
PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Accounting, Business and Economics

The Faculty of Business and Economics is awarded accreditation by both the US-based Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International) and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS) managed by the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD).

The BBA(Acc&Fin) and BBA(Law) with a professional core in Accounting degree programmes have been accredited as approved accountancy degree programmes under the Qualification Programme (“QP”) of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA). Graduates of the programmes are eligible for direct entry to the QP, provided that they have sat and passed the subjects as listed in the approved curriculum for meeting QP’s pre-entry competency requirements. Details of the QP can be found by accessing the HKICPA website: <https://www.hkicpa.org.hk>.

Graduates of BBA(Acc&Fin) and BBA(Law) with a professional core in Accounting are exempted from the foundation level of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) examination scheme. They must take all the non-exemptible papers of the professional level to fulfil the examination requirement for ACCA membership. Details of the exemption can be found by accessing the ACCA website: <https://www.accaglobal.com>.

Graduates of BBA(Acc&Fin) and BBA(Law) with a professional core in Accounting are eligible for Associate membership of CPA Australia provided that they have completed all required core curriculum subjects. They can advance to CPA status by completing the CPA Programme and Practical Experience Requirement. Details can be found by accessing the CPA Australia website: <https://www.cpaaustralia.com.au>.

All BBA graduates are eligible for earning the Chartered Global Management Accountants (CGMA), with part of the CIMA examinations exempted, provided that they have completed all required subjects specified in the CIMA mapping guidance. Details of the exemption can be found by accessing the CIMA website: <https://www.cimaglobal.com/Study-with-us/Exemptions/Exemption-search/>.

The BBA(IS)/BEng(CS) programme is accredited by the Hong Kong Institute of Engineers (HKIE). Details of the accreditation can be found by accessing the HKIE website: <https://www.hkie.org.hk>.

The BBA(IS)/BEng(CS) programme is in alignment with the ISACA Model Curriculum for IS Audit and Control. Graduates of the programme qualify for one year work experience toward the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) designation. Details of the exemption can be found by accessing the ISACA website: <https://www.isaca.org>.

The BSc(QFin) programme is fully accredited by the Professional Risk Managers’ International Association (PRMIA). Successful graduates from BSc(QFin) who have obtained a GPA of 3.0 or above in the designated courses are granted exemption from Paper I and Paper II of the Professional Risk Manager (PRM™) Designation Programme, which leads to the professional qualification of PRM. Details of the PRM Programme can be found by accessing the PRMIA website: <https://prmia.org>.

The BEcon&Fin and BSc(QFin) programmes are also designated Chartered Financial Analysts (CFA) University affiliation programmes recognized by CFA Institute, a global association of investment professionals. They embed a significant portion of the CFA Programme Candidate Body of Knowledge into their curricula and provide students with a solid grounding in practical, relevant, and thought-provoking investment education. CFA scholarships are available to BEcon&Fin and BSc(QFin) students to take the CFA Level I Examination. Details of the CFA Programme can be found in the CFA Institute website: <https://www.cfainstitute.org/programs/cfaprogram/Pages/index.aspx>.

The MAcct Programme is accredited by CPA Australia. Details can be found by accessing the CPA Australia website: <https://www.cpaaustralia.com.au>.

Graduates of MAcct between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2023 are entitled to exempt nine papers at the fundamentals level of the ACCA examination scheme. Details can be found by accessing the ACCA website: <https://www.accaglobal.com>.

Actuarial Science

The BSc(ActuarSc) programme has been accredited by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA), students in the programme will be exempted from taking IFoA subjects CT1–CT8, or some subjects of CT1–CT3 and CT5–CT7 should they achieve the required marks in specified courses.

The BSc(ActuarSc) graduates who attain a B– or higher standard in appropriate courses may obtain Validation by Educational Experience (VEE) credit from the following courses of the Society of Actuaries in the United States: Mathematical Statistics, Accounting and Finance, and Economics.

The BSc(ActuarSc) programme has also met strict criteria set by the Society of Actuaries, United States, in terms of quality of curriculum, number and quality of graduates, qualified faculty, strong ties to business, and beneficial research and scholarship. In this regard, the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science has been designated as a Centre of Actuarial Excellence by the Society of Actuaries.

Architecture

The professional degree of Master of Architecture (MArch) is recognized by the Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA), Architects Registration Board (ARB), Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA). Upon passing the Professional Assessment held by HKIA / ARB in Hong Kong, graduates are eligible to apply for admission as Members of HKIA and as Registered Architects.

The Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) is a professional degree, accredited by the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA).

After two years approved practical experience, MLA graduates are eligible to sit HKILA Professional Practice Examinations in order to gain full professional status, and subsequently apply to become a Registered Landscape Architect (RLA) in Hong Kong.

Biological Sciences

The Ecology & Biodiversity Major and Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Major have been conferred accreditation by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB), UK, as a reflection of their academic standing and rigour, and also for the purpose of meeting, in part, the academic and experience requirement for the Membership and Chartered Biologist (CBiol). It is noteworthy that the Ecology & Biodiversity Major is the first programme of its type accredited by RSB in Asia, and that these two majors count among only three accredited majors in the biological sciences offered in Hong Kong. Graduates will receive one year of guest membership of RSB at Associate level. This will help them to stay up to date with what is happening across the life sciences, gain additional recognition for their skills and experience, and develop their professional network. Enhancement of the two Majors will be reflected in the curriculum starting from September 2018, and students in 2018–19 will be able to apply for the accredited options of these two Majors.

