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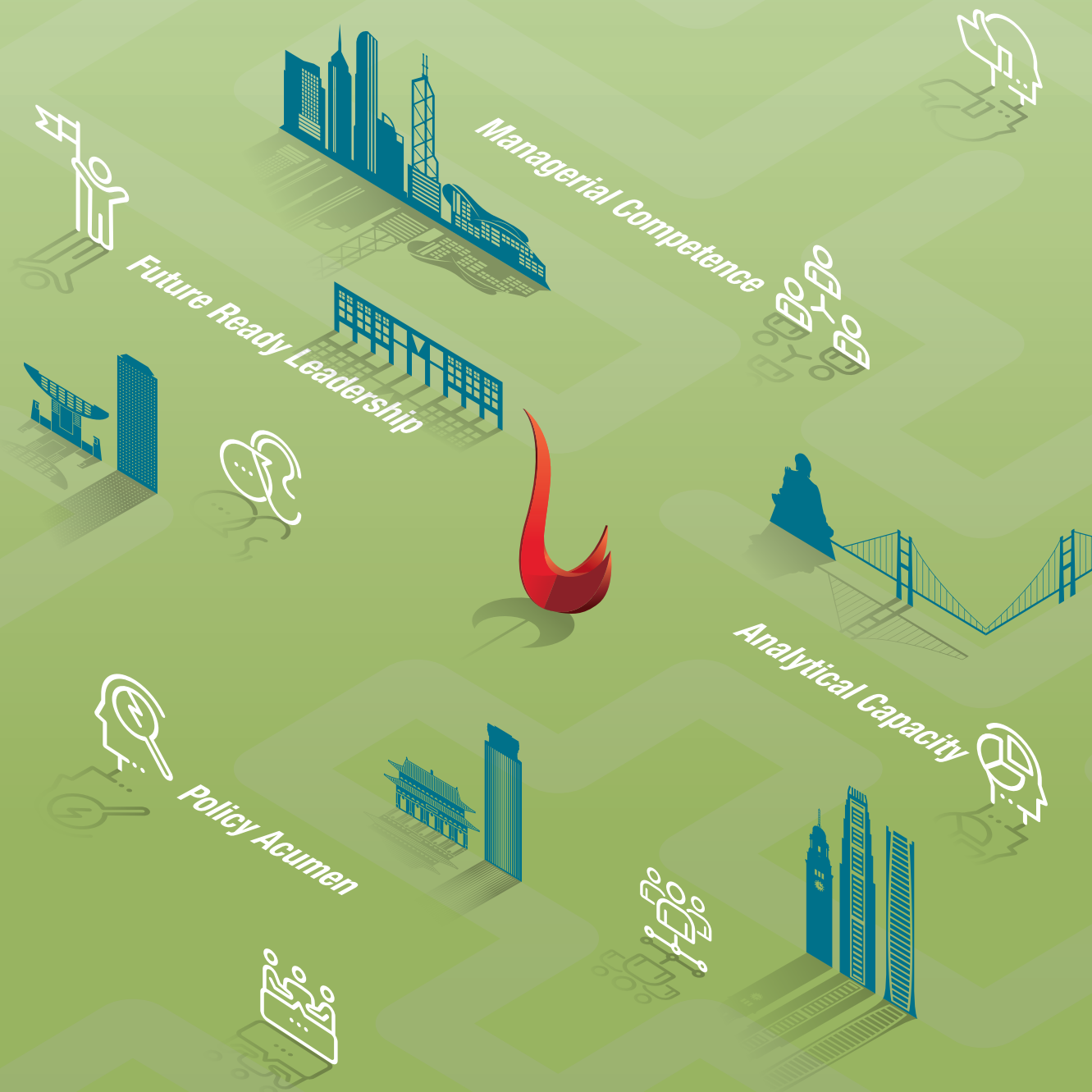
MASTER OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (MPM) 2026-2027



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ABOUT HKUST

HKUST is a dynamic, internationally renowned research university that pursues excellence in science, technology, business and the humanities, and educates future generations of global leaders and thinkers. Since it opened its doors in October 1991, HKUST has established itself as an intellectual powerhouse, contributed to the rise of the Greater Bay Area as one of the world's leading centers of innovation, and secured a place on the academic world map. In under three decades, HKUST has risen rapidly in the global academic rankings to become one of the Asia's top universities.

