

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.