

Postgraduate Admission

Taught Postgraduate Programmes Admission Requirements

Doctor of Business Administration

Applicants seeking admission to the DBA degree programme should possess:

1. An MBA or a master's degree in business-related subjects from a recognized university or equivalent;
2. Substantial years (normally 10 years or above) of managerial or professional experience at an appropriate level; and
3. Proficiency in English language, such as completion of a degree programme taught in English. For those who did not graduate from an English-speaking programme, a TOEFL score of 550 or above for the paper-based test, 213 or above for the computer-based test, 80 or above for the Internet-based test, or an IELTS score of 7 (or equivalent score on a comparable test) is required.

Applicants who have obtained their BA and/or master's degree(s) from English-teaching programme(s) can be exempted from the requirement of English proficiency.

Master of Accountancy

Applicants seeking admission to the MAcc programme should be:

1. Holders of a Bachelor's degree in business (non-accounting) or a related discipline from a recognized tertiary institution; or
2. Holders of a Bachelor's degree in a non-business discipline from a recognized tertiary institution; or
3. Holders of a qualification deemed to be equivalent.

Notes for applicants:

1. Applicants bear the responsibility to confirm with HKICPA that their Bachelor's degrees are recognized in meeting the student registration requirements of the HKICPA QP before applying for admission to the MAcc programme.
2. Applicants expecting the acquisition of the requisite academic qualification before the programme commencement may also apply for admission.
3. Both business (non-accounting) and non-business degree holders must satisfy the Pre-core programme requirements prior to their completion of the MAcc programme. The Pre-core programme includes courses on Accounting, Economics, Information Systems, Management and Statistics. Applicants should have demonstrated in their official academic transcripts that they possess fundamental knowledge in these areas. Students may also satisfy the Pre-core programme requirements by taking equivalent courses in other recognized programmes. Participants with deficiencies in any of these courses must take, at their extra cost, the prescribed Pre-core courses (which are non-credit bearing courses with pass/fail option) to satisfy the competency requirements for admission to the HKICPA QP.

Selection will primarily be based on the results stated in official academic transcripts and supporting documents. However, interviews may be arranged to further assess applicants' qualifications.

Master of Arts in Chinese Literature, Language and Culture

Applicants seeking admission to the MA in Chinese Literature, Language and Culture degree programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree with second class honours or above in Chinese from a recognized university or comparable institution; or

2. A general degree plus relevant working experience; or
3. A qualification deemed to be equivalent.

Short-listed applicants may be interviewed should the Programme Board deem it necessary.

Master of Arts in Communication

Applicants seeking admission to the MA in Communication degree programme should possess a bachelor's degree with honours from a recognized university or comparable institution. Relevant professional experience will be favourably considered. Applicants whose first degree is obtained from an institution where the medium of instruction is not English should possess a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based test) or 213 (computer-based test) or 79 (Internet-based test), or an overall band 6.5 in IELTS.

Applicants should submit a 500-word essay in English outlining the applicant's academic interests and objectives, and a sample of publication or research paper written by the applicant, if any. Short-listed applicants may be selectively interviewed.

Master of Arts in International Journalism Studies

Applicants seeking admission to the MA in International Journalism Studies degree programme should:

1. a) Hold a bachelor's degree from a recognized university or comparable institution; or
b) Have at least seven years' experience as a journalist or in another related profession that, in the view of the Department, constitutes a level equivalent to a first degree in courses relevant to the MA programme, and must show evidence of academic aptitude and achievement; AND
2. Be able to communicate in English at an advanced level, possessing one or more of the following qualifications:
 - a) Grade D or above in AS Use of English (HKALE); or
 - b) A minimum score of 580 (paper-based) or 237 (computer-based) or 92 (Internet-based) in TOEFL; or
 - c) A score of 6.5 or above in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or
 - d) Band 6 (with grade of 560 or above) in College English Test in mainland China; or
 - e) An equivalent qualification as judged by the Department of Journalism.

Applicants should submit a 500-word self-statement in English outlining their academic interests and objectives, or a sample of a piece of journalism or research paper or similar work written by the applicant in English.

Short-listed applicants will be interviewed by a faculty panel. The interview serves as a cross-validation of the evidence given in the above documents and helps to ascertain an applicant's commitment to postgraduate studies.

