



香港中文大學  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

政治與行政學系  
GOVERNMENT AND  
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

# MSSC PROGRAMME IN PUBLIC POLICY

“Interdisciplinary Education in  
Public Policy: Contributing  
Knowledge for Long-Term  
Human Development”

**MPUP**  
2022/23

# Programme Objectives

In a society challenged by globalization and rapid changes in social and economic development, public policy has become a highly complex and multi-dimensional field. Public policy makers as such must consider different points of view with an interdisciplinary perspective, in order to balance the diverse interests and concerns of the society and achieve an optimal policy outcome.

With the above context in mind, the **MSSc Programme in Public Policy (MPUP)** is designed to meet the needs of leaders and professionals who have the aspiration to make a difference in government, NGOs, and all related sectors. MPUP graduates should be able to:

- Understand **political institutions, processes and strategies** for public policy making;
- Acquire both **quantitative and qualitative analytic skills** for public policy research;
- Possess a broad perspective in **assessing alternatives** by applying different models and theories;
- Develop strategies for successful **formation and implementation of public policies**; and
- Apply knowledge, ideas, and frameworks to **deal with global and local policy changes** effectively.

# Programme Structure

The whole programme is taught in English with the following courses:

## Graduation Requirements

To graduate, students must complete at least **8 courses (4 required courses and 4 elective courses)**, obtain a grade C- or above in each course and acquire an overall GPA of at least 2.0.

## Required Courses

|          |                                    |          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| MPUP5111 | Public Policy Process              | MPUP5132 | Public Policy Research             |
| MPUP5121 | Values and Ethics in Public Policy | MPUP5142 | Economic Analysis of Public Policy |

## Elective Courses

|          |  |          |   |
|----------|--|----------|---|
| MPUP5301 | Globalization, Social Problem and Policy | MPUP5433 | Global Finance and Governance                       |
| MPUP5311 | Public Organization Management           | MPUP5435 | Government Relations, Diplomacy and Ethics          |
| MPUP5321 | NGOs and Government                      | MPUP5501 | Public Policy in Hong Kong                          |
| MPUP5331 | Government and the Economy               | MPUP5801 | Topical Studies in Public Policy I                  |
| MPUP5351 | Public Policy and Governance             | MPUP5802 | Topical Studies in Public Policy II                 |
| MPUP5402 | Comparative Public Policy                | MPUP5803 | Topical Studies in Public Policy III                |
| MPUP5412 | Crisis Management and Public Governance  | MPUP5804 | Topical Studies in Public Policy IV                 |
| MPUP5422 | Environmental Policy Analysis            | MPUP5901 | Directed Studies                                    |
| MPUP5432 | Urban Planning and Development           | GPGC5109 | Human Rights and Constitutionalism in Greater China |

\* Availability of elective courses changes from year to year, subject to the availability of teaching resources and student enrollment.

## Mode of Study

| Study Mode | Normative Study Period | Maximum Study Period |
|------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Full-time  | 1 year                 | 3 years              |
| Part-time  | 2 years                | 4 years              |

# How to join MPUP

## Potential Applicants



Individuals who are currently working or are interested in working in the public sector



Professionals who have frequent contact with government sectors



Individuals who find knowledge of policy-making beneficial for their intellectual growth and professional development

As a professional programme offered in Hong Kong, an international city, applicants from Hong Kong, the mainland and overseas are all welcome to apply.

## Admission

Applicants should fulfill both the Academic Qualifications and the English Language Proficiency Requirements set by the Graduate School of The Chinese University of Hong Kong before they are admitted. Please refer to the website of the Graduate School (<http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/>) for details.

## Tuition Fee and Application

- ▶ Tuition Fee for 2022 entry (provisional): **HKD150,000** for eight courses; HKD18,750 for each additional course.
- ▶ Applications must be made via the website of the Graduate School (<http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/>).
- ▶ Review of applications has already started. Due to keen competition, early applications are strongly encouraged.
- ▶ Shortlisted candidates would be interviewed.