#24 Global Employability University Ranking 2025 (No. 1 in Hong Kong, No.3 in Greater China) designed by the HR Consultancy Emerging and published by Times Higher Education

#12 Asia's Top 700+ Universities (No.3 in Hong Kong, No.9 in Greater China) in Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2024

MASTER OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT (MPM)

More so than ever, professionals in government (and organizations that work with governments) find themselves in environments that can be characterized as complex, unpredictable and unstable. The rules and routines, processes and precedents, and culture and capabilities of our organizations that used to work well before are coming under increasing stress. Our stakeholders and citizens are much less willing to trust government by default; they demand greater accountability from governments and public officials.

New policy challenges have also emerged: the promise (and the perils) of rapid technology advances; climate change, pandemics and sustainability; rising inequality and ageing societies; middle class anxiety and the rise of populist nationalism and identity politics; and a seemingly higher frequency of crises (financial, public health for example). These challenges require new thinking and innovative, even radical, policy responses. In a world that is increasingly characterized by rapid and sometimes disruptive change, governments and public sector managers must be prepared to disrupt themselves.

The Master of Public Management (MPM) program is designed to prepare students to operate and thrive in a complex, rapidly changing and disruptive world. The program will prepare them for senior management roles in organizations that deliver public services or interact frequently with governments and regulatory authorities. It aims to equip students with the skills, knowledge and habits of mind to deal with the fast changing and contested environments that governments—as well as their stakeholders, partners, and regulated entities—face.

In this program, students will have the opportunity to develop their managerial capabilities such as their analytical skills, operational competence and political acumen—all of which are essential for successful careers in the public or private sectors. Leveraging the strengths at HKUST, the program also aims to give students the interdisciplinary perspectives that will enable them to explore the policy, operational, regulatory and political issues associated with technology advances and sustainability.

Prof. Donald LOW
Director, Master of Public Management Program
Senior Lecturer and Professor of Practice in Public Policy, Division of Public Policy
Co-Director of HKUST Leadership and Public Policy Executive Education,
Institute for Public Policy

"Our MPM Program is designed to meet the needs of future leaders in government, corporate, and non-profit organizations to address the pressing challenges of our times. Using an interdisciplinary approach, our program will explore the complexity inherent in many policy problems of the 21st century, and surface innovative policy ideas and implementation strategies to deal with them."

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR IMPACT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Unlike traditional Master in Public Administration programs, the MPM places an emphasis on knowledge, habits of mind, analytic skills and managerial capabilities that are highly transferable across sectors and policy domains. The program is designed for mid-career professionals, with at least three years of work experience, who wish to upgrade or update their understanding of public policy and strengthen their leadership and management skills. The program can also meet the demand for managers and professionals working in the non-profit or private sector who wish to gain knowledge and insights about decision-making and implementation in the public sector.

While most of our students, especially those from the civil service, will seek career advancement opportunities in their current organizations, graduates from this program will be sought after for work in governments, in the part of the private sector that work with governments, and in the fast-growing sector of domestic and international non-governmental organizations. The MPM will equip them with a skillset that enables them to move across these sectors – as competent managers and potential leaders.

Prof. Anthony CHEUNG, GBS, JP
Chair Professor and Advisor (Public Administration), Department of Social Sciences and Policy Studies,
The Education University of Hong Kong
Adjunct Professor, Division of Public Policy,
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Former Secretary for Transport and Housing, HKSAR Government

"The MPM program should prepare students for senior management roles in organizations providing public services or having frequent interactions with the public sector… It can provide students with an interdisciplinary study with a strong emphasis on the policy, management and governance issues concerning technological innovation and sustainability."

