

*Master of / PgD in*  
**Professional  
Accounting**  
(Mixed-mode)

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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

**#02** QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2023 (Hong Kong)

**#04** Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2023 (Hong Kong)

**#06** QS Top 50 under 50 (for universities under 50 years old) 2021 (Global)

**#14** Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2023 (Global)

## 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 54,000 alumni

### Accreditations



### International Rankings

**#01** Clarivate Web of Science 2019-2021: Shipping Research

**#04** ShanghaiRanking Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS) 2022: Management

**#27** Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2023: Business & Economics

**#52** UTD (University of Texas at Dallas) Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings based on Research Contributions 2018-2022



## DEAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Faculty of Business of PolyU.

Faculty of Business, popularly known as PolyU Business School (PBS), is a world-class business school that offers high-quality academic programmes and leads cutting-edge research in business and related disciplines. We are proud to have achieved 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 engages stakeholders to deliver societal impact in a sustainable way, with a focus on Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area. Through our educational programmes, partnerships, and close links with industry and the professional community, we strive to transfer knowledge and technology to the wider community.

Our comprehensive portfolio of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, many of which are recognised by professional bodies, cover key areas such as accounting, ESG, finance, logistics, management, marketing, shipping, and transport. In addition to the BBA, MBA, DBA/DMgt, DFinTech, and specialised master's degrees, our research programmes also lead to the MPhil and PhD awards.

To maintain currency of our academic programmes and specialist consultancy, our faculty members undertake pioneering and impactful research, both within and across their disciplines, facilitated by our Case Consortium and centres for branding and marketing, digital transformation, financial technology, leadership and innovation, maritime studies, shipping and logistics, and sustainability and entrepreneurial finance. Our research has been ranked 52nd in the world (*The UTD Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings based on Research Contributions 2018-2022*).

We welcome you to join our community of over 170 world-class scholars from around the world, 4,900 students, and 54,000 alumni.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edwin Cheng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

**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 2018 and 2022, our Faculty has been ranked 52nd 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 handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nancy Su', written in a cursive style.

**Prof. Nancy Su**

Head and Professor  
School of Accounting and Finance



Mission statement:

**ACADEMICALLY VIGOROUS  
WITH A PROFESSIONAL FOCUS**

## **DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

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

Launched in 1998/99, the MPA/PgDPA programme is the first postgraduate accounting conversion programme in Hong Kong accredited by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. It also received the recognition of various professional bodies, including ACCA, CPA Australia, the Taxation Institute of Hong Kong and The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute, facilitating our graduates to earn professional qualifications that match their career goals.

The programme offers a flexible study mode which allows students to study part-time or full-time. There are two exit points (postgraduate diploma or master's degree) to meet different needs of students. Applicants with valid professional qualifications may be admitted with advanced standing and granted exemption of half of the required credits. Therefore, students can work with and learn from classmates from diverse backgrounds, further enriching their learning experience.

The MPA/PgDPA curriculum covers the latest developments in the areas of accounting and technology. The seven core subjects in the programme (forming the postgraduate diploma curriculum) develop core competencies in accounting and finance which are vital for a professional accountant's success. We also offer compulsory and elective subjects over a wide spectrum of areas, including corporate governance, business analytics, mergers and acquisitions, and accounting and taxation in Mainland China. Our courses are delivered by qualified faculty from diverse backgrounds. With substantial practical experience in the profession and active engagement in scholarly research, they offer professional expertise and application of research findings to the classroom.

We are also committed to help students in their professional development through career development workshops and guest lectures, which provide opportunities for students to network with the industry professionals and gain insights into the latest developments in the ever-evolving business landscape.

The Faculty of Business of PolyU is accredited by EQUIS and AACSB. PolyU accounting is ranked 2nd in Hong Kong and 3rd in Asia by EduRank.

If you wish to pursue a career in accounting, we look forward to welcoming you at PolyU .

**Dr Jody Wong**

Programme Director of Master of / Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Accounting  
Teaching Fellow, 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 / recognised by various professional bodies
- Graduates are eligible for exemption from up to 10 Modules in HKICPA's new Qualification Programme.
- Graduates may gain exemption from 9 papers of ACCA professional examination.
- Graduates meeting other undergraduate prerequisites can 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 (HKCGI) and exemption of 2 papers under the Chartered Tax Adviser Qualifying Programme of The Taxation Institute of Hong Kong (TIHK).
- Applicants who possess professional designations (i.e. HKICPA, ACCA or CPA Australia membership) with substantial professional experience or Master of Corporate Governance (MCG) from PolyU will be granted a transfer of a maximum of 18 credits, enabling them to complete the MPA award within **ONE** year on a part-time basis.

