



# Master Of Public Policy and Management



With the increased worldwide and complex social challenges, such as economic crisis and government deficit, aging society, pollution and corruption, and rapid development of technologies, the demand for trained talent in public policy and management is increasing from many sectors. Most developing countries need this talent to boost their governance capacity and policy implication capacity in their modernization process, while developed countries need to upgrade their talent in public policy and management to tackle social crisis and maintain citizens' trust and satisfaction.

The discipline of public policy and public management seeks to enhance efficiency, effectiveness and equity in society by using complex and innovative policy instruments, and employing interdisciplinary knowledge and perspective. In this context, the Master of Public Policy and Management (MPPM) Programme is designed to train students in readiness for managerial and leading roles in policy analysis and professional policy practice. Delivered by a team of distinguished specialists, the Programme provides in-service professionals, policy practitioners and future public managers and leaders with skills in policy analysis and evaluation, organization analysis, management, strategic communications, project analysis, public governance, public sector management and development.

The MPPM Programme seeks to foster students' capabilities and skills for future manager and leader positions in professional setting, enhance their chance to hold important government positions, increase their starting salary, and make an impact on their government.



MPPM is a 24-credit-point (cps) programme, comprising 4 Core Courses (12 cps) and 4 Elective Courses (12 cps), with a total of 8 courses. Each course carries 3 cps and all the courses will be conducted in English.

# Core Courses (12cps)

- Research Methods for Policy Analysis and Evaluation
- Public Policy and Governance: Processes and Techniques
- Strategic Communication
- · Organisational Behaviour and Development

# Elective Courses (12cps)

Students may choose any of the 4 combinations of 4 Elective Courses from

- Specialisation I in Governance and Public Management;
- · Specialisation II in Social Policy;
- · Specialisation III in Higher Education Policy and Management; or
- Any 4 courses from Specialisation I, II, and III without MPPM specialisation.

# Specialisation I: Governance and Public Management

Managing Public Finance

Public Administration and Management in Asia

Project Appraisal and Impact Analysis

Human Resource Management

International Public Management

Regulation and Regulatory Governance

Environmental Policy and Governance

# Specialisation II: Social Policy

Management of Social Services
Social Protection Arrangements
Comparative Health Policy
Social Policy and Aging
Poverty, Inequality and Social Policy

Internship /
Overseas
Experiential
Learning

Comparative Social Policy in Asia Specialisation III: Higher Education Policy and Management

Advanced Seminar in Higher Education Policy and Governance

Managing Universities in the Global Context: Policies and Strategies

Quality Assurance and Management in Higher Education

Education and Society in Asia Educational Leadership in the Tertiary Sector

The offering of elective courses and the quota offered is subject to the Department's decision and students' enrolment. It may vary in each academic year.

# Synergy of Academics and Practice



## **Policy Dialogue Series**

Professor Anthony B.L. Cheung, GBS, JP Advisor (Public Administration), SSPS, EdUHK Former Secretary for Transport and Housing, HKSAR Government

**Professor Lui Tai-lok** Adjunct Research Chair Professor, SSPS, EdUHK



# Seminar by **Professor Christopher Hood**

The Well-known social scientist in the study of public management

Emeritus Professor of Government and a Fellow. All Souls College of the University of Oxford

Doctor of Social Science honoris causa, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong



Higher Education Seminar by Professor Hou Yung-chi



HKUST Inter-University Public Policy Case Competition



National Mock Mayor Competition (Beijing, China)

# **Experiential Learning**

Various experiential learning activities are organised in MPPM programme. For example, students visited Singapore and Qingdao in 2022/23



Attending classes at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore



Site visit: Public Housing Estates in Singapore



Experiential learning activity: Qingdao

# **Local Field Visits**

The MPPM also organises different hands on learning activities.



Community Visit - Sikh Temple



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Cultural tour - Dukling Harbour Tour

# **Internship Opportunity**

As a unique benefit of this programme, we build up strong partnership with more than 60 institutions and seek to provide valuable internship opportunities in different organisations in Hong Kong such as

- American International Assurance Company Limited (AIA)
- Greater Bay Area Youth Development Association
- Hong Kong Red Cross
- · Labour Education and Service Network
- Link Charitable Foundation Limited
- · Li Po Chun United World College of Hong Kong
- LUSH
- · Office of Legislative Councillor
- Save the Children Hong Kong Limited (International NGO)
- The Fred Hollows Foundation (Think-tank)
- The Zubin Foundation
- World Green Organisation



















## Hermes PUN Kam Lam Local — Graduate of 2022

**Executive Assistant**,

The Education University of Hong Kong

The MPPM programme broadened my understanding of public policy, enabling me to have a more thorough analysis and perception when discussing social and global issues. With the support of Mr Clement K.M. Woo, Scholarship, I got the opportunity to do internship in a community service office. In addition, the content of MPPM has helped me gain theoretical knowledge in human resource management, public resources allocation analysis, and decision-making effectiveness, which helps me meet the opportunities and challenges in my current work.

