



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 MPUP 2024/25

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

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.

Mode of Study

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

What is MPUP

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.

Programme Structure

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

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		

Outside Elective Courses

GPGC5004	Public Policy and Administration in Greater China	GPGC5109	Human Rights and Constitutionalism in Greater China
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*Availability of elective courses changes from year to year, subject to the availability of teaching resources and student enrollment.

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 fulfil 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.



MPUP Admission

Tuition Fee and Application

- Tuition Fee for 2024 entry (provisional): HKD170,000 for eight courses; HKD21,250 for each additional course.
- Applications must be made via the website of the Graduate School (<http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk>).
- Review of applications starts in September. Due to keen competition, early applications are strongly encouraged.
- Shortlisted candidates would be interviewed.

Application Deadlines for 2024 entry

Round 1 on
1 December
2023

Round 2 on
29 February
2024

Why Study in MPUP

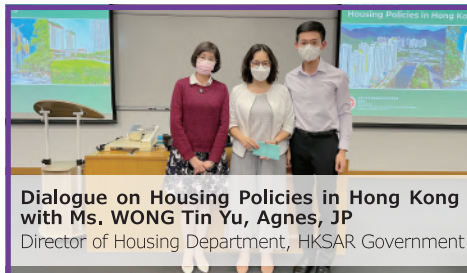
Distinguished Teaching Team

Prof. CHAN Chee Hon	Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Science, CUHK
Prof. Pierre Francois LANDRY	Professor, Dept of Government and Public Administration, 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
Prof. 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. William James Clark SMITH	Associate Professor, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK
Prof. Annie TAM	Honorary Professor, Faculty of Social Science; Adjunct Professor, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK
Prof. TSAO King Kwun	Adjunct Associate Professor, Dept of Government and Public Administration, CUHK
Prof. XU Yuan	Associate Professor, Dept of Geography and Resource Management, CUHK

* Teaching timetable will be updated annually to reflect the most current programme development

Integration of Theory and Practice

• Global Scholastic and Professional Network



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

All-rounded Learning Activities



- Green Papers are documents put forward to stimulate discussion on given topics
- They invite the relevant parties (stakeholders) in a consultation process and decisions are then put forward.
- Examples of recent Green Papers
 - Mobile health ('mHealth') (2017)
 - Retail financial services: Better opportunities for consumers (2018)
 - Building a Capital Markets Union (2019)

Sharing from Consuls
e.g. Ms. Laurence Vandewalle, Deputy Head of EU Office to Hong Kong and Macau



Meeting Political Practitioners
e.g. Mr. Jasper Tsang, GBM, GBS, JP; Former President of the Legislative Council



Dialogue with Policy Makers
e.g. Ms. Regina Ip, GBM, GBS, JP; Founder and Current Chairperson of the New People's Party



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



JRE Preparation & AO/EO Interview Workshop
by Professional & Experienced Trainers, e.g. Prof. Annie Tam, former Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare, HKSAR



Institutional Visits
e.g. Legislative Council, ICAC, HKHS etc.

Scholarships

Our Programme recognizes students' and graduates' academic achievements and other contributions through three types of scholarships.

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

Student/ Alumni Endorsement

Jacqueline HUI (Class of 2023; Researcher, Chief Executive's Policy Unit, HKSAR Government)

"The MPUP program has enabled me to gain a deep understanding of the theories and empirical evidence which underpin the policymaking process. Engaging in intellectual discussions with esteemed scholars and fellow MPUP students from diverse backgrounds has been an invaluable aspect of my learning journey and professional growth."

TSANG, Sau Pui (Class of 2023; Land Executive, Lands Department, HKSAR Government)

"Studying in MPUP at CUHK is fantastic and rewarding. The lecturers are very knowledgeable and student oriented. They have enriched my understanding of policy formulation and inspired me to analyse social issues from new perspectives under the challenging and changing political-social environment. The courses also invited various guest speakers like members of the Executive Council, Legislative Council and interest groups to talk and share. With the skills and knowledge I have acquired and the connections I have made through the MPUP, I have the confidence to enhance my career to serve the community."

James Jiangye CAI (Class of 2022; US Tax Consultant, Ernst & Young Tax Services Limited, Hong Kong)


"MPUP is a prominent and game-changing platform for current and prospective leaders relevant to numerous policy areas. The Programme assisted me in developing a global and broad perspective in evaluating decisions using various models and theories, as well as quantitative and qualitative skills for further research. Moreover, this multidisciplinary curriculum of MPUP and my responsibility as a class representative enhanced my policy and business analytical ability, teamwork spirit and leadership - all of which are especially beneficial for my future career. "


HO Ho Hon (Class of 2021; Intellectual Property Examiner, HKSAR Government)

"MPUP provides comprehensive academic studies to students who are keen on learning and applying theoretical frameworks to real-life scenarios. I really enjoyed exchanging ideas with lecturers and friends from a variety of backgrounds. Those were the golden opportunities to learn from each other."

Stella SON (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."

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