Prof. Pauline NG, SBS
Director, Hong Kong Policy Research Centre, Tianda Institute
Former Secretary-General, Legislative Council Secretariat

"The MPM program is well-positioned to equip civil servants and those in utility companies and IT consultants to pursue our dream in making Hong Kong a liveable city that will bring sustainable benefits to our people."

CURRICULUM

The degree requires the completion of 27 credit hours (most courses are three credit hours), comprised of 18 credits of core courses and 9 credits of electives. Students admitted to the MPM will be required to complete the program on a full-time or part-time basis.

CORE COURSES (18 CREDITS)

The required core courses provide students with a strong foundation in the various perspectives, skills and tools that public sector managers or policy professionals must possess to develop and implement policies effectively. MPM students will take the following core courses:

- Public Management: Theories and Practices
- Economic Reasoning for Public Management
- Managing for Sustainability
- Managing the Policy Process
- Public Management for Technology Innovation
- Capstone Project
- Professional Development for Taught Postgraduate Students

ELECTIVE COURSES (9 CREDITS)

MPM students will choose three electives from a wide range of courses. In addition to electives offered by the Division of Public Policy, MPM students may also take courses offered by other departments/divisions such as HKUST Business School, School of Engineering, School of Humanities and Social Science, and the Division of Environment and Sustainability.

Credit Transfer

Subject to the approval of the Program Director, students may apply for course substitution or credit transfer of no more than 12 credits.

SUGGESTED STUDY PATTERN

Students (both local and non-local) can decide to pursue MPM degree on a part-time basis (typically in two years), or full-time basis (in one year).

Part-time Two-year	Fall (Sept – Dec)	Spring (Feb – May)	Summer (Jun – Aug)

YEAR 1	• Any TWO of the following:
	  • Economic Reasoning for Public Management
	  • Managing the Policy Process
	  • Public Management for Technology Innovation
	• Professional Development for Taught Postgraduate Students
		• Public Management: Theories and Practices
		• Managing for Sustainability
			N/A

YEAR 2	• Any ONE of the following:
	  • Economic Reasoning for Public Management
	  • Managing the Policy Process
	  • Public Management for Technology Innovation
	• Elective 1*
		• Elective 2
		• Elective 3
			• Capstone Project

*If electives are offered in Year 1 Summer term, students have the option to take any of them, but it is not mandatory.

Full-time	Fall (Sept – Dec)	Spring (Feb – May)	Summer (Jun – Aug)
One-Year	• Economic Reasoning for Public Management • Managing the Policy Process • Public Management for Technology Innovation • Professional Development for Taught Postgraduate Students • Elective 1	• Public Management: Theories and Practices • Managing for Sustainability • Elective 2 • Elective 3	• Capstone Project

WHY STUDY MPM AT HKUST?

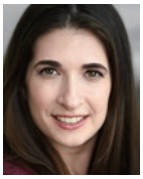
- Capacity Building: The development of public sector leaders with analytical capacity, managerial skills and political acumen
- Policy Development and Leadership: A strong emphasis on policy development and leadership in complex settings
- Sustainability and Technology Innovation: Expertise in the management of key issues and challenges in sustainability and technology innovation in the public sector
- Case Teaching: The extensive use of case studies focusing on contemporary policy challenges locally, regionally and globally
- Inter-disciplinary: The opportunity to choose from a wide range of electives related to economic, social and environmental services that are offered by HKUST Business School, School of Engineering and School of Humanities and Social Science
- Faculty: A faculty that is diverse in disciplinary backgrounds and has extensive experience advising national government bodies, international organizations, and major corporations

Prof. Christine LOH, SBS, JP, OBE
Chief Development Strategist, Division of Environment and Sustainability,
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Former Under Secretary for the Environment, HKSAR Government

"One attraction of the syllabus is that it has key components in technology, innovation and sustainability, essential topics for Master Degree programs in many fields, and especially in the public sector, as these important topics tend to be under-provided although public sector managers know how important they are."