## Structure

- Students must complete 7 Core Subjects (21 credits) for the PgDPA award.
- Students must complete 7 Core Subjects, 2 Compulsory Subjects and 3 Elective Subjects (36 credits) for the MPA award.
- Classes are normally scheduled on weekday daytime / evenings and / or Saturday afternoons.

### *Core Subjects for MPA and PgDPA (21 credits)*

- 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<sup>^</sup> (any three) (9 credits)*

- Business Analytics in Accounting and 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 \*

<sup>^</sup> 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 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<sup>#</sup> 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.

<sup>#</sup> 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\$318,600 per programme for MPA (36 credits) and HK\$185,850 per programme for PgDPA (21 credits).

## Enquiries

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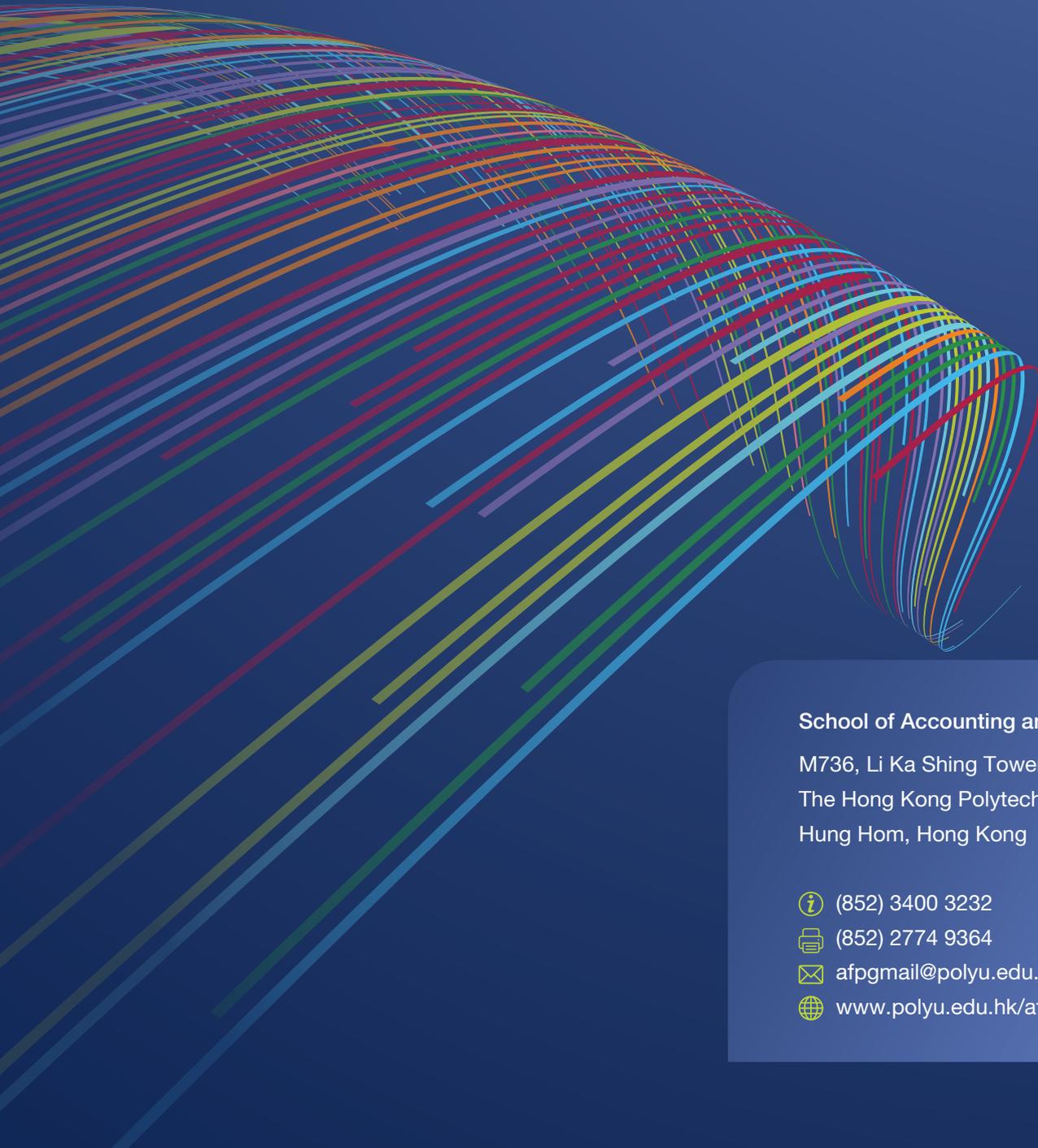
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