Master of Arts in Language Studies

Applicants seeking admission to the MA in Language Studies (MALS) degree programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree from a recognized university or comparable institution; or
2. A qualification deemed to be equivalent.

Applicants are expected to have advanced competence in spoken and written English. A good knowledge of other languages (including Chinese) would be an added advantage.

Mature students and other candidates who lack the above qualifications may be admitted on a case-by-case basis. The

courses on offer are available to external students from other universities.

Exemption from individual MALS courses may be granted up to a maximum of 4 (considered on a case-by-case basis) for students who have performed satisfactorily in Postgraduate Diploma in Subject Knowledge (PGSK) courses which are deemed to be equivalent. The tuition fee for these PGSK graduates will be based on the number of units they have to take after exemption in order to complete the programme. It is possible to complete the programme within one part-time year if enough exemptions are granted.

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies and Ethics

Applicants seeking admission to the MA in Liberal Studies and Ethics degree programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree from a recognized university or comparable institution; or
2. A qualification deemed to be equivalent.

Applicants may be interviewed to establish suitability for the programme should the Programme Management Committee deem it necessary.

Master of Arts in Literary and Comparative Studies

Applicants applying to the programme:

1. should hold a bachelor's degree (B.A.) from a recognised university or comparable institution; or a qualification deemed to be equivalent;
2. may be interviewed in order to elicit further information such as interests, motivation, communication skills, language proficiency, maturity and suitability.

Minimum Language Proficiency Requirement:

Applicants whose first degree is obtained from an institution where the medium of instruction is not English should:

1. possess a minimum TOEFL score of 550 OR a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 OR Grade D or above in AS Use of English (HKALE);
2. be able to communicate in English at an advanced level.

Applicants from mainland China are encouraged to submit their TEM (Level 8) and/or CET6 test scores where applicable.

Master of Arts in Music Postgraduate Diploma in Music Postgraduate Certificate in Music

Applicants seeking admission to the MA in Music, Postgraduate Diploma in Music and Postgraduate Certificate in Music programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree in music with at least second class honours from a recognized university or comparable institution; or
2. Qualifications deemed to be equivalent.

Master of Arts in Translation and Bilingual Communication

Applicants seeking admission to the MA in Translation and Bilingual Communication degree programme should:

1. Hold a bachelor's degree from a recognized university, or an equivalent professional qualification;
2. Be able to communicate in English at an advanced level, and provide evidence of competence in English such as possessing one or more of the following qualifications:

- a) Grade D or above in AS/AL Use of English; or
 - b) A minimum TOEFL score of 600 (paper-based) or 250 (computer-based) or 80 (Internet-based); or
 - c) A score of 7 or above in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or
 - d) Band 6 or above in College English Test in mainland China, or TEM (Test for English Majors) 4 or above; and
3. Be able to communicate in Chinese (Putonghua or Cantonese) at an advanced level, and provide evidence of competence in Chinese such as possessing one or more of the following qualifications:
 - a) Grade D or above in AS Chinese Language and Culture (HKALE); or
 - b) A BA degree with Chinese as the medium of instruction.

Short-listed applicants will be invited to attend an interview.

Applicants should submit two 300-word self statements, one in English and one in Chinese, outlining the applicant's academic interests and objectives.

Master of Business Administration (part-time mode)

Applicants seeking admission to the MBA degree programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree (in any discipline) from a recognized university or comparable institution, or a qualification deemed to be equivalent;
2. At least three years of relevant work experience;
3. An acceptable score on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)*; and
4. A satisfactory performance in the selection interview.

The Admission Panel will assess appropriately qualified applicants' motivation, maturity, communication skills, language proficiency, and suitability for the programme at interview. Overseas applicants will be contacted to schedule for a phone interview. Applicants may be exempted from taking up to four core courses (eight credit units), provided they have taken similar or equivalent courses at postgraduate level (and achieved a satisfactory grade) within the past five years.

* Applicants with eight or more years of relevant work experience may apply for exemption from taking GMAT.

Master of Business Administration (full-time mode)

Applicants seeking admission to the MBA degree programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree (in any discipline) from a recognized university or comparable institution, or a qualification deemed to be equivalent;
2. At least three years of relevant work experience*;
3. An acceptable score on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)**; and
4. A satisfactory performance in the selection interview.