FACULTY PROFILE

Acting Head, Division of Public Policy



Prof. Kira MATUS
PhD in Public Policy,
Harvard University

Areas of Specialization
- Innovation for Sustainable Development
- Sustainable Production and Consumption / Sustainable Manufacturing
- Green Chemistry and Engineering
- Science Advice in Public Policy
- Regulation of Emerging Technologies
- Sustainability Science

MPM Program Director

Prof. Donald How Tian LOW
(Professor in Practice)
Master in International Public Policy,
Johns Hopkins University

Areas of Specialization
- Poverty and inequality
- Big data and social science research
- Development economics
- Political economy of development
- Population and policy issues in Asia

Faculty

Dr. Marie N. BERNAL
PhD in Public Policy,
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Areas of Specialization
- Risk Regulation
- Behavioral and Cognitive Science Implications for Public Policy
- Policymaking And Policy Dynamics

Prof. Michael Shih-Ta CHEN
PhD in Economics,
Cornell University

Prof. Anthony Bing-leung CHEUNG
PhD in Government,
London School of Economics and Political Science

Areas of Specialization
- Governance studies
- Asian administrative reforms
- Civil service studies
- Para-governmental organizations and Privatization
- Public policy

Dr. Jeffrey CHOW
PhD in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics,
Yale University

Areas of Specialization
- Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
- Environmental Policy and Governance
- Climate Change and Global Environmental Governance
- Health Policy
- Big Data And Social Science Research

Prof. King Lau CHOW
PhD in Cell Biology,
Baylor College of Medicine

Areas of Specialization
- Genetics
- Evolutionary biology
- Cellular and molecular mechanisms
- Developmental biology
- Sensory organ differentiation

Prof. Stuart GIETEL-BASTEN
PhD in Historical Demography,
University of Cambridge

Areas of Specialization
- Demography
- Population policy
- Ageing policy
- Family policy
- Health policy

Prof. Alex Jingwei HE
PhD in Public Policy,
National University of Singapore

Areas of Specialization
- Comparative Social Policy
- Policy Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Health Policy and Governance

Prof. Alicia Garcia HERRERO
PhD, George Washington University

Prof. Raul P. LEJANO
PhD in Environmental Health Science,
University of California, Los Angeles

Areas of Specialization
- Policy theory
- Collective action
- Relationality
- Environmental governance
- Resilience
- Narrative analysis
- Game theory

Dr. Alvin LI
PhD in Public Policy,
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Prof. Yatang LIN
PhD in Economics,
The London School of Economics and Political Science

Areas of Specialization
- Environmental Economics
- Urban and Regional Economics
- International Trade
- Economic Growth and Development

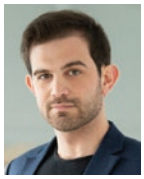
Dr. Nicolo LUDOVICE
PhD in History,
The University of Hong Kong

Areas of Specialization
- Environmental Health Humanities
- Environmental History
- History of Science, Technology, and Medicine
- Public Health Policy
- Food Studies and Policy

Prof. Naubahar SHARIF
PhD in Science and Technology Studies,
Cornell University

Areas of Specialization
- Innovation and Technology Policy in Hong Kong and China
- Belt and Road Initiative

Prof. Timothy SZE
PhD in Jurisprudence,
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)



Prof. Julien de TROULLIOUD de LANVERSIN
Ph.D. in Applied Physics,
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering,
Princeton University

Areas of Specialization
- Nuclear Policy
- Nuclear Nonproliferation and Arms Control
- International Security
- Energy Policy
- U.S.-China Collaboration in Science & Technology
- Open-source Science

Dr. Michael TYRALA
PhD in Asian and International Studies,
City University of Hong Kong

Areas of Specialization
- World-systems Analysis
- Global Offshore Economy
- Global Tax Governance
- Political Economy of Development
- Social Psychology of Late Capitalism

