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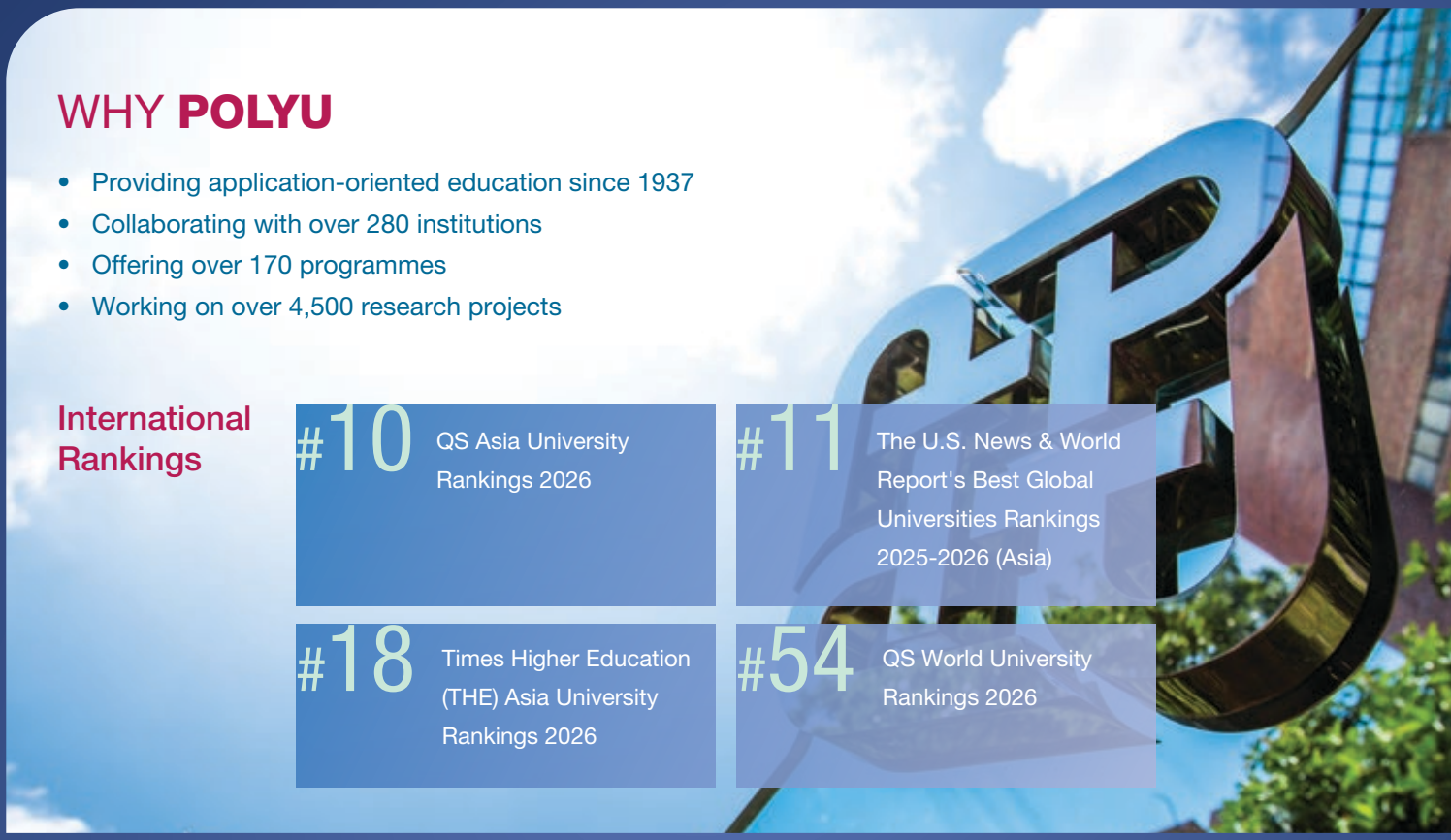

WHY **POLYU**

- Providing application-oriented education since 1937
- Collaborating with over 280 institutions
- Offering over 170 programmes
- Working on over 4,500 research projects

International Rankings

#10 QS Asia University Rankings 2026

#11 The U.S. News & World Report's Best Global Universities Rankings 2025-2026 (Asia)

#18 Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2026

#54 QS World University Rankings 2026

WHY POLYU **BUSINESS SCHOOL**

- A comprehensive portfolio of academic programmes
- Over 200 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 57,000 alumni

Accreditations

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International Rankings

#01 Shanghai Ranking Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS) 2025: Management

#04 Research.com Best Business & Management Universities 2025

#25 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2026: Business & Economics

#25 The U.S. News Rankings Best Global Universities for Economics & Business 2025

#38 UTD (University of Texas at Dallas) Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings based on Research Contributions 2021-2025

#52 QS World University Rankings 2026: Business & Management Studies

DEAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Faculty of Business at PolyU.