The Admission Panel will assess appropriately qualified applicants' motivation, maturity, communication skills, language proficiency, and suitability for the programme at interview. Overseas applicants will be contacted to schedule for a phone interview. Applicants may be exempted from taking up to four core courses (eight credit units), provided they have taken similar or equivalent courses at postgraduate level (and achieved a satisfactory grade) within the past five years.

* Those without three years of relevant work experience have to take a non-credit earning Foundation Module in late August.

** Applicants with eight or more years of relevant work experience may apply for exemption from taking GMAT.

Master of Chinese Medicine

Applicants seeking admission to the Master of Chinese Medicine degree programme should:

1. Be holders of the Bachelor of Chinese Medicine or Pharmacy in Chinese Medicine degree; or
2. Possess equivalent qualifications in Chinese medicine or Chinese pharmacy; or
3. Be registered Chinese Medicine practitioners in Hong Kong who have passed the Hong Kong Chinese Medicine practitioners licensing examination; or
4. Be registered Chinese Medicine practitioners in Hong Kong with provision of training certificate in Chinese Medicine or relevant disciplines and passed the admission assessment to be conducted by the School of Chinese Medicine, HKBU.

Category 2 applicants with equivalent qualifications in Chinese medicine or Chinese pharmacy and category 3 applicants have to pass an admission examination to be arranged by the School (written and oral examination) for entry to the Master of Chinese Medicine degree.

Language requirements: Applicants must have (a) obtained Grade E or above in Chinese Language and Culture in the Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination, or (b) obtained a bachelor's degree with Chinese language as the primary medium of instruction in the major courses, or (c) passed the Chinese language test arranged by the School of Chinese Medicine, HKBU.

Master of Education

Applicants seeking admission to the MEd degree programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree from a recognized university or equivalent; and
2. A postgraduate certificate/diploma in education or equivalent, and/or relevant professional experience working with children and adolescents.

Master of Fine Arts in Film, Television and Digital Media

Applicants seeking admission to the MFA in Film, Television and Digital Media degree programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree or equivalent from a recognized university;
2. A minimum TOEFL score of 550 (for paper-based examination) or 213 (for computer-based examination) or 79 (for Internet-based examination), or a minimum IELTS result of Level 6 as an alternative to the TOEFL score*; and
3. Strong evidence of academic aptitude and strong interest in creative activities.

* *This requirement is only applicable to students originating from countries/institutions where English is not the major medium of instruction.*

Master of Human Resources Management

Applicants seeking admission to the Master of Human Resources Management degree programme should normally possess:

1. A recognized bachelor's degree or an equivalent professional qualification (with no work experience requirement); or
2. A recognized diploma plus a minimum of four years of work experience; AND
3. English language proficiency requirement applies for applicants who received their higher education in a language other than English.

Shortlisted candidates are invited to attend an interview.

Participants may choose to exit with a Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resources Management upon completing 6 core courses: Managing Human Resources Today, Human Resources Planning and Staffing, Training and Development, Performance Management, Compensation and Benefits, and Employment Relations and Practices.

Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences in Chinese Medicine

Applicants seeking admission to the MPharmSc in Chinese Medicine degree programme should be:

1. Holders of a Bachelor of Chinese Medicine or Pharmacy in Chinese Medicine degree; or
2. Holders of a non-Chinese Medicine degree, but with qualifications equivalent to the above, e.g. applicants with a bachelor's degree in Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Pharmacy, Pharmacology, Pharmaceutical Science or Medicine; or
3. Pharmacists or registered Chinese medicine practitioners of Hong Kong; or
4. Graduates of Professional Diploma of Pharmacy in Chinese Medicine or programmes of similar nature, who have more than three years of relevant work experience.

Language requirements: Applicants must have (a) obtained Grade E or above in Chinese Language and Culture in the Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination, or (b) obtained a bachelor's degree with Chinese language as the primary medium of instruction for major courses, or (c) passed the Chinese language test arranged by the School of Chinese Medicine, HKBU.

Applicants with qualifications listed in 2, 3 or 4 above may be required to pass an assessment conducted by the Programme Management Committee.

Master of Public Administration

Applicants seeking admission to the Master of Public Administration degree programme:

1. Should hold a bachelor's degree (in any discipline) from a recognized university or comparable institution, or
2. A qualification deemed to be equivalent.