Prof. James Ka Lei WONG
PhD in Government,
London School of Economics

Areas of Specialization
- Environmental Politics and Policy
- Theories of Institutional Design
- Deliberative Democracy and Governance

Prof. Yan XU
PhD in Telecommunications Policy,
University of Strathclyde

Areas of Specialization
- Technology and Innovation Management
- Telecom Industry Development and Policy Open Innovation
- Information Technology Policy and Standardization
- Digital Economy

Prof. Masaru YARIME
PhD in Economics and Policy Studies of Innovation and Technological Change, Maastricht University

Areas of Specialization
- Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy
- Public Policy and Institutional Design for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability
- Innovation Systems of Smart Cities
- Sustainability Science

Dr Fangxin Francine YI
PhD in Urban Development and Policy, National University of Singapore

Areas of Specialization
- Urban and Land Policy
- City Resilience
- Risk Management
- Complexity and Public Policy

Prof. Xiaofan ZHAO
PhD in Public Administration,
Tsinghua University

Areas of Specialization
- Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Policy and Governance
- Theories of the Policy Process
- Regulatory Enforcement and Compliance

Prof. Pengyu ZHU
PhD in Policy, Planning and Development,
University of Southern California

Areas of Specialization
- Transportation Policy
- Economic Development Policy
- Housing Policy
- Land Use Policy
- Applications of Big Data in Policymaking

STUDENT PROFILE

Our MPM students combine strong academic records with diverse and interesting work experiences. The MPM program focuses on the development of managerial and analytical capabilities, with an emphasis on preparing students for management roles in organizations that deliver public services or have frequent interactions with the government. The MPM thus attracts students from diverse professional fields. Apart from those in the public sector (such as government and inter-governmental organizations, publicly funded institutions and social service organizations), young professionals in financial, consulting, engineering and technology firms may also find the MPM an attractive post-graduate program to pursue. The varied professional background of our students enhances class diversity and the quality of the learning environment.

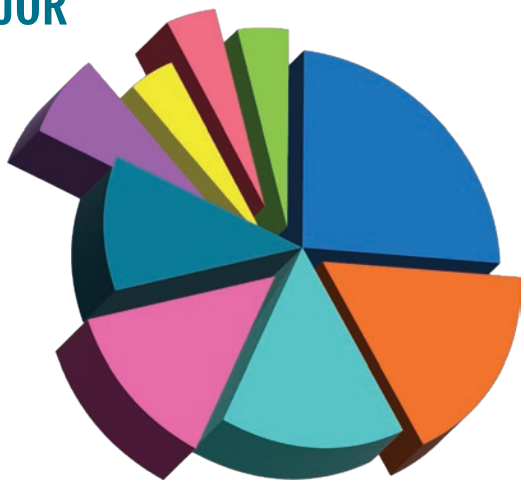
Most of our MPM students are alumni of top universities in Hong Kong and mainland China, such as the University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Peking University and Sun Yat-Sen University. We also have students who studied at top universities abroad, such as University College London, Cornell University and University of California, San Diego. Finally, a wide range of majors is represented by our MPM students, again contributing to the diversity of the class.

MPM STUDENTS 2025/26 COHORT – WORK BACKGROUND

- Public 26%
  (Government, Publicly funded institutions, etc.)
- Private 74%
  (Trading, ICT, Law, Consulting, Construction, Aviation, Engineering, etc.)

STUDENTS' UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR (2025 INTAKE)

- 24% Business Administration and Management
- 17% Language
- 15% Economics
- 13% Public Administration
- 11% Law
- 7% Media and Communication
- 4% Engineering
- 4% Fine Arts
- 4% Social Science & Humanities



STUDENT/ALUMNI SHARING

KANG, Ruimin (MPM Class of 2025)
Attaché, West Asia and North Africa Department (MENA), League of Arab States, Diplomatic Mission China

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (2022)
Communication University of China

"The holistic and meticulous educational paradigm of the school brings me immense joy. At HKUST, I have had the privilege to interact with professors who are not only patient and amicable but also fervently advocate for students to immerse themselves in critical thinking. They foster an environment that promotes extensive collaboration and the application of public policy to address complex issues—a distinctive hallmark of this program. I am convinced that pursuing an MPM will significantly enhance my leadership and management acumen, which are pivotal for forging a prosperous career trajectory."

