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Faculty of Computer and Mathematical Sciences (FCMS)



Established on 1st January 2025, FCMS is home to three dynamic departments: Applied Mathematics (AMA), Computing (COMP), and Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (DSAI). Together, we are set to lead the way in global digital transformation and artificial

intelligence through exceptional education, groundbreaking research, and impactful knowledge transfer. At FCMS, students can explore a full spectrum of degree programmes designed to integrate the strengths of applied mathematics, computing, data science, and Al. As a vibrant hub for interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation, the Faculty is committed to driving technological advancements that benefit society at large.

Department of Applied Mathematics (AMA)

As one of the three constituent departments under FCMS, AMA is committed to excellent teaching and research in Applied Mathematics. With leading expertise in computational mathematics, scientific engineering, differential equations, financial mathematics, applied statistics, optimization, and management science, we are committed to passing on our knowledge to future generations and benefiting society and humanity.

With this mission in mind, we offer a broad range of high quality academic programmes, which are designed to groom graduates with sound mathematical, analytical and communication skills for different employment niches:



Bachelor of Science (Honours)
Scheme in Applied Mathematics and
Finance Analytics (63430/ JS3220)



Minor in Applied Mathematics (63421-YAM)



Master of Science in Applied Mathematics for Science and Technology - Actuarial and Investment Science (63022)



Master of Science in Quantitative Finance and FinTech (63029)



Master of Science in Operational Research and Risk Analysis (63024)





MPhil / PhD in Applied Mathematics

Bachelor of Science (Honours) Scheme in Applied Mathematics and Finance Analytics

This 4-year full-time Scheme programme is designed to nurture future finance analytics, FinTech professionals, and applied mathematicians with solid training in mathematical and statistical skills coupled with computer programming techniques, with a special emphasis on interdisciplinary applications in investment and finance. This Scheme integrates key finance analytics, quantitative finance and FinTech elements as well as essential mathematical and statistical training, preparing students for pursuing careers in the evolving digital finance landscape or furthering their studies in related fields.

The Scheme is composed of three credit-based 4-year full-time undergraduate programmes. Students may choose between three majors upon completion of the first year of study:



Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Applied Mathematics (APP MATHS)

This programme aims to equip students with solid knowledge in mathematics, statistical analysis, computational methods, mathematical modelling, optimization, operations research, and differential equations. It is suitable for students who intend to further their studies or pursue their careers in education, research and other sectors.



Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Investment Science and Finance Analytics (ISFA)

Focusing on the strategic use of data and mathematical modelling in performing financial analysis and investment decision-making, this programme aims to cultivate investment and finance professionals with strong quantitative analysis, critical thinking, and communication skills. It prepares them for careers in various finance sectors, including investment banking, fund management, risk management and financial product development and pricing.



Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Quantitative Finance and FinTech (QF&FinTech)

This programme focuses on the strategic use of IT technology to integrate FinTech elements such as blockchain technology, information security, algorithmic trading, robo-advising, deep hedging, and various applications of machine learning and reinforcement learning in finance.

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Bachelor of Science (Honours) Scheme in APPLIED MATHEMATICS AND FINANCE ANALYTICS

General Programme Information

JUPAS Intake Admission

BSc (Hons) Scheme (APP MATHS/ ISFA/ QF&FinTech)		
Programme code	63430	
JUPAS code	JS3220*	
Mode of study	Full-time	
Normal duration	4 years	
Intake quota for local students	~19	
Credits required for graduation	At least 120 credits (plus 2 training credits)	

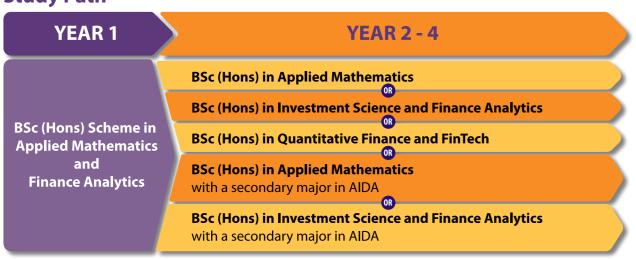
Senior Year Admission

BSc (Hons) in Investment Science and Finance Analytics		
Programme code	63428-SYF	
Mode of study	Full-time	
Normal duration	2 years	
Intake quota for local students	13	
Credits required for graduation	Normally 70 credits (depending on students' entry qualification) (plus 2 training credits)	

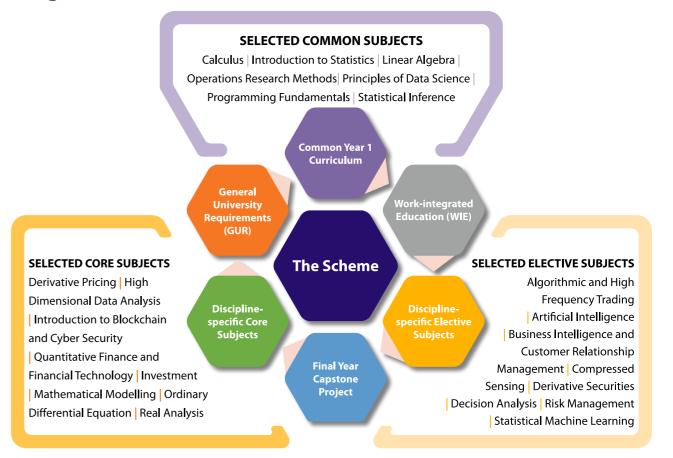
Secondary Major - Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics*

In addition to the three major options, students in the BSc(Hons) in Applied Mathematics and the BSc(Hons) in Investment Science and Finance Analytics can opt to study a Secondary Major, which features an expanded area of studies in Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics (AIDA).

