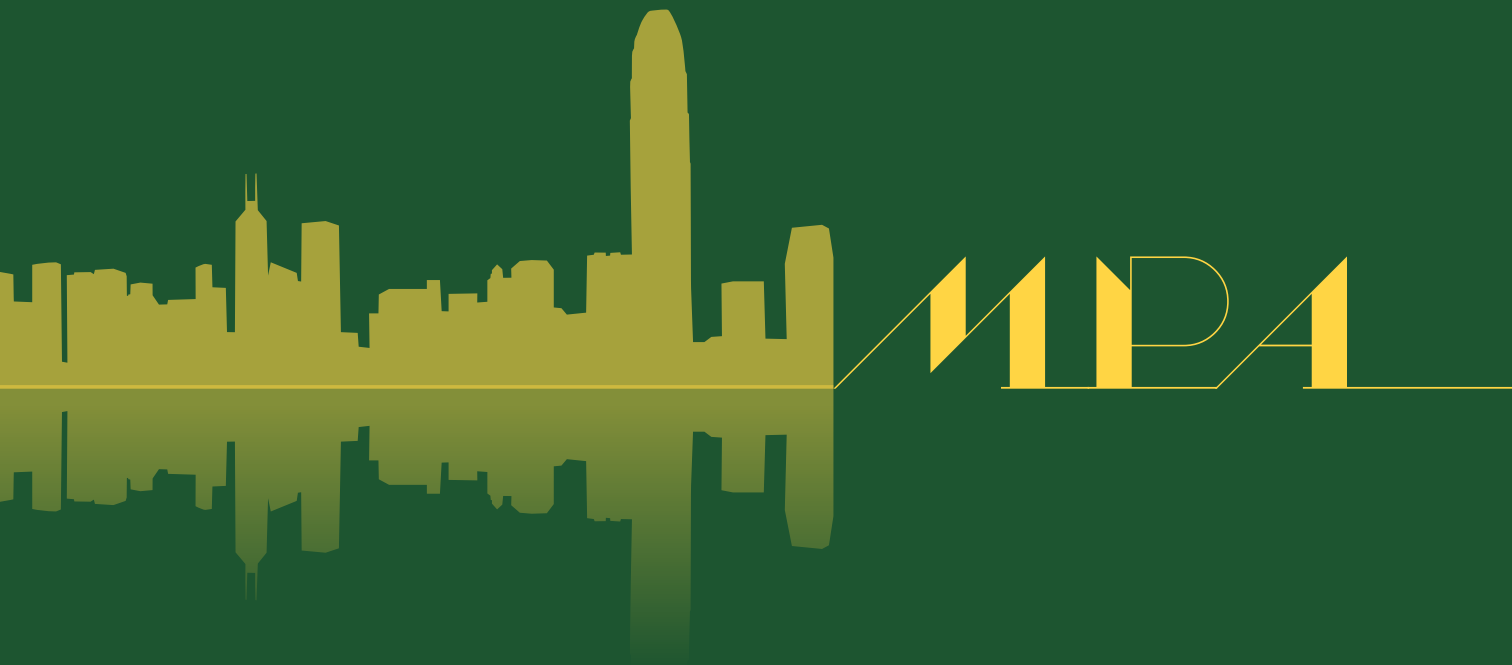




The University of Hong Kong  
Department of Politics and Public Administration





## 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.



**Wai Fung Lam**  
Professor of Politics and  
Public Administration  
MPA Programme Director



# 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 National 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	Full-time	
YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1		
	September / October November / December	POLI7002 + POLI8027	POLI7002 + POLI8027 + 2 Elective courses
	SEMESTER 2		
	January / February March / April  May / June July / August	2 Elective courses  *Mainland live-in course	POLI8017 + POLI8026 + 2 Elective courses
YEAR 2	SEMESTER 3		
	September / October November / December	2 Elective courses	/
	SEMESTER 4		
	January / February March / April	POLI8017 + POLI8026	/

\*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 National 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



## Compulsory courses:

POLI7002. Public administration: scope and issues  
 POLI8017. Workshop in public affairs  
 POLI8026. Workshop in managerial skills  
 POLI8027. Public administration in Hong Kong



## Capstone experience courses

POLI8012. Dissertation  
 POLI8028. Capstone project



## 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. Public organization 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  
 POLI8033. Program evaluation



# 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),  
 Emeritus Professor and Honorary Professor



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



**Dr. Terry Van Gevelt**  
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 Assistant Professor



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 Assistant Professor



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



**Professor Alan N. Lai**  
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**Professor Eliza W.Y. Lee**  
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# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

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

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Former Deputy Chief Ambulance Officer, Fire Services Dept.

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## 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

"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**

Principal Assistant Secretary,  
Food and Health Bureau  
MPA 2010

"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 Ombudsman  
MPA 1982

"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**

Executive Director,  
Aviation Security Company Limited  
Former Assistant Commissioner of Police (Operations),  
Hong Kong Police Force  
MPA 2005



## MPA APPLICATION PROCESS AND ADMISSIONS

Applicants for admission to the MPA programme shall:

- hold a Bachelor's degree;
- 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.

### Application Process:

Prospective students may apply online at: <http://hku.hk/tpg>

### Tuition Fee and closing date:

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