The Master of Science in Environmental Management [MSc(EnvMan)] has been accredited by the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment.

Chemistry

The intensive version of the BSc Chemistry-Major Curriculum (144 credits) has been accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC). Students in the final year of this accredited programme are qualified to apply for membership to RSC. A graduate with RSC membership will have an advantage in seeking professional qualifications, such as Chartered Chemist (CChem) status.

Chinese Medicine

Students who are registered in the Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine (BTCM) curriculum in the academic years 1998–1999 to 2001–2002, or the Bachelor of Chinese Medicine (BChinMed) curriculum in September 2002 and thereafter will be eligible to sit for the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Licensing Examination in Hong Kong. Those who have passed the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Licensing Examination are qualified for registration as registered Chinese Medicine practitioners with the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong.

Dentistry

The degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) of the University of Hong Kong is recognized as a registrable primary qualification by the Dental Council of Hong Kong (DCHK) without the need for licensing examination. The BDS degree has been accredited by the DCHK under section 8(1)(b) of the Dentists Registration Ordinance in Hong Kong SAR.

Earth Sciences

The BSc (Major in Geology) (Accredited Pathway) has been accredited by the Geological Society of London (GSL). This degree provides an accelerated route to validation as a Chartered Geologist after a minimum of five years of relevant post-graduation experience.

The Engineering Geology with the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) Approved Courses Theme of the Master of Science in the field of Applied Geosciences provides the additional courses which graduates in Earth Sciences or Geology would need to meet the entry requirements of the HKIE in the Geotechnical Discipline. These courses have been approved by the HKIE.

The MSc in Applied Geosciences (Themes: Engineering Geology, and Engineering Geology with the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers approved courses) has been accredited by the GSL. Applications for Chartered Geologist or Scientist (CGeol/CSci) with an accredited MSc benefit from an accelerated route, subject to satisfying all other criteria.

Engineering

The degree of BEng in Civil Engineering has been accredited by the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) and the Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers (HKICM).

The degrees of MSc(Eng) in Environmental Engineering; MSc(Eng) in Geotechnical Engineering; MSc(Eng) in Infrastructure Project Management; MSc(Eng) in Structural Engineering and MSc(Eng) in Transportation Engineering have been accredited by the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), the Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE) and the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (IHT) as meeting the requirements for Further Learning for a Chartered Engineer under the provisions of UK-SPEC for candidates that have already acquired a CEng accredited BEng(Hons) undergraduate first degree.

The degree of MSc(Eng) in Transportation Engineering has been accredited by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong for full exemption of the examination requirements leading to the Chartered Membership.

The degree of BEng in Computer Science has been accredited by the HKIE.

The degrees of BEng in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronic Engineering and Computer Engineering have been accredited by the HKIE.

The degree of BEng in Industrial Engineering and Logistics Management has been accredited by the HKIE and the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT).

The degree of BEng in Industrial Engineering and Technology Management has been accredited by the HKIE.

The degree of BEng in Logistics Engineering and Supply Chain Management has been accredited by the HKIE and the CILT.

The degree of MSc(Eng) in Industrial Engineering and Logistics Management has been accredited by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong for full exemption from the examination requirements leading to the Chartered Membership.

The degree of BEng in Mechanical Engineering has been accredited by the HKIE.

The degree of BEng in Medical Engineering has been accredited by the HKIE.

Geography

The Department of Geography, together with the Department of Urban Planning and Design and the Department of Civil Engineering, offer the Master of Arts in Transport Policy and Planning [MA(TranspPol&Plan)] programme. Graduates of the MA(TranspPol&Plan) programme will be exempted automatically from the examination requirements leading to the qualification of Chartered Membership of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (Hong Kong) (CMILT). The programme is also a Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Accredited Specialist Programme. Graduates of this programme can apply to other RTPI fully accredited programmes through the advanced standing route.

Law

The University and the governing bodies of the legal profession in Hong Kong have agreed upon a scheme of qualification which will lead to admission to practise in Hong Kong for the University's law graduates. After completing the University's Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) or Juris Doctor (JD), an intending barrister or solicitor will attend further courses at the University and must obtain a Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL). It will then be necessary for him or her to complete satisfactorily pupillage or a period of employment as a trainee solicitor and attend a specified number of continuing legal education courses in order to qualify for admission to practise as a barrister or solicitor respectively.

Medicine

The degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) are recognized as registrable primary qualifications by the Medical Council of Hong Kong.

Nursing

The degree of Bachelor of Nursing (BNurs) is recognized as registrable qualification by the Nursing Council of Hong Kong.

Pharmacy

Students who have completed the degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy and one year of internship are qualified to register with the Pharmacy and Poisons Board of Hong Kong as pharmacists in Hong Kong.

Psychology

Recognition has been granted