The Faculty of Business, known as PolyU Business School (PBS), is a world-class institution offering top-quality academic programmes and spearheading 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 works closely with stakeholders to create sustainable positive societal impact, with a focus on Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area. Through our academic programmes, strategic partnerships, and strong engagement with industry and the professional community, we strive to share knowledge and technology with the broader society.

Our comprehensive portfolio of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, many of which are endorsed by professional bodies, encompasses key disciplines such as accounting, aviation, business artificial intelligence, ESG, finance, logistics, management, maritime, marketing, shipping, and transport. Alongside the BBA, MBA, DBA, DBAI, DBM, DFinTech, DMgt, as well as specialised master's degrees, we also offer research programmes leading to PhD qualifications.

To ensure our programmes and consultancy services remain relevant and forward-looking, our faculty members conduct pioneering and impactful research within and across disciplines, supported by our Case Centre and centres for branding and marketing, business innovations and technology, digital assets and innovation, digital economy, digital transformation, economic sustainability and entrepreneurial finance, leadership and innovation, logistics, maritime data and sustainable development, maritime studies, new retail business, retail and marketing innovation, shipping, stablecoin and real-world assets, and Web3.0 AI. Our research excellence is recognised globally, with a ranking of 38th in *The UTD Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings based on Research Contributions 2021–2025*.

We invite you to join our vibrant community of over 200 distinguished scholars from around the world, 5,500 students, and 57,000 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 2021 and 2025, our Faculty has been ranked 38th 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.

Prof. Nancy Su
Head and Professor
School of Accounting and Finance

Mission statement:

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Master of / Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Accounting (MPA/PgDPA) programme at the Faculty of Business, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU).

As the first postgraduate accounting conversion programme in Hong Kong accredited by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, our MPA/PgDPA programme has a long history of excellence, dating back to its launch in 1998/99. We are proud to be recognised by various professional bodies, including ACCA, CPA Australia, the Taxation Institute of Hong Kong, and The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute, which enables our graduates to pursue professional qualifications that align with their career aspirations.

Our programme is designed to be flexible and adaptable to the diverse needs of our students. With the option to study part-time or full-time, and two exit points (postgraduate diploma or master's degree), we cater to the unique goals and circumstances of each individual. Additionally, applicants with designated professional qualifications may be eligible for advanced standing and exemptions, allowing them to leverage their existing knowledge and experience.

Our curriculum is carefully crafted to reflect the latest developments in accounting and technology, ensuring that our graduates are equipped with the essential competencies and skills required to succeed in the profession. The seven core subjects that form the postgraduate diploma curriculum provide a solid foundation in accounting and finance, while our range of compulsory and elective subjects, including corporate governance, business analytics, ESG investment and green finance, mergers and acquisitions, and accounting and taxation in Mainland China, offer students the opportunity to specialise and deepen their knowledge.

Our faculty members are highly qualified and experienced professionals who bring a wealth of expertise and research insights into the classroom. We are committed to supporting our students' professional development through career development workshops, guest lectures, and networking opportunities, providing them with a unique perspective on the latest trends and developments in the ever-evolving business landscape.

If you are passionate about pursuing a career in accounting, I invite you to join our community of scholars and professionals at PolyU. We look forward to welcoming you to our programme and supporting you on your journey to success.

Dr Jody Wong
Programme Director of Master of / Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Accounting
Lecturer, School of Accounting and Finance

Master of / PgD in **PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING (Mixed-mode)**

Programme Code:
MPA: 21046-MAF (Full-time), 21046-MAE (Part-time)
PgDPA: 21046-PAF (Full-time), 21046-PAP (Part-time)

Programme Director:
Dr Jody Wong

Aim

This programme helps students to become professional users, preparers and auditors of accounting information upon completion of the Postgraduate Diploma (PgDPA), and expert users of accounting information for making executive decisions upon completion of the Master's degree (MPA).