Qualified applicants will be interviewed to assess their motivation and suitability for the programme.

Master of Science in Advanced Information Systems

Applicants should normally:

- a. possess a bachelor's degree in science, engineering, IT or relevant fields from a recognized university or equivalent qualification; and
- b. be proficient in English (applicants not using English as the medium of learning in their bachelor's degree programme are required not only to provide evidence of good English proficiency (e.g. satisfactory results in TOEFL, IELTS, the College English Test in Mainland China (CET-4 / CET-6), or English proficiency courses in recognized universities), but also to attend an interview to further evaluate their English proficiency).

Master of Science in Analytical Chemistry

Applicants seeking admission to the MSc in Analytical Chemistry degree programme should possess:

1. A Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree with honours in chemistry or in physical and life sciences, such as biomedical science, biochemistry, environmental science, food science, pharmacology, etc. where a strong emphasis is placed on analytical techniques and measurements from a recognized

university or comparable institution; or a qualification deemed to be equivalent.

2. Be proficient in English. Applicants not using English as the medium of learning in their bachelor's degree programme are required to provide evidence of good English proficiency (e.g. they have taken English proficiency courses in the universities, or obtained satisfactory results in TOEFL or the College English Test in the mainland).

Applicants who do not possess a formal degree qualification but have substantial documented relevant work experience in analytical chemistry may be considered. Applicants will be interviewed to determine their suitability for studying the programme.

Master of Science in Applied Accounting and Finance

Applicants seeking admission to the MSc in Applied Accounting and Finance degree programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree with honours in Business from a recognized university or comparable institution, or a professional qualification deemed to be equivalent (e.g. a professional qualification in accounting or finance field such as CPA/ACCA from designated accounting bodies, CFA from Institute of Certified Financial Analysts, CMA from Institute of Management Accountants, etc.); or
2. A bachelor's degree in other disciplines with relevant experience and/or training in Accounting, Finance, Management or related fields; and
3. A satisfactory score on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) (for applicants of full-time programme only); or
4. A minimum of three years of relevant working experience (for applicants of part-time programme only); and
5. Proof of English proficiency for applicants whose first degrees were obtained from non-English-medium institutions. A minimum TOEFL score 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) or 80 (Internet-based) or the equivalent score of other tests is normally required for those applicants.

Qualified applicants will be required to attend an admission interview as part of the selection process.

Students with non-Business degrees who lack basic training/experience in Accounting, Finance or related fields may also be qualified, subject to making up of the accounting and finance fundamentals through an intensive foundation course at extra cost or the guided self-study before the commencement of the MScAAF.

Applications for exemption or credit transfer of a course will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Only courses completed at relevant postgraduate level or equivalent and with similar content can be used to claim for exemption or credit transfer. Each student can receive exemptions or credit transfer for no more than two courses. Students are required to pay the full tuition fees for the exempted or credit-transferred courses. Under current arrangement, members of HKICPA and ACCA can gain exemption for two courses.

Master of Science in Applied Economics

Applicants seeking admission to the MSc in Applied Economics degree programme should possess:

1. A good bachelor's degree from a recognized university, or equivalent. A degree in Economics is preferred but not necessary. The applicant is expected to possess the knowledge of intermediate microeconomics and intermediate macroeconomics, along with some training in mathematics and statistics. Students who do not possess such knowledge may be required to attend bridging courses.

2. Proof of English proficiency (for applicants whose first degree were obtained from non-English-medium institutions). This can be fulfilled by obtaining a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based test) or 80 (Internet-based test); or a minimum of 6 in IELTS; or a score of 500 or higher in the College English Test (CET-6).

On top of academic performance, applicants are encouraged to take the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) or the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). Although the results of GRE and GMAT are not required, a satisfactory score in either GRE or GMAT is helpful in getting admission and scholarship.

Master of Science in Business Management

The entry requirements for the MScBM Programme are a combination of the following:

1. A Bachelor's degree from a recognized university or comparable institution; or a professional qualification deemed to be equivalent;
2. Good English proficiency *R1;
3. A satisfactory performance in the selection interview *R2; and
4. GMAT is not required but highly encouraged.

