



MASTER ACCOUNTING EXCELLENCE

MSc in
Accountancy
(Mixed-mode)

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香港理工大學



PolyU 理大商學院
Business School
Innovation-driven Education and Scholarship

School of
**ACCOUNTING
&
FINANCE**
會計及金融學院



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WHY POLYU

- Providing application-oriented education since 1937
- Collaborating with over 280 institutions
- Offering over 160 taught programmes
- Working on over 2,750 research projects

International Rankings

#03

QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2024 (Hong Kong)

#07

Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings 2024

#10

Times Higher Education (THE) World's Most International Universities 2024

#19

Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2024

WHY POLYU BUSINESS SCHOOL

- A comprehensive portfolio of academic programmes
- Over 170 world-class scholars including specialists in accounting, finance, logistics, management, marketing, and transport
- Research and specialist centres facilitate single and multidisciplinary studies
- International context and culturally diverse environment
- Network of over 55,000 alumni

Accreditations



International Rankings

#01

Clarivate Web of Science 2021-2023: Shipping Research

#01

ShanghaiRanking Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS) 2023: Management

#41

UTD (University of Texas at Dallas) Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings based on Research Contributions 2019-2023

#45

Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2024: Business & Economics



DEAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Faculty of Business of PolyU.

The Faculty of Business, known as PolyU Business School (PBS), is a world-class business school that offers top-quality academic programmes and spearheads cutting-edge research in business and related disciplines. We take pride in our accreditations from AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) and EQUIS (EFMD Quality Improvement System).

Dedicated to the pursuit of **Innovation-driven Education and Scholarship (IDEAS)**, PBS collaborates with stakeholders to create a positive societal impact sustainably, with a focus on Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area. Through our educational programmes, partnerships, and close connections with industry and the professional community, we aim to share knowledge and technology with the wider community.

Our comprehensive portfolio of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, many of which are endorsed by professional bodies, encompass key areas such as accounting, aviation, business artificial intelligence, ESG, finance, logistics, management, maritime, marketing, shipping, and transport. Alongside the BBA, MBA, DBA/DMgt, DFinTech, and specialised master's degrees, our research programmes also lead to the MPhil and PhD qualifications.

To maintain currency of our academic programmes and specialist consultancy services, our faculty members conduct pioneering and impactful research within and across their disciplines, supported by our Case Consortium and centres for branding and marketing, digital transformation, economic sustainability and entrepreneurial finance, financial technology, leadership and innovation, maritime data and sustainable development, and shipping and logistics. Our research has been ranked 41st globally in *The UTD Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings based on Research Contributions 2019-2023*.

We invite you to become part of our community of over 170 esteemed scholars from around the world, 4,800 students, and 55,000 alumni

Ir Prof. T.C. Edwin Cheng

IASCYS Academician, FHKEng, ScD, PhD

Dean, Faculty of Business

Fung Yiu King – Wing Hang Bank Professor in Business Administration

Chair Professor of Management

HEAD'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the postgraduate programmes offered by the School of Accounting and Finance of the Faculty of Business at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

We are the first university in Hong Kong with an accounting department producing well established business managers and developing a large base of alumni. According to the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings based on research contributions to 24 leading business journals between 2019 and 2023, our Faculty has been ranked 41st in the world.

Our mission is to bring cross-discipline research into the classroom. We combine the best of both worlds of academia and real business. Our curriculum shows you how theories apply in today's business world. Today, technology brings disruption to the business; we offer technology-emphasized courses and workshops to deal with this trend. You will walk away from class well prepared to apply cutting-edge and up-to-date theories and practices in accounting and finance to your business decision-making.

Our Accounting and Finance postgraduate programmes foster professional, intellectual and personal development of business executives in the fields of accounting and finance. We work in close partnership with relevant professional institutes to develop these programmes so as to reflect the state-of-the-art accounting and financial practices. You will develop new perspectives and understanding, and be well prepared for the business challenges of today and tomorrow. Join us and you will be better equipped for continued success and future challenges where it counts most – in the real world.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large 'S' followed by a horizontal line and a small dot.

Prof. Nancy Su

Head and Professor
School of Accounting and Finance



Mission statement:

MASTER ACCOUNTING EXCELLENCE

MASTER the Skills You Need to Succeed

ACCOUNTING Knowledge and Practical Skills

EXCELLENCE in Professional Development

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Master of Science Programme in Accountancy (MSc Acc)

As the Director of the MSc programme in Accountancy at PolyU, I am honoured to lead a world-class academic programme that prepares students to excel in the ever-evolving field of accounting. The programme is specifically designed for individuals who have a degree in accounting or a related business discipline, or possess equivalent professional qualifications. With a goal of equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the accounting profession, the programme supports students who are seeking career advancement or exploring new opportunities. By offering comprehensive courses, effective academic advising, and robust career support, we are confident that our students will be well-prepared to tackle the challenges of the rapidly changing accounting industry.