## Application Deadlines

Round 1  
3 December  
2021

Round 2  
31 March  
2022



## Scholarships

Our Programme recognizes students' and graduates' academic achievements and other contributions.

### Admission Scholarship

To recognize new students with outstanding academic and/or work background

### Academic Distinction Award

To recognize students with outstanding academic performance

### Outstanding Student Service Award

To recognize students with outstanding contributions to the Programme, the University and/or the community

The Programme will identify qualified students and inform the selected students respectively.



MPUP has joined the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)\*, an international membership organization of graduate public service education programmes, benefiting students of its 300+ member schools worldwide through its resources and networking platform.

*\* Membership from 2019 to 2024*

## Distinctive Teaching Team (2021-22)

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Dr. James Downes      | Lecturer, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK   |
| Prof. Peter FONG      | President, Hong Kong Public Administration Association   |
| Prof. Maria FRANCESCH | Adjunct Assistant Professor, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK                                      |
| Dr. HE Chenyang       | Research Fellow, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK  |
| Prof. LAM Kin Che     | Adjunct Professor, Dept of Geography and Resource Management, CUHK   |
| Prof. Kaman LEE       | Associate Professor, School of Journalism and Communication, CUHK  |
| Prof. Carlos LO       | MPUP Programme Director; Professor and Head, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK                      |
| Dr. Mark MICHELSON    | Chairman, Asia CEO Forum for IMA Asia; Senior Counselor, APCO Worldwide  |
| Prof. Miron MUSHKAT   | Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Social Science, CUHK   |
| Prof. Travis NG       | Associate Professor, Dept of Economics, CUHK   |
| Prof. Annie TAM       | Honorary Professor, Faculty of Social Science; Adjunct Professor, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK |
| Prof. King Kwun TSAO  | Adjunct Associate Professor, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK                                      |
| Prof. XU Yuan         | Associate Professor, Dept of Geography and Resource Management, CUHK   |



**Prof. Carlos Lo**  
MPUP Programme Director

# Integration of Theory and Practice

Global  
Scholastic and  
Professional  
Network



香港中文大學政治與行政學系五十周年晚宴  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Banquet  
Department of Government and Public Administration  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

二零二一年八月十五日 • 15 August 2021



50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet - Department  
of Government and Public Administration



Sharing by Consuls/ Diplomats  
(from the Consulates-General of US, Mexico, etc. in Hong Kong)



Field Trip, Cultural Exchange and Social Networking  
(e.g. Tram Party, Dolphin-watching Trip, Barbecue)



Dialogues with Policy makers  
(e.g. Ms. Regina Ip Lau Suk-ye, GBM GBS JP, Chairperson of the New People's Party)



Career Development Workshop  
(e.g. JRE workshop, CV and cover letter workshop,  
alumni sharing)



Study Tour/ Student Competition  
(e.g. NASPAA-Batten Student Simulation Competition.)

All-rounded  
Learning  
Activities



# Alumni Endorsement

**Candy Li, Class of 2021**  
**Officer, Hong Kong Housing Society**

*"MPUP equips students with theoretical frameworks and professional practices to deal with global and local policy changes from an interdisciplinary perspective. I have learnt to analyze government policies with policy-making models and explore practical skills in policy research."*

**Frank Zeng, Class of 2020**  
**Ph.D student, Department of Government and Public Administration, CUHK**

*"The supportive environment pushes me to focus solely on academic study, and the rigorous academic requirement pushes me to explore the real issues."*

**Stella Soon, Class of 2020**  
**Researcher, Political Affairs and Economy Section, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea, Hong Kong**

*"The programme granted me an opportunity to participate in academic seminars and field trips which motivated me to view issues from different perspectives of multi-stakeholders and engage in critical thinking for policy-making."*

**Hilda Lee, Class of 2019**  
**Executive Officer, HKSAR Government**

*"MPUP is an interdisciplinary programme which has not only broadened my horizon, but also has offered me a unique learning experience for me to enhance my knowledge in public policy and to gain insights into making significant and critical judgment on policy execution."*

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