* Remarks:

R1: Since English is the medium of instruction, applicants should possess a good command of English, both written and spoken. If English was not the medium of instruction for the first degree, applicants are required to provide evidence of good English proficiency e.g. English standard with a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based)/ 213 (computer-based)/ 79 (internet-based) or equivalent qualifications acceptable to the Programme Committee.

R2: The Admission Panel will assess the motivation, maturity, communication skills, language proficiency, and suitability of the applicants for the programme at the interview. The interview will be group-based and interactive. A Programme-administered written test on English proficiency will be conducted prior to the interview.

To further facilitate the evaluation of qualifications, applicants are asked to supply the names of two referees qualified to provide information concerning the applicant's ability to complete the programme satisfactorily. Applicants should also submit a personal statement of not more than 500 words on their motivation to study the course, as part of the application materials.

The objective of the admission process is to select students who can demonstrate good potential of business and management aptitude. This will be judged by a combination of factors, including good performance in their undergraduate studies, self-statement of their motivation to study for a business/management degree, and a group-based interactive interview.

Applicants are expected to be proficient in written and spoken English, and be computer literate. Work experience (expectedly not more than 3 years since graduation), part-time and/or internship experience during the undergraduate study period, and leadership exposure in student activities will also be considered to be an added asset.

GMAT is not required for MScBM in view of the fact that most MSc programmes offered in Hong Kong and many AMBA accredited MScBM and similar programmes do not require GMAT. However, we do encourage candidates to take GMAT and submit the score for our reference. It will serve as supplementary information in the selection process.

Master of Science in Corporate Governance and Directorship

Applicants seeking admission to the MSc in Corporate Governance and Directorship degree programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree in business from a recognized university or comparable institution, or an equivalent qualification (such as professional qualification in accounting, finance, company secretarial practices or law); or
A bachelor's degree in other disciplines if they have obtained relevant experience and/or training in corporate governance and directorship or related fields (such as accounting, company secretarial practices, finance, law, management and so on); and
2. A minimum of three years of relevant work experience.

Students with non-business degree and with insufficient basic training/experience in finance and accounting may be required to take, at their extra cost, an intensive foundation course in corporate finance and accounting which will be offered on four full days (e.g. four Saturdays or Sundays) before the commencement of the programme.

Applications for exemption of a course will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Only courses completed at the advanced university level or equivalent and with similar contents can be used to claim for exemption. Each student can receive exemptions for no more than two courses. Students are required to pay full tuition fees for exempted courses.

Master of Science in Environmental and Public Health Management

Applicants seeking admission to the MSc in Environmental and Public Health Management degree programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree from a recognized university or comparable institution in any discipline; or
2. A qualification deemed to be equivalent.

Applicants who do not possess a formal degree qualification such as higher diploma holders, but have substantial documented relevant work experience in environmental management (normally three years or above) may be considered. Applicants may be required to prove their language ability in English by means of interviews and/or written examination or, for those not available in Hong Kong, by means of performance on acceptable language indicators such as having a TOEFL score of at least 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based) or 80 (internet-based test), IELTS score of at least 6.5 (academic), the new College English Test (CET 6) of China score at least 450 or a pass in the old CET-6 test, or the Member of Chartered Institute of Linguists (MCIL) examinations.

Master of Science in Green Technology (Energy)

Applicants seeking admission to the MSc in Green Technology (Energy) degree programme should possess :

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited university or recognized institution of higher studies in science or engineering; or
2. A professional qualification equivalent to tertiary academic level, from the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, a member institute in the British Engineering Council, etc.

Work experience is an advantage but not essential. For part-time students, preference will be given to those recommended by their employers.

Non-local candidates from an institution where medium of instruction is not English have to satisfy an additional English proficiency requirement, which may be any one of the followings:

- a) A minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based test), 213 (computer-based test), or 79 (Internet-based test); or
- b) An overall band score of 6.0 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or
- c) A score of 450 in the new College English Test (CET6) of China or a pass in the old CET-6 test; or
- d) Some equivalent qualifications.

Master of Science in Information Technology Management

Applicants seeking admission to the MSc in Information Technology Management degree programme should normally:

1. Possess a bachelor's degree in science, engineering, business or other relevant fields from a recognized university or comparable institution or a qualification deemed to be equivalent; and
2. Be proficient in English. Applicants not using English as the medium of learning in their bachelor's degree programme are required to provide evidence of good English proficiency (e.g. they have taken English proficiency courses in the universities, or obtained satisfactory results in TOEFL or the College English Test in the mainland).