CHAN, Hoi Yan Janice (MPM Class of 2024)
Executive Officer, HKSAR Government

Bachelor of Business Administration (Integrated BBA Programme) and
Bachelor of Social Science (Journalism and Communication) Double Degree (2018)
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

"Facing a complex, rapidly changing and disruptive world, it is crucial for civil servants to acquire the ability to embrace changes. Pursuing the MPM at HKUST is an extraordinary experience. Eminent professors at HKUST have provided me valuable insights into the importance of making analytical judgment when executing policies and developed my managerial capabilities and skills to handle crisis management from both local and global perspectives. This program also allows me to meet and learn from people with various academic backgrounds and professions, which brings network and inspiration."

SHENG, Zexia (MPM Class of 2023)
Project Manager, UNICEPTA China

Bachelor of Law in Sociology (2017)
Shanghai University

"In the more and more complex, unpredictable, and unstable world, we often need a pause from busy work to enrich ourselves and find new directions. MPM is an excellent choice for those with work experience. It's also a good opportunity for working adults to improve their management ability through the training of analytical skills, operational competence and political acumen."

DENG, Lixia (MPM Class of 2023)
Strategy manager, Wireless Life InformationTechnology Co.,Ltd

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish (2016)
Beijing Jiaotong University

"China's tech industry has been suffering compounded regulatory challenges, which motivates me to pursue MPM at HKUST. With a well-diversified cohort and interdisciplinary curriculum structure, the MPM enables students to learn from each other and develop a more comprehensive understanding of their previous working field. The theories and cases studied in class provide the essential toolkit for students' future career development, whether in the public or private sector."

WONG, Koby Lok Yin (MPM Class of 2024)
Assistant Manager, China Resources Group

Master of Science in International Social and Public Policy (2019)
London School of Economics and Political Science

"I believe pursuing MPM at HKUST can help me further develop my leadership and managerial capabilities, which are crucial for successful careers in every sector. Unlike traditional MPA, MPM leverages the strengths at HKUST and provides very insightful courses related to sustainability and technological advances, which I regard as essential for us to keep pace with the fast-moving era of information and technology."

ISLAM, Homayra (MPM Class of 2023)
Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration,
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

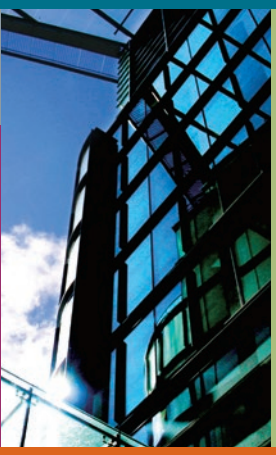
Master's in Finance and Banking (2016)
National University, Bangladesh

"Working for the government for the past six years has taught me the significance of public management and its ever-changing character. It is essential to comprehend and adapt to the present local and global changes and the challenges they pose for the country's development. HKUST offers a plethora of opportunities to explore and study global policy and management processes, which will unquestionably contribute to my success. The environment, the energy, and the diversity that it brings compel me to ponder and reconsider how I perceive certain topics pertaining to policy and its effective administration. "

LAI, Xi (MPM Class of 2025)
General Manager, Hercules Future Machinery

BEng in Chemical Engineering (2012)
The University of Nottingham

"Transitioning from strategy consulting to industrial leadership, the HKUST MPM program equipped me with the essential toolkit — policy frameworks and executive management training — to navigate this shift. Engaging with a diverse cohort deepened my understanding of sector-specific challenges, while the curriculum enabled me to apply complexity thinking to business management. Today, I leverage these interdisciplinary perspectives to drive innovation and foster business–government synergies, demonstrating the real-world value of the MPM experience."