At the heart of our programme is a rigorous curriculum that combines advanced accounting knowledge with practical skills that are essential for success in today's business world. Our students learn from leading academics and industry experts who bring real-world experience and insights into the classroom. Through a mix of lectures, case studies, and projects, students develop a deep understanding of accounting principles, financial reporting, information system and assurance services, taxation management and research methods. The programme offers students an opportunity to conduct their own dissertation research which can serve as a foundation for further studies in the research postgraduate programme.

In addition to providing a strong academic foundation, we are committed to helping our students achieve excellence in their professional development. Our programme offers a wide range of opportunities for students to network with industry professionals, participate in career development workshops and gain practical experience through guest talks and workshops. We also provide academic advising and support services to ensure that every student has the resources and guidance they need to achieve their goals.

Thank you for considering PolyU's MSc in Accountancy programme. We believe that our programme offers a unique and comprehensive education in accounting theory and practice, and we are committed to helping our students succeed in the ever-evolving field of accounting. We look forward to working with you and helping you achieve your academic and professional goals.

Anson Wong

Dr Anson Wong

Programme Director of Master of Science in Accountancy
Senior Lecturer, School of Accounting and Finance



MSc in **ACCOUNTANCY** (Mixed-mode)

Programme Code:

21049-AFM (Full-time)

21049-APM (Part-time)

Programme Director:

Dr Anson Wong

Aim

This programme familiarises students with contemporary and up-to-date accounting knowledge and issues. It aims to build up their accounting knowledge base, enabling them to develop sound analytical skills and judgement, and make efficient and effective business decisions.

Features

- Provides a progressive and deepening understanding of major accounting issues for accounting practitioners and executives
- Focuses on real world-related and contemporary academic studies and practical applications
- Includes PRC accounting and the contemporary application of information systems in accounting
- Offers the options of a dissertation or three electives
- Holds ad-hoc accounting technology workshops or guest talks by industry experts on topics such as AI in accounting and auditing

Structure

To obtain the MSc, students are required to complete 5 Core Subjects, 3 Elective Subjects and either a Dissertation or 3 additional Elective Subjects (31 credits).

Students may graduate with a Postgraduate Diploma upon completing 5 Core Subjects and 3 Elective Subjects (22 credits).

Core Subjects

- Academic Integrity and Ethics in Business (1 credit)
- Accounting Theory
- Applied Econometric Methods in Accounting and Finance Research
- Contemporary Issues in Accounting Information Systems*
- Theory and Practice of Accounting in China*

Elective Subjects ⁺

- Business Analytics in Accounting and Finance
- Business Environment in China
- Contemporary Issues in Attestation and Assurance Services
- Contemporary Issues in Information Systems Audit and Control
- Contemporary Issues in Managerial Accounting
- ESG Investment and Green Finance
- Financial Management
- International Accounting
- Research Methods
- Seminar in Financial Reporting and Capital Markets Research
- Taxation Management in Hong Kong and China
- The Legal System and Economic Law in China
- Theories and Models in Finance
- AC Dissertation (9 credits)

⁺ Not all subjects will be offered each year and it is subject to staffing resources and student enrolment.



* These subjects have been included in the list of reimbursable courses under the Continuing Education Fund. The mother programme (Master of Science in Accountancy) of these subjects is recognized under the Qualifications Framework (QF Level[6]).

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The MSc in Accountancy programme at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University provides a rigorous and comprehensive education that has prepared me for a successful career in accounting and finance. The curriculum helped me develop a deep understanding of core accounting principles, financial reporting, auditing, taxation, and advanced analytical skills. The programme is designed in close collaboration with industry leaders, which ensured that I developed the practical knowledge and in-demand competencies sought by top employers. The programme also equipped me with the expertise and practical skills to thrive in the dynamic world of finance. By joining a vibrant community of ambitious accounting students, I am confident that this programme has unlocked a world of opportunities for my future.

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NIU Zifu



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Embarking on the PolyU MSc in Accountancy programme transformed my professional and personal life.

Professionally, the programme deepened my understanding of cutting-edge business concepts, including blockchain, AI, and cloud computing. It sharpened my operational capabilities with practical tools such as accounting information systems and data visualisation software. The curriculum not only boosted my practical skills but also refined my research acumen, enabling me to use statistical analysis to examine data with precision, thus truly integrating theory with practice.

Personally, the experience enhanced my time management and presentation skills. It fostered a spirit of unity, cooperation, and mutual assistance, which is invaluable in any professional setting. It also developed my critical thinking skills, instilling a calm approach to challenges and fostering a sincere self-awareness that is the cornerstone of personal growth.

The combined effect of these experiences has maximised the benefits of my time at PolyU. Armed with the confidence and expertise to excel in my field, and the courage and patience to navigate life's complexities, I have emerged more composed and courageous, and have evolved into a superior version of myself.

ZENG Aimin

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Mode of study: Mixed-mode

Students can pursue their studies in either a full-time study load (taking 9 credits or more in a semester) or a part-time study load (taking less than 9 credits in a semester).