Applicants having other qualifications but substantial experience in information technology will also be considered. Applicants may be interviewed to determine their suitability for studying the programme.

Master of Science in Operational Research and Business Statistics

Applicants seeking admission to the MSc in Operational Research and Business Statistics degree programme should normally possess:

1. A bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification in mathematics, statistics, computer science, physics, engineering, business or other related majors; and
2. Proficiency in basic mathematics; and
3. Applicants must satisfy at least one of the following requirements on English language proficiency:
 - a) English as the medium of learning in bachelor's degree programme;
 - b) A Grade D or above in AS Use of English;
 - c) A score of 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) or 80 (new system-based) or above in TOEFL;
 - d) A score of 6.5 or above in International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or
 - e) Equivalent qualifications acceptable to the Programme Committee.

Master of Science in Personal Health Management (Chinese Medicine)

Applicants seeking admission to the MSc in Personal Health Management (Chinese Medicine) degree programme should be:

1. Holders of a good bachelor's degree and are Hong Kong registered healthcare personnels*; or
2. Holders of a good bachelor's degree in other disciplines from a recognized university*; or
3. Holders of a good bachelor's degree in Chinese medicine or pharmacy in Chinese medicine from a recognized university; or
4. Registered Chinese medicine practitioners in Hong Kong, who have passed the Hong Kong Chinese Medicine Practitioners Registration Examination.

* *These applicants, if admitted, are required to take a supplementary course Overview on Chinese Medicine and Materia Medica.*

*Language Requirements*Chinese Language

1. Grade E or above in Chinese Language and Culture in the Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination; or
2. A bachelor's degree with Chinese language as the primary medium of instruction in the major courses; or
3. A pass in the Chinese language test arranged by the School of Chinese Medicine, HKBU.

English Language

1. A bachelor's degree with English language as the primary medium of instruction. Applicants not having such academic qualification are required to provide evidence of good English proficiency (e.g. they have taken English proficiency courses in the universities, or obtained satisfactory results in TOEFL or the College English Test on the mainland).

Or

2. A pass in the English language test and/or interview arranged by SCM.

Master of Science in Strategic Human Resources Management

Applicants seeking admission to the MSc in Strategic Human Resources Management degree programme should possess:

1. A good first degree or equivalent, in any discipline, from a recognized university; or
2. A Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resources Management from a recognized education institution; or
3. A qualification deemed to be equivalent; AND
4. Usually a minimum of five years of management/professional experience.

Shortlisted candidates are invited to attend an interview.

Distinguished graduates of Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resources Management (PgDHRM) offered by Hong Kong Baptist University will have course and fee exemption on "Foundations of Human Resources Management" and "Current Employment Practices in China", provided that they have completed the course of "HRM in the PRC" in their PgDHRM study.

Master of Social Sciences (Contemporary China Studies)

Applicants seeking admission to the MSocSc (Contemporary China Studies) degree programme:

1. Should hold a bachelor's degree, or qualification of equivalent standard from another university or comparable institution;
2. If shortlisted, may be required to attend an interview as part of the selection process; and
3. Will be given preference with background in social sciences and/or humanities.

Master of Social Sciences in Media Management

Applicants seeking admission to the MSocSc in Media Management degree programme should possess a bachelor's degree with honours from a recognized university or comparable institution and at least two years' professional experience for part-time students while professional experience would be preferred for full-time students. Applicants whose first degree is obtained from an institution where the medium of instruction is not English should possess a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based test) or 213 (computer-based test) or 79 (Internet-based test), or an overall band 6.5 in IELTS.

Applicants should submit a 500-word essay in English outlining the applicant's academic interests and objectives, and a sample of publication or research paper written by the applicant, if any. Short-listed applicants may be selectively interviewed.

Master of Social Sciences in Social Work

Applicants seeking admission to the MSocSc in Social Work degree programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree from a recognized university; or
2. A qualification deemed to be equivalent.

Priority will be given to applicants with RSW qualification (registered on the basis of a recognized social work diploma) or with social sciences background at undergraduate level.

Qualified applicants will be interviewed to establish proper motivation and suitability for pursuing a qualifying social work programme in a reflective and learner-centred environment.

