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Global Supply Chain Management

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Department of Logistics & Maritime Studies 物流及航運學系

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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

#03 QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2025 (Hong Kong)

#03 Times Higher Education (THE) World's Most International Universities 2025

#07 Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings 2024

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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 55,000 alumni

Accreditations

AACSB ACCREDITED

EQUIS ACCREDITED

International Rankings

#02 Clarivate Web of Science 2022-2024: Shipping Research

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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, DBAI, DBM, DFinTech, DMgt, 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 35th globally in *The UTD Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings based on Research Contributions 2020-2024*.

We invite you to become part of our community of over 200 esteemed scholars from around the world, 5,300 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 Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies at the Faculty of Business, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

As the region's foremost provider of education in logistics, maritime, supply chain and operations management, PolyU has established a strong academic reputation in these fields. We have founded four research centres – the C.Y. Tung International Centre for Maritime Studies, the PolyU Maritime Data and Sustainable Development Centre, the Logistics Research Centre and the Shipping Research Centre – to advance our mission of delivering high-quality research and education. Our postgraduate programmes, taught by highly qualified academics with extensive research and consultancy experience, will prepare you to contribute to the future development of Hong Kong and the Mainland in these sectors.

The Faculty of Business blends the best of academia and real-world business. Our curriculum strikes a balance between academic theories and practical applications. We have collaborated closely with leading professionals in Hong Kong's logistics and maritime industries to ensure our programmes remain relevant in today's ever-evolving business landscape.

Our Faculty is ranked 35th globally, 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 2020 and 2024. Join us for a unique learning experience in logistics, maritime, and operations management, and equip yourself for future challenges.

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Prof. Mike Lai
Associate Dean (Academic Support), Faculty of Businsess
Interim Head and Chair Professor of Shipping and Logistics
Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies

MSc / PgD in **GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT (Mixed-mode)**

Programme Code:
MSc: 44089-SFM (Full-time), 44089-GPM (Part-time)
PgD: 44089-SFP (Full-time), 44089-SPP (Part-time)

Programme Director:
Prof. Song Miao

Deputy Programme Director:
Prof. Amanda Wang

Aim

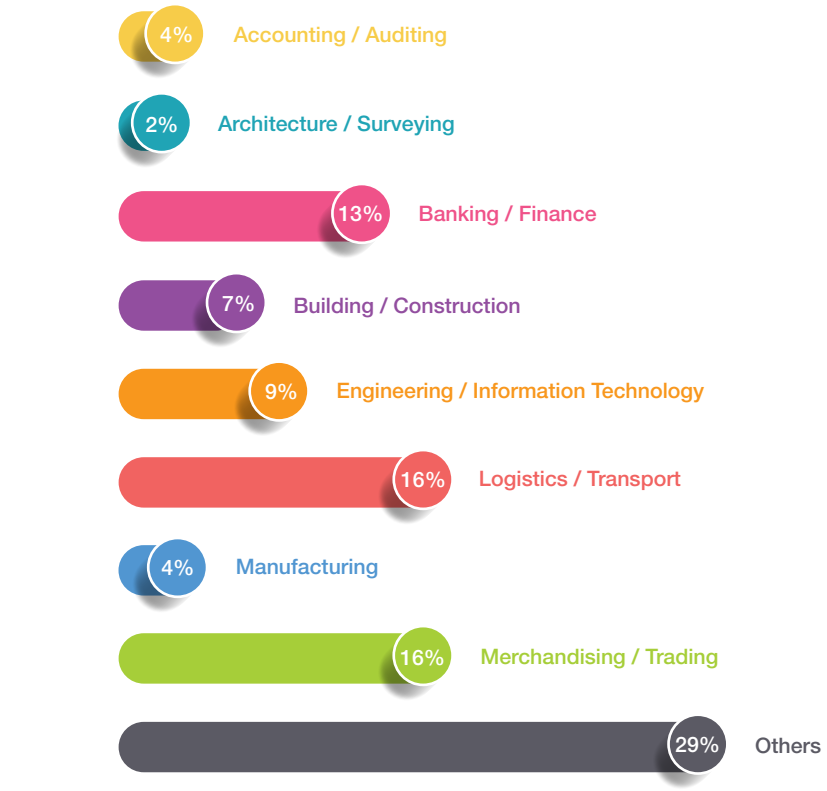
This programme equips executives with the capacity to create and sustain competitiveness in the supply chain by balancing cost, quality and efficiency.