CHAN, Hoi Yi (MPM Class of 2023)
Co founder & Director of Teaching Department, Ivy House Education Studio

Bachelor of Nutritional Sciences (2016)
Cornell University

"I am particularly attracted to UST's MPM program because the objective of the program perfectly matches my career goal. The program is designed to prepare the students for senior management roles in organizations that deliver public services, while aims to equip them with the skills, knowledge and habits of mind to deal with the fast-changing and contested environments that governments face."

LO, Tim Man Him (MPM Class of 2024)
Head of System Development, BEAM Society Limited

B.A. Urban Studies and Planning (2009)
University of California San Diego

"As a team leader in an NGO, I see that organizational and social problems are becoming increasingly complex. The need for innovative public policy and effective leadership has never been more important in dealing with issues within NGO and managing NGOs' expectations in society. MPM is a program that emphasizes in innovative policy and capacity building. By studying with the MPM program, I become more effective in analyzing the socio-economic challenges and formulating effective policies to help strengthen my organization's position in society."

HUANG, Wei (MPM Class of 2022)
Crisis Management Team Member,
Chinasoft International-Expatriate Staff to Tencent Technology (Shenzhen) Co., LTD

BSc in Pharmacy (2017)
Central South University

"The MPM program provided me with an unparalleled learning experience. It has not only broadened my intellectual boundaries and international perspective but also given me a deeper insight into my career. The practical courses in economics, technology, public policy and sustainable development help enrich my understanding of public relations and are inexhaustible sources of motivation for my future work. "

XIONG, Xiange (MPM Class of 2022)
Manager of International students, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences

Master of Arts in China Studies (2018)
City University of Hong Kong

"The theoretical knowledge about public management and public policy gained equips me the abilities to make policies and decisions working in public fields. The MPM program enables me to have a deep understanding of the public affairs of society, and exercise my logical thinking ability and critical thinking. It helps me analyze and solve practical problems from different perspectives in my future work. It enables me to observe and examine management issues from a macro, holistic perspective."

LUAN, Tianyu (MPM Class of 2025)
Founder of three ventures: Shanghai Huangpu District Tianlan Yi Education & Training Center; Shanghai Tianlan Yi Education & Training Co., Ltd.; and Shanghai Tianyi Private Immigration Services Co., Ltd.

BA in English Language and Literature (2009)
Tsinghua University

"As the founder of three diverse organizations, I found the MPM program to be the perfect fit for enhancing my leadership capacity in addressing complex organizational challenges and societal expectations. Its focus on policy innovation and capacity building equipped me with advanced analytical tools to better navigate socio-economic issues and formulate effective strategies. Through MPM, I have learned to integrate sustainable practices and cutting-edge digital technologies into my organizations, with particular benefits for the non-profit sector."

KWONG, Hiu Pan (MPM Class of 2023)
Reporter for the Hong Kong Channel, Phoenix TV

BA (Hon) in Journalism and Mass Communication (2017)
Hong Kong Shue Yan University

"Reporting on political and social issues is one of my job routines. HKUST's MPM program gives me a strong understanding of public management and the policy making process. There are interesting and practical courses covering a range of public policy and management issues. These provide analytical skills and theoretical insights for journalists who wish to understand contemporary society."

IP, Man Suen (MPM Class of 2023)
Senior Manager, Office of the Vice-President for Institutional Advancement, HKUST

Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons.) in Communication (2004)
Hong Kong Baptist University

"I am excited to join the first cohort of the MPM part-time program where I can learn from world-class faculty and take part in fruitful discussion and group projects with classmates from diverse background. Apart from the strong network and bonding among the classmates and teachers, what I enjoyed most about the program was its inter-disciplinary approach with elements in policy, economics, sustainability, innovation and more. This program has certainly enabled me to acquire new knowledge and develop managerial capabilities, analytical and problem-solving skills in times of disruptive changes."