Master of Social Sciences in Sport and Leisure Management

Applicants seeking admission to the MSocSc in Sport and Leisure Management degree programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree in physical education, sport/exercise science, sport/recreation/leisure/recreation management or other areas such as communication, tourism and hotel management from a recognized university (usually a good second class degree is required, but applicants with outstanding work experience may be considered); and
2. Preferably with a minimum of two years of relevant work experience or a number of equivalent years of experience involved in sport and leisure management or administration; or
3. A qualification deemed to be equivalent.

Master of Social Sciences in Teaching and Learning

Applicants seeking admission to the MSocSc in Teaching and Learning programme should possess:

Either

1. A recognized bachelor's degree or equivalent; and
2. A recognized postgraduate certificate/diploma in education

Or

1. A recognized Bachelor of Education degree with a recognized teacher's qualification

Applicants may be required to attend an interview as part of the selection process. Reference is made to communicative skills, language proficiency, maturity and motivation of the candidate.

Master of Social Sciences in Youth Counselling

Applicants seeking admission to the MSocSc in Youth Counselling degree programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree from a recognized university or equivalent;
2. At least two years of work experience with young people; and
3. Some background knowledge in psychology, human development, guidance, and/or other related courses.

Qualified applicants will be interviewed to ensure their motivation and suitability for pursuing training in youth counselling.

Master of Social Work

Applicants seeking admission to the MSW degree programme should possess a bachelor's degree in Social Work from a recognized university or equivalent, preferably with two years of work experience in the field of social work or equivalent.

Master of Visual Arts

Applicants seeking admission to any of the five proposed MVA concentrations should possess a bachelor's degree from a recognized university or comparable institution, or a qualification deemed to be equivalent.

For the three studio-based MVA concentrations namely MVA (Experience Design), MVA (Studio Arts and Extended Media) and MVA (Utopics), applicants should have relevant experience in respective studio practice. A portfolio of past works has to be submitted with the application.

For MVA (Art Administration) and MVA (Art and Culture), experience or knowledge of specific art making processes is not required. However, candidates should have a general understanding of the visual arts and an appreciation of the diversity of arts disciplines. Applications would be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Individual interviews would be arranged for applicants of any of the five MVA concentrations to assess their background knowledge, experience, commitment as well as the capability and suitability for the programme.

Applicants are expected to be able to communicate in English at an advanced level, meeting one or more of the following qualifications:

1. A bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification earned from an English-medium institution; or
2. A score of 6.5 or above in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or
3. An equivalent qualification as judged by the Academy of Visual Arts.

Holders of Postgraduate Diploma in Visual Arts (the optional exit-point) within this programme structure can be admitted to the top-up Master of Visual Arts programme under the condition that the cumulative GPA of the Postgraduate Diploma in Visual Arts which the student had successfully completed is at least 2.5.

Postgraduate Diploma in Education (part-time mode)

Applicants seeking admission to the two-year part-time Postgraduate Diploma in Education programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree from a recognized university or equivalent*; and
2. A full-time secondary school teacher status** and
3. Proficiency in reading and writing of both Chinese and English as recognized by the Department.

Applicants may be required to attend an interview as part of the selection process. Reference will be made to communicative skills, language proficiency, maturity and motivation, specialism and teaching experience. Students may be provisionally accepted at the time of application, but they should have their full-time secondary school teacher status confirmed before registration for the programme.

Applicants applying for Chinese or English courses may be required to sit for a language proficiency test.

* Applicants applying for Physical Education must hold a recognized bachelor's degree or equivalent majoring in PE or a relevant discipline.

** Applicants who do not have a full-time secondary school teacher status will be considered on a case-by-case basis and, if admitted, have to fulfil teaching practice requirements stipulated by the Department of Education Studies.

Postgraduate Diploma in Education (full-time mode)

Applicants seeking admission to the one-year full-time Postgraduate Diploma in Education programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree from a recognized university or equivalent; and
2. Demonstrated language proficiency in Chinese and English as recognized by the Department.

Applicants may be required to attend an interview as part of the selection process. Reference is made to communicative skills, language proficiency, maturity and motivation of the candidate.

Applicants applying for Chinese or English courses may be required to sit for a language proficiency test.