Features

- Accredited and recognised by various professional bodies
- Graduates are eligible for exemption from up to 10 Modules in HKICPA's new Qualification Programme.
- Graduates will gain exemption from 9 papers of ACCA professional examination.
- Graduates may be exempted from the foundation exams and become associate member of CPA Australia.
- Graduates are eligible to apply for exemption of 3 papers under the Chartered Governance Qualifying Programme of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute, and exemption of 2 papers under the Chartered Tax Adviser Qualifying Programme of The Taxation Institute of Hong Kong.
- Applicants who possess professional designations (i.e. HKICPA, ACCA or CPA Australia membership) with substantial professional experience or a Master of Corporate Governance from PolyU, will be granted a transfer of up to 18 credits, enabling them to complete the MPA award within one year on a part-time basis.

Structure

- Students must complete 8 Core Subjects (22 credits) for the PgDPA award.
- Students must complete 8 Core Subjects, 2 Compulsory Subjects and 3 Elective Subjects (37 credits) for the MPA award.
- Classes are normally scheduled on weekday daytime / evenings and / or Saturday afternoons.

Core Subjects for MPA and PgDPA (22 credits)

- Academic Integrity and Ethics in Business (1 credit)
- Accounting for Corporations *
- Accounting for Strategic Management *
- Auditing Framework *
- Financial Reporting Environment *
- Hong Kong Tax Framework *
- Management Accounting *
- Managerial Finance *

Compulsory Subjects for MPA (6 credits)

- Accounting Theory *
- Corporate Governance *

Elective Subjects for MPA^ (any three) (9 credits)

- Business Analytics in Accounting and Finance
- ESG Investment and Green Finance
- Finance for Multinational Corporations *
- Financial Statement Analysis *
- Mergers and Acquisitions *
- Strategic Tax Management in Hong Kong and China
- Theory and Practice of Accounting in China *

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

Note: Programme structure and content are subject to continuous review and change.

** These subjects have been included in the list of reimbursable courses under the Continuing Education Fund. The mother programmes (Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Accounting / Master of Professional Accounting) are recognized under the Qualifications Framework (QF Level[6]).*

The Master of Professional Accounting (MPA) programme was an excellent choice for me. Some lecturers were experienced former practitioners from the business sector whose practical skills and guidance helped me gain practical, in-depth knowledge in the field of accounting and finance. I found this invaluable and it has prepared me well for my professional life as an accountant.

The programme not only sharpened my technical accounting skills, but also enhanced my leadership and communication skills through different aspects of the coursework and the class interaction.

PolyU provided strong career support, and I am grateful to have been selected as one of the mentees in the INSPIRE Mentorship Programme. Connecting with a successful career mentor, a partner from a Big Four firm, enabled me to network with practitioners and gain insights and advice about the accounting industry. Regular career workshops and one-to-one consultations were also available to students who needed them.

The programme was a great stepping stone for me in pursuing my first job in the field of taxation after graduating. I highly recommend the MPA programme to anyone who would like to stay abreast of the latest developments in the accounting profession, and who is looking to step up their finance knowledge and accounting skills.

CHEUNG Wan Fung

Graduating from the MPA programme has been a transformative journey for me. As a student from a non-accounting background, I enhanced my accounting knowledge, my technical skills, and my confidence to pursue my dreams. The exceptional faculty, diverse student community, and experienced lecturers created an environment that fostered both my academic and personal growth.

The strong emphasis at PolyU on practical learning and industry collaboration ensured that I was well-prepared for the professional world. Today, as I embark on my career, I owe much of my success to the valuable education and support that I received from the programme and from PolyU.

I am immensely proud to be a graduate of PolyU and would highly recommend the MPA programme to aspiring students who seek excellence in education. I encourage you all to embrace the remarkable opportunities that await you at this esteemed institution.

XIONG Kanghong

Mode of study: Mixed-mode

Students can pursue their studies in either a full-time stream (MAF/PAF) or part-time stream (MAE/PAP). In general, **one daytime / evening class** per week will be scheduled for each subject over a regular 13-week semester and **two daytime / evening classes** per week over a 7-week Summer Term.

Duration

MPA

Students should normally be able to complete the programme full-time in 1 year and part-time in 2 years.

PgDPA

Students should normally be able to complete the programme full-time in 1 year and part-time in 1.5 years.