Study Path



Programme Structure



Accelerated Path to Success:

Fast-track Integrated BSc and MSc Degree Programme

Accelerate your success with the AMA Fast-Track Programme—designed for ambitious, high-achieving students. Earn both your undergraduate and taught postgraduate degrees in less time and at reduced tuition fees. Depending on your progress, you can join in Year 1 or Year 3, and most students complete both degrees with just one extra year, made possible by the double-counting of postgraduate credits. Upon graduation, you'll receive two prestigious qualifications:

- Undergraduate Programme: BSc (Hons) in Investment Science and Finance Analytics
- Taught Postgraduate Programme: MSc in Quantitative Finance and FinTech





* Remarks:

- Students must apply to and obtain approval from the programme offering Department, no later than the commencement of the second year of study, to be admitted to the Secondary Major.
- Only students with a CGPA of 2.70 or above may be considered for Secondary Major enrolment. Each Secondary Major may stipulate additional selection criteria for admission.
- In addition to applying directly to the Scheme, applicants interested in our three majors can also apply for the Bachelor's Degree Scheme in Computer and Mathematical Sciences (JS3006). After completing the first year of study, students can choose one of our three majors: APP Maths, ISFA or QF&FinTech. For more details about JS3006, please scan the QR code.



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ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Local applications via the Joint University Programme Admission System (JUPAS)

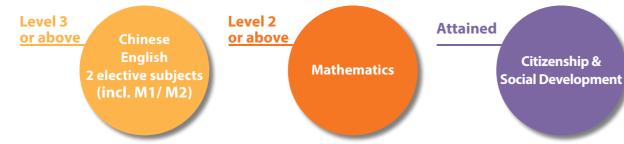
International applications

BSc (Hons) Scheme

Non-local applications with Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) qualifications Local applications with other qualifications

Admission to 4-year Programme

For JUPAS applicants with Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) qualifications, they must satisfy the General Entrance Requirements of PolyU:



For non-JUPAS and non-local applicants, the University will consider other qualifications as being equivalent to the specified entrance requirements on their individual merits. Please visit our website for details.

Admission to 2-year Programme (Local Senior Year Admission)

Eligible applicants should hold an appropriate Associate Degree or a Higher Diploma in Statistics, Information Technology, Engineering, Science or Business or similar qualification from a recognised institution. Suitable candidates will be considered for advanced standing entry to the senior year curriculum.



The interview aims to test the potential for and interest of applicants in the programme, and their communication skills and general knowledge in the field of study.

For HKDSE applicants:

Selected applicants will be invited to attend an interview prior to the announcement of HKDSE result.

For other applicants:

Selected applicants will be invited to attend an interview.

Scholarship

To recognize outstanding students admitted to our full-time undergraduate programmes, the Department offers entrance scholarship for local students with outstanding performance in HKDSE and/ or in their previous AD/ HD studies.

Professional Recognition

Upon the completion of programme, graduates with the major in BSc (Hons) in Investment Science and Finance Analytics are expected to receive partial exemption from the professional assessment of:

- Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute
- Hong Kong Statistical Society
- Royal Statistical Society of UK

The ISFA programme is affiliated with the CFA Institute University Affiliation Program. This affiliation demonstrates that the ISFA curriculum is closely tied to professional practice and well-suited to preparing students to sit for the CFA examinations. The curriculum has been acknowledged as covering at least 70% of the CFA Program Level I Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK) topics. Through participation in the affiliation program, CFA student scholarship is available to ISFA students. Please visit our website for details.



EXCELLENT CAREER PROSPECTS

Our programmes are designed to meet the growing market demand of professionals who possess a unique blend of finance knowledge and advanced analytical skills. Our focus on mathematics, statistics, and computer programming skills represents a holistic approach to training future finance analytics professionals.