Postgraduate Diploma in Education—Subject Teaching and Subject Knowledge Streams

Applicants seeking admission to the two-year part-time Postgraduate Diploma in Education—Subject Teaching and Subject Knowledge Streams should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree from a recognized university or equivalent, and a postgraduate certificate/diploma in education or equivalent in a subject other than the specializing subject of the chosen stream; and
2. A full-time school teacher status*.

Applicants may be required to attend an interview as part of the selection process. Reference will be made to communicative skills and language proficiency in both Chinese and English. Maturity, motivation, specialism and teaching experience will also be taken into consideration.

Applicants may be provisionally accepted at the time of application, but they should have their full-time school teacher status confirmed before registration for the programme.

Applicants seeking admission to Chinese and English subjects may be required to sit a language proficiency test.

* Subjects taught should include the specializing subject following the norms set by the Department of Education Studies. Applicants who do not have a full-time school teacher status will be considered on a case-by-case basis and, if admitted, have to fulfil teaching practice requirements stipulated by the Department.

Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Accounting

Applicants seeking admission to the Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Accounting programme should be:

1. Holders of a bachelor's degree in business or a related discipline from a recognized tertiary institution; or
2. Holders of a bachelor's degree in a non-business discipline from a recognized tertiary institution; or
3. Holders of a bachelor's degree from a tertiary institution in mainland China provided that they could arrange their own entry visas to Hong Kong (subject to the Programme intake quota); or
4. Persons with equivalent qualifications and experience will be considered on a case-by-case basis (non-degree holder may not qualify for admission to the CPA QP).

Selection will primarily be based on the results stated in official academic transcripts and supporting documents. For exceptional cases, interviews will be arranged to assess the applicants' qualifications.

Notes for applicants:

1. Applicants bear the responsibility to confirm with HKICPA that their bachelor's degrees are recognized in meeting the student registration requirements of the CPA QP before applying for admission to this PGDPA programme.
2. Applicants expecting the acquisition of the requisite academic qualification before the programme commencement may also apply for admission.
3. Both business and non-business degree holders must satisfy the Pre-core programme requirements prior to their completion of the PGDPA Programme. The Pre-core programme includes courses in Accounting, Economics, Information Systems, Management and Statistics. Participants with deficiencies in any of these courses must take, at their extra cost, the prescribed Pre-core courses (which are non-credit bearing courses with pass/fail grade) to satisfy the competency requirements for admission to the CPA QP. The offering of Pre-core courses by the Department of Accountancy and Law at HKBU is subject to the demand of admission.
4. Proof of English proficiency is required for all applicants whose bachelor's degrees were obtained from non-English-medium institutions. These applicants must meet the following requirements for English proficiency:
 - a) A minimum score of 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) in Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); or
 - b) A minimum score of 6.0 in International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Research Postgraduate Programmes Admission Requirements

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Applicants seeking admission to the PhD degree programme should possess:

1. A master's degree from a recognized university or comparable institution; or
2. A bachelor's degree with first class honours from a recognized university or comparable institution; or
3. Any other qualification deemed by the Graduate School to be acceptable for this purpose.

Candidates under paragraph 2 should have evidence of research achievement/experience. They may be admitted to the MPhil programme initially, but with a view to proceeding to the PhD programme after satisfactorily passing an assessment at the time of candidature confirmation.

Candidates under paragraph 3 may be required to take a qualifying examination, in which event their progress shall be reported to the Graduate School at the end of their first year of study.

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

Applicants seeking admission to the MPhil degree programme should possess:

1. A bachelor's degree with honours from a recognized university or comparable institution; or
2. A qualification deemed to be equivalent;

and shall, if required, satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination.

Normally, only first and second class honours graduates will be considered to have met the admissions criterion under paragraph 1. Graduates with third class honours degrees, with a period of

relevant work experience and satisfactory results in the qualifying examination, may also be considered.

Language Requirements

Applicants may be required to prove their language abilities in English and/or Chinese by means of an interview, or, for applicants from outside Hong Kong, by means of performance in a test to show acceptable language proficiency, such as the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or the Member of Institute of Linguists (MIL) examination.

Transfer Students

Under normal circumstances, applicants who are studying for a master's degree at the University or other institutions would not be allowed to transfer to any other master's degree programmes at the University.