Entrance Requirements

- A Bachelor's degree in business [#] awarded by a recognized tertiary institution; or
- A non-business Bachelor's degree awarded by a recognized tertiary institution plus evidence of completion of fundamental business course(s) deemed acceptable by the School of Accounting and Finance of PolyU.

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.

Suitable candidates may be invited to attend admission interviews.

[#] *Applicants who have completed courses in Financial Accounting, Economics, Business Law, Statistics, Management and Marketing are deemed to be business degree holders.*

Fee

The tuition fee is HK$385,200* per programme for MPA (37 credits) and HK$224,700* per programme for PgDPA (22 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.

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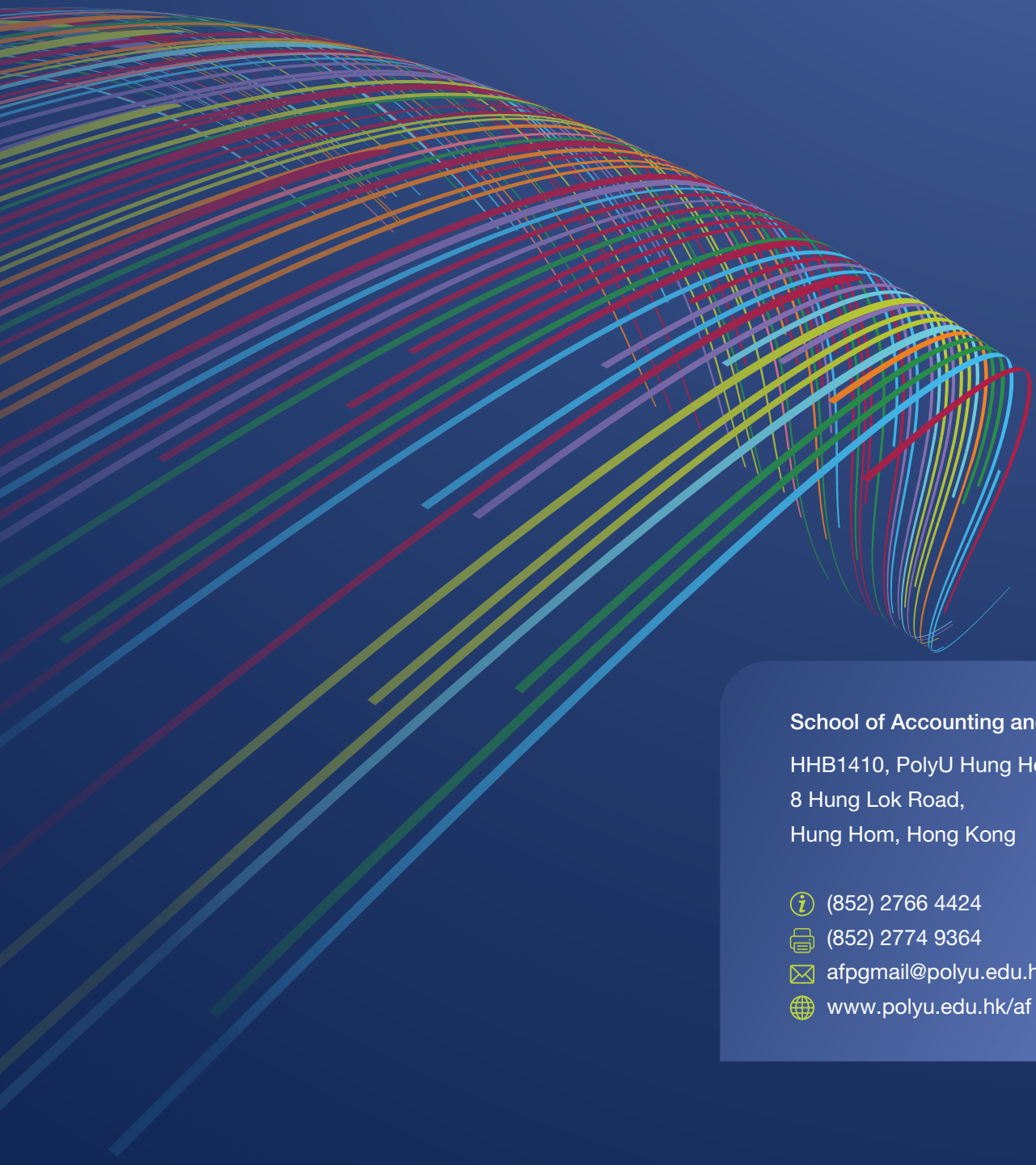

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