ZHANG, Jie (MPM Class of 2025)
Administrative Officer, Municipal Bureau of Civil Affairs of Qufu City

Bachelor of Public Administration (2020)
Northwest A&F University

"As a former government official in China addressing complex governance challenges, I sought interdisciplinary policy expertise. The Master of Public Management program equipped me with robust analytical frameworks through its integrated curriculum in technology policy, sustainable development, economic analysis, and political administration. Distinguished faculty conveyed nuanced sectoral insights, while peer collaboration across professions stimulated innovative approaches. This comprehensive training fundamentally enhanced my capacity for evidence-based cross-sectoral governance."

NG, Ga Kiu Bennie (MPM Class of 2023)
Assistant Hospital Administrator, Hospital Authority

BBA (Hons) in Hotel and Tourism Management (2016)
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

"The MPM program gives me an amazing opportunity to learn from top-tier professors and diversify my knowledge in public management. It enables me to communicate better at work with government officials and formulate thorough management plans."

CHEUNG, Yue Yan (MPM Class of 2023)
Senior Land Surveyor, Lands Department, HKSAR Government

MSc in Real Estate (2008)
The University of Hong Kong

"The increasing complexity of society and rising expectations from the general public require the civil service to develop greater capacity to manage change and enhance public services. At HKUST's MPM program, world-renowned professors have equipped me with excellent theoretical and practical insights through their lectures and the case studies we discuss in class. Upon graduation, MPM students would have sharpened their policy acumen and developed a greater sensitivity to broader political considerations – especially when helping to formulate public policies."

YAU, Tsz Wai (MPM Class of 2023)
Fire Officer, Hong Kong Fire Services Department, HKSAR Government

BEng in Engineering (2008)
City University of Hong Kong

"Given the changes in society and the political environment in Hong Kong, I felt it was critical to enrich my professional knowledge of public policy and management. Being a mid-career civil servant in Hong Kong, I wanted to enhance my analytical and managerial capabilities. The MPM programme of HKUST has provided me with opportunities to strengthen my potential through diverse, interdisciplinary learning. I have also been greatly inspired by the insights of my peers in the inaugural MPM class."

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for admission, applicants shall have:

- A bachelor's degree with second class honors;
- At least 3 years of working experience;
- Fulfilled English Language requirements set by the University:

Proficiency Test	Minimum Scores
TOEFL-iBT	80*
TOEFL-pBT TOEFL-Revised paper-delivered test	550 60 (total scores for Reading, Listening and Writing Sections)
IELTS (Academic Module)	Overall score: 6.5 and All sub-score: 5.5

*Refer to the total score in one single attempt

Applicants are NOT required to present TOEFL or IELTS score if

- their first language is English, or
- they obtained their bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from an institution where the medium of instruction was English.

TUITION FEE AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Tuition Fee

HK$190,000: This includes one year of full-time or two years of part-time enrolment (for a total of 27 credits).

The nominal program fee covers 27 credits of course study. Students are required to pay HK$7,500 per credit for taking additional course(s) or auditing course(s) beyond the nominal 27-credit requirement.

Scholarships

Subject to funding availability, scholarships may be given to selected awardees based on academic and professional excellence. Scholarships are granted to selected students in the form of tuition fee reduction.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All applicants should submit their application documents through pg.ust.hk/prospective-students/admissions/online-application to the Fok Ying Tung Graduate School (FYTGS) of HKUST.

Admission offers will be made on a rolling basis. As admissions are awarded on a competitive basis, early applications are strongly recommended. Late applications are considered only if there are still unfilled places.

Application Deadlines for 2026-27 Admissions:

For applicants from outside Hong Kong

31st May 2026

For applicants from Hong Kong

30th June 2026

ADMISSION ENQUIRIES

Online Enquiry Form: pg.ust.hk/prospective-students/contact-us

Fok Ying Tung Graduate School

Web: fytgs.hkust.edu.hk/Program

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