Features

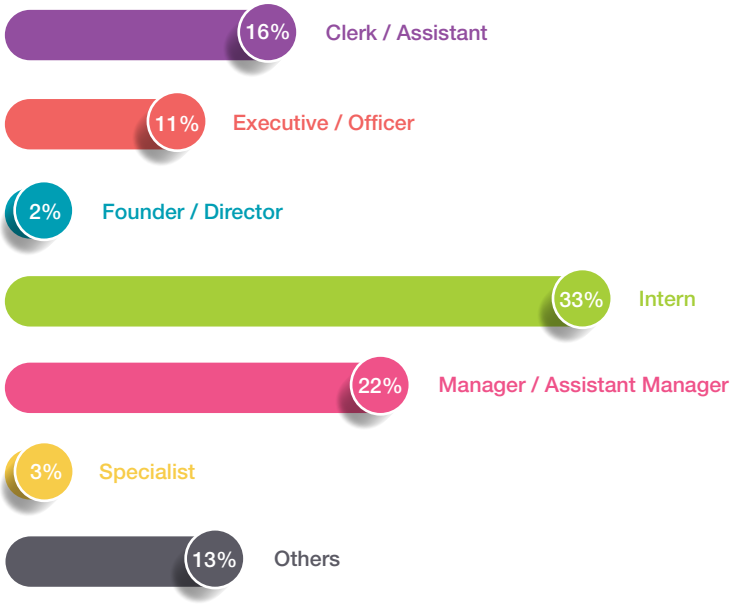
- Broad knowledge and skills in global supply chain management
- A thorough grounding in subjects which lead to the knowledge and intellectual capability required for an understanding and critical analysis of supply chain management problems
- Awareness of the global supply chain management environment and management issues
- An array of purchasing related subjects

Professional Recognition

- Graduates with the MSc in Global Supply Chain Management having fulfilled certain subject requirements are granted accreditation by The Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply (CIPS) and may apply for full membership. (Subject to review each year)
- Graduates with the MSc in Global Supply Chain Management are granted full exemption from the Qualifying Examination of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong (CILTHK).
- Graduates with the PgD in Global Supply Chain Management are granted partial exemption from the Qualifying Examination of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong (CILTHK).
- Graduates with the MSc in Global Supply Chain Management and 2-year working experience in Purchasing/ Supply Chain/ Logistics or related fields may apply for full membership of The Institute of Purchasing & Supply of Hong Kong (IPSHK).
- Students who complete one or more relevant subjects in MSc in Global Supply Chain Management are eligible to apply for the following qualifications provided by the Six Sigma Institute (SSI):
  - Registered Lean Six Sigma Green Belt (RLSSGB)
  - Registered Six Sigma Green Belt (RSSGB) and Registered Lean Leader (RLL)
  - Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Certificate



2025 / 26 Intake by Sector



2025 / 26 Intake by Role

Structure (subject to review)

For MSc

31 credits (4 Compulsory Subjects + 3 Restricted Elective Subjects + 4 Free Elective Subjects)

For PgD

19 credits (4 Compulsory Subjects + 3 Restricted Elective Subjects)

Tuition fee is not required for the 1-credit subject "Academic Integrity and Ethics in Business". Each subject carries three credits while GSCM Project carries six credits.

Compulsory Subject

(4 subjects – 10 credits)
(for both MSc and PgD) +

- Academic Integrity and Ethics in Business (1 credit)
- Global Sourcing and Supply *
- International Logistics Systems, Operations and Management *
- Supply Chain Management *

Restricted Elective Subjects

(3 subjects – 9 credits)
(for both MSc and PgD) +

Choose at least one from the focus on Operations:

- International Operations Management *
- Managing Operations Systems

Choose at least one from the focus on Procurement:

- Contract Management *
- Digital Procurement Management and Analytics *

Choose at least one from the focus on Information Technology:

- E-Commerce *
- Information Systems for Supply Chain Management *

Students may take more Restricted Elective Subjects than required. The extras will be counted as Free Elective Subjects.

Free Elective Subjects

(any 4 subjects – 12 credits)
(for MSc only) +

- Accounting for Managers
- Air Transport Logistics and Management
- Applications of Decision Making Models
- Business Analytics
- Coding for Management with Python
- Enterprise Resource Planning
- Lean Six Sigma and Quality Management Techniques (subject to approval)
- Managing Innovation
- Maritime Logistics
- Models for Decision Making
- Organizational Management in Shipping & Logistics
- Practice of Global Supply Chain Management
- Project (6 credits)
- Project Management
- Risk Management in Operations
- Statistics for Management
- Strategies and Technologies in Warehousing Management
- Supplier Development
- Total Quality Management
- Transport Logistics in China

+ The offering of subjects is subject to class quota availability.