In the past decade, the Department of Applied Mathematics has groomed thousands of graduates and most of them have found employment in prestigious and renowned corporations throughout the Asia-Pacific area. They have applied their professional knowledge and developed excellent career path in various industries:

- **Commercial and Investment Banks**
- **Insurance Companies**
- **Securities Institutions**
- **Accounting/Auditing Firms**
- **Asset Management Companies**
- / Marketing Research Companies
- Regulatory Authorities
- / Trading Platform Providers
- **Database Management Service Companies**

Information Technology Solution Providers

Some of the organizations where our graduates land their dream career:

























































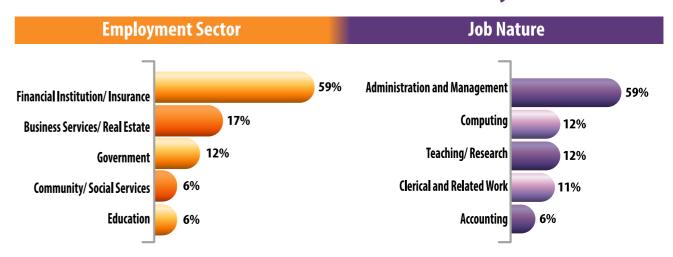






GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS*

Investment Science and Finance Analytics



*Basis on the result of Graduate Employment Survey released in July 2025

Further Study

Our programmes not only support graduates to land dream jobs in notable companies, but also pave the way for advance education. Upon graduation, a number of our students pursue further study in world-class Universities:



































ALUMNI SHARING

Graduates of BSc (Hons) in Investment Science/ Investment Science and Finance Analytics



Elvis Wong
Standard Chartered
Private Wealth Management

The Investment Science programme helped me develop analytics and problem solving skill which has laid a strong foundation for my career development.



Jenna Ho CitiBank

This programme integrated both mathematical and financial knowledge. I'm well prepared to establish insight through analyzing data and pursue career in the banking industry.



Edward Yeung Sky Wealth

Having the chance to practice and gain hands-on experience on the renowned Bloomberg Terminal gave me an edge in landing my career in the financial industry.



Heidi WanSecondary School Teacher

Studying in AMA is an unforgettable experience to me. Exchange and internship opportunities were always open for us to strengthen our learning experience and help us find our true selves. Many of us have found our career paths by taking internship.



Zhuang YufanPhD student
University of California San Diego

AMA's professors are very enthusiastic. PolyU has a solid and extensive alumni network which greatly facilitates students' career planning. Thanks to PolyU and AMA, I have had a lot of opportunities to explore and develop my interest liberally during my undergraduate study period.



ALICE Anmaria
Postgraduate student
The University of Hong Kong

My study journey at AMA has been truly transformative. The dynamic curriculum in mathematics, finance, accounting, and computing equipped me with versatile skills and opened doors to diverse opportunities. Research assistantships, STEM internships, and an exchange at Singapore Management University enriched my experience, while AMA's supportive environment encouraged active extracurricular involvement.



Eurus Lam The Bank of East Asia

The Investment Science and Finance Analytics programme provided a solid foundation in finance and mathematics, enabling me to analyze financial trends and make informed decisions. It has also fostered my understanding of the importance of digital transformation in the financial industry, allowing me to navigate the evolving landscape with confidence.



Kelvin Ng HKEX

Graduated from Investment Science and Finance Analytics, I gained skills in Mathematics, Finance, and Computing, thriving as a Graduate Associate at HKEX. AMA's comprehensive resources enhanced my professionalism through lectures, entrepreneurship, community service, internships, and research projects.



So Tze Yau AXA China Region Insurance Company

AMA programme offers a comprehensive curriculum that encompasses statistics, finance, and computer programming, equipping me with practical skills applicable to data analysis. My University life has been both memorable and challenging. Through academic studies, exchange experiences, and work opportunities, I have experienced personal growth and enhanced problemsolving skills.



Zhang Xingyue
Postgraduate student (2022 - 2024)
EPFL, Switzerland

The IS programme is a perfect blend of statistics, programming, and finance, definitely helpful for my future study and career. The courses prepared me for pursuing further study in Data Science. Our department would also offer us research opportunities and keep us posted for any update on the career market.



Xia Yawen
Postgraduate student
Cornell University

AMA's professors helped me realize my potential in academia and industry, deepening my understanding of mathematics and finance while fostering resilience and confidence. The programme's resources and international experiences broadened my horizons, and workshops in Bloomberg, Python, and SAS further enhanced my practical skills for future challenges.



Nancy Dong
PhD student
University of Maryland, College Park

Beyond the classroom teaching, we have ample learning opportunities, e.g. internship, exchange and academic research, providing us an exceptional platform to achieve both academic and personal growth, while also fostering an international perspective.

WORK-INTEGRATED EDUCATION (Local and Overseas Internship)

PolyU emphasizes practical training and the integration of classroom theory with workplace application. All undergraduate programmes include a mandatory Work-Integrated Education (WIE) component. AMA students are required to complete at least 120 hours of internships, either locally or overseas, related to their field of study. These internships provide hands-on experience, enhancing professional competence, independent thinking, communication skills, and a global outlook.







Intern at JLL



Intern at Rock Tape, Russia









Intern at China Galaxy

Securities Company Ltd







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BEYOND CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

To facilitate students' learning and enhance their all-round development, the Department organizes various activities beyond classroom.

COMPANY VISIT





STUDENT LEARNING TOURS













ALUMNI-STUDENT NETWORKING EVENTS







CAREER TALK AND TRAINING











ENQUIRY

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