Duration

Depending on their study pace, students should normally be able to complete the programme full-time in 1 to 1.5 years and part-time in 2 to 2.5 years. **Students will be required to attend more classes in the evening if they choose the full-time option and the duration of study will be subject to class quota availability.**

Entrance Requirements

- A Bachelor's degree in accounting or other relevant disciplines; or
- Equivalent professional qualifications

If you are not a native speaker of English, and your Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification is awarded by institutions where the medium of instruction is not English, you are expected to fulfil the University's minimum English language requirement for admission purpose. Please refer to the "Admission Requirements" section of Study@PolyU for details.

Preference will be given to applicants with at least one year of relevant working experience.

Suitable candidates may be invited to attend admission interviews.

Fee

The tuition fee is HK\$334,500 per programme (31 credits).

** No tuition fee required for Academic Integrity and Ethics in Business*


Scholarships

Scholarships will be awarded to applicants with outstanding qualifications.

PolyU reserves the right to change or withdraw the scholarship at any time. In case of any dispute/disagreement, PolyU's decision is final.

Enquiries

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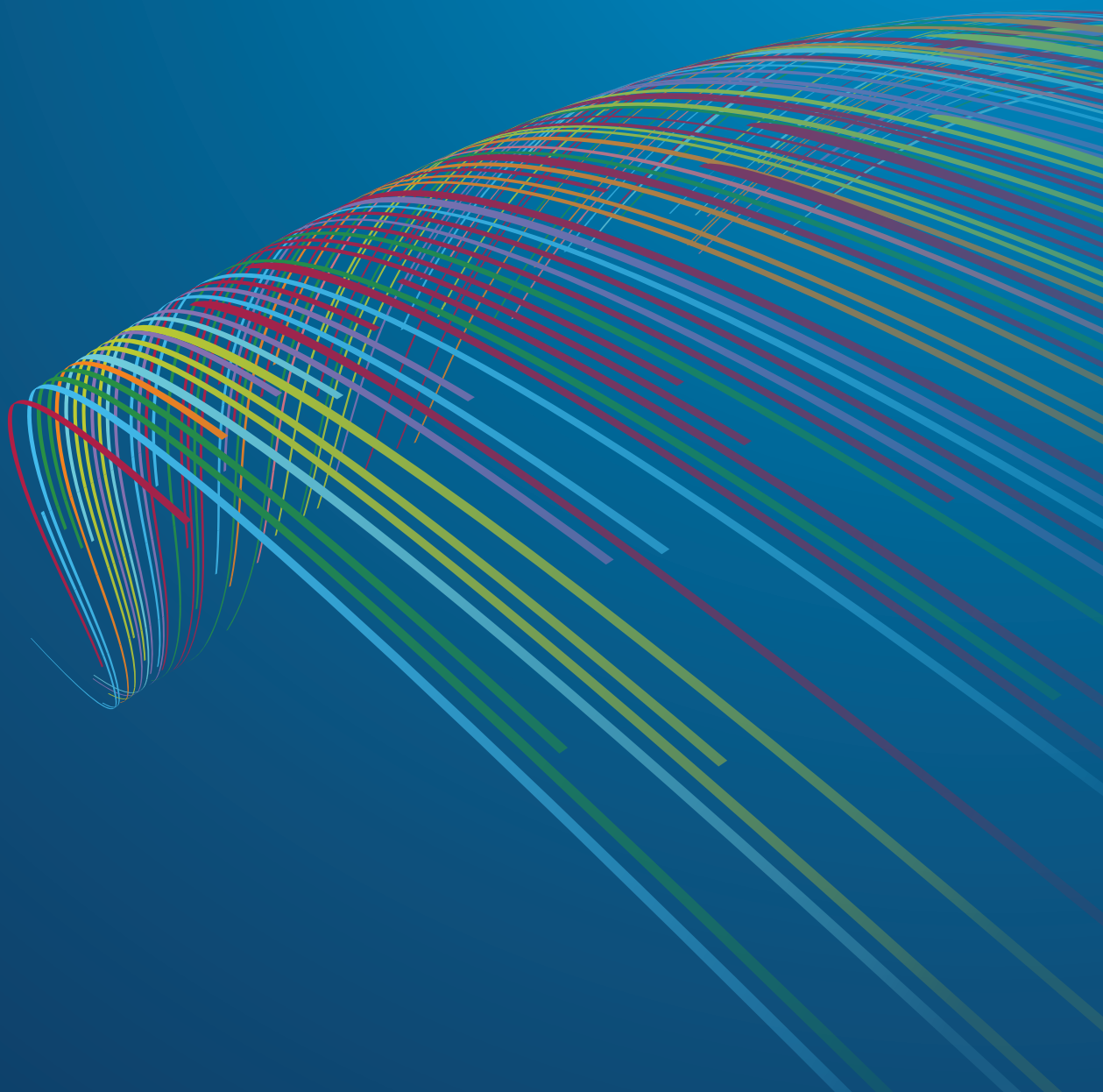
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