** These subjects have been included in the list of reimbursable courses under the Continuing Education Fund (CEF).*

The programme (MSc in Global Supply Chain Management) is recognized under the Qualifications Framework (QF Level 6).

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). In general, **one evening class** per week will be scheduled for each subject over a regular 13-week semester and **two evening classes** per week over a 7-week optional Summer Term.

Duration (subject to review)

For MSc

Part-time mode: two and a half (2.5) academic years including optional summer terms
Full-time mode: one and a half (1.5) academic years including an optional summer term

For PgD

Part-time mode: two and a half (2.5) academic years including optional summer terms
Full-time mode: one and a half (1.5) academic years including an optional summer term

Students can complete the programme in one (1) year in Full-time mode according to their own study pace.

Students who wish to extend their studies beyond normal duration can submit such request to the Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies for consideration.

Scholarships

Entry Scholarship

LMS HK Taught Postgraduate Admission Scholarships

- Full tuition fee coverage based on academic and non-academic performance

LMS Taught Postgraduate Scholarships

- Merit-based scholarship of HK$50,000 for each recipient

Hong Kong Future Talents Scholarships Scheme for Advanced Studies

- Available to meritorious local students, with a subsidy capped at HK$100,000 after payment of the minimum tuition fee at the prevailing UGC-funded degree programme rate

Post-entry Scholarship

Merit-based Scholarships

- For Year One students with outstanding academic performance during their first year of study

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

Entrance Requirements

- A Bachelor's degree in a business-related discipline or the equivalent.
- For non-business degree holders, 2-year relevant working experience or relevant background knowledge is preferred.
- Candidates in senior management positions possessing other academic qualifications may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Priority will be given to applicants with relevant working experience.

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 for Taught Postgraduate Programmes of Study@PolyU for details.

Shortlisted candidates may be invited to attend admission interviews.

Fee

HK$327,000 per programme (HK$10,900 per credit) for local and non-local MSc students

HK$196,200 per programme (HK$10,900 per credit) for local and non-local PgD students

"After more than ten years in the healthcare logistics industry, I chose to pursue the MSc in Global Supply Chain Management (GCSM) at PolyU to sharpen my skills and stay ahead in a rapidly evolving field. The programme offered a well-balanced blend of academic theory and real-world application, which was directly relevant to my career goals.

Throughout the programme, I gained valuable insights into the latest technologies that are reshaping the logistics industry, as well as practical knowledge for managing logistics operations more effectively. The programme also deepened my expertise in procurement and supply chain management, and helped me fulfil the requirements for MCIPS certification—a key enhancement of my professional qualifications.

One of the most impactful elements was the Lean Six Sigma Black Belt training in quality management. This equipped me with practical tools to implement lean practices, identify the root causes of inefficiencies, and lead initiatives that drive operational excellence.

Overall, the programme has been instrumental in preparing me for senior leadership roles. It's broadened my strategic thinking, deepened my industry knowledge, and empowered me to lead more effectively. I'm proud to be a graduate of this programme and would highly recommend it to professionals looking to advance their careers in the logistics and supply chain management industry."

Tse Kay Chun

During lectures, our professors often reminded us, 'You're master's students now'.

This simple statement challenged me to reflect on what it truly means to study at this level. For me, it came to represent a mindset—one defined by enthusiasm for independent exploration, the ability to carry out in-depth research, and a strong sense of teamwork. And that's exactly the kind of growth that I experienced throughout the GSCM programme.

The learning experience in GSCM was both rich and well-rounded. In class, we received intensive instruction that helped us build a solid academic foundation. Outside the classroom, our professors organised field trips and company visits, allowing us to connect theory with real-world practice. The variety of assessment methods also helped strengthen our problem solving and teamwork skills.

What stood out most was the professors' open-minded and inclusive attitude, along with their targeted guidance. The school's extensive academic resources, including access to a wide range of databases, were also invaluable when preparing reports and conducting research.

After a year in the GSCM programme, I've not only gained a comprehensive understanding of supply chain management, but also developed the ability to identify and solve complex problems, as well as the confidence to express my ideas. These skills have given me a strong foundation for my future career development.

Yang Hailing

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