# Mark Raygan E. GARCIA Filipino — Graduate of 2017

Engagement Manager, **English School Foundation, Hong Kong** 

I received a full scholarship from the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, co-funded by the Commission on Higher Education of the Philippines and the Department of Asian and Policy Studies, to pursue this Master Degree in 2016. The scholarship covered both tuition and residential fees. Had it not been for the scholarship, it would have been difficult to study in an expensive global city as Hong Kong. Because of the doors that it opened for me, the scholarship boosted my confidence, and it developed within me a greater sense of life purpose and motivation to give back. I graduated with Distinction, was included on the Dean's Honours List.

## Nitikon JIRATHITIKANKIT Thai — Graduate of 2021

**Constitutional Academic Officer Constitutional Court of Thaiand** 

MPPM offered me a full entrance scholarship, which provided me with a great chance to improve my academic and research skills, an essential criterion for my career advancement. MPPM provided me with a wide range of courses, like basic public policy and public administration knowledge. MPPM is very useful for students who want to improve themselves in public management, public administration, and public policy. I have recommended this programme to my friends and colleagues who are thinking of further studies.

## Yolanda WANG Shuang Mainland — Graduate of 2014 Assistant Manager, McKinsey & Company

The Internship opportunity at Phoenix TV while I was a MPPG student was a stepping stone for me to enter the media industry. Without this opportunity it would be impossible for me to be a journalist. Additionally, the major takeaways from the programme that has helped in my career building are the critical thinking skills, problem-solving skills and looking at an issue from a global perspective. These skills have not only been useful for analysing different social issues, but also analysing different cases in the business world. I would like to take this opportunity to thank APS, for their care and support and for providing us with endless opportunities.

# YIN Dean Chen Jason American — Graduate of 2018

Researcher, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong FLASS Outbound Learning Scholarship and Entrance Scholarship for **Self-financed Programmes Recipient** 

The FLASS Outbound Learning Scholarship provided by the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences allowed me to do a field visit to Peking University, Tsinghua University, and Renmin University to meet Professors and discuss with them their current research on Mainland Chinese Issues. During my trip, I was able to better understand policy decision through engaging with leading researchers who studied different aspects of China's policy making, and was able to collaborate with them on publishing regarding China's health policy reform.





Every year, as high as 90% of the students agree that: the MPPM programme helps them enhance the following skills and attributes:



#### and foster the following capabilities:

- · Understand the principles and practice of public sector management
- · Understand the policy process in Asia
- Develop substantive knowledge of techniques, institutions and processes in Public Policy and Management
- Analyse public problems from a broad comparative perspective
- Develop higher-order thinking skills and concerns for human development in local, national, regional and global contexts
- Communicate analysis of public problems and solutions to policy-makers and the broader community

#### **Scholarships**

The MPPM is committed to supporting students in pursuit of academic excellence and who demonstrate outstanding achievement through contributions to the community, leadership and progressive social change.

Outstanding students may be provided with:

- MPPM Academic Scholarship
- MPPM Entrance Scholarship

#### **Entrance Requirement**

Applicants should normally hold a recognized Bachelor's degree.

Applicants who obtained degrees from universities in Mainland China are required to provide:

- Degree Certificate (學位證書—中文原件掃描) and Online Verification Report of Higher Education Degree Certificate
   (學位在線驗證報告) issued by the CHSI (學信網) with a validity period of six months;
- Graduation Certificate (畢業證書—中文原件掃描) and Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (學歷證書電子註冊備案表) issued by the CHSI (學信網) with a validity period of six months; and
- Final Transcript (最終成績單-中文原件掃描).

For applicants whose qualification is obtained from an institution in a non-English speaking system should normally fulfill one of the following minimum English proficiency requirements:

- Overall score of IELTS 6.0 (academic version) (the test should be taken in test centres and the result should be valid within two years); or
- TOEFL score of 80 (internet-based test) (the test should be taken in test centres and the result should be valid
  within two years); or
- Band 6 in the Chinese Mainland's College English Test (CET) (a total score of 430 or above and the test result should be valid within two years); or
- Pass in the Test for English Majors-Band 8 (TEM 8); or
- Grade C or above in GCSE / GCE OL English; or
- Other equivalent qualifications.

#### \*Remarks

Applicants should provide following documents for verification:

- Applicants who obtained degrees from overseas universities should meet Level 5 (for Bachelor degree) or above of the Hong Kong Qualifications
   Framework. Reports for Qualifications Assessment can be applied from the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational
   Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) at https://www.hkcaavq.edu.hk/; or
- Any other information/documentation as requested by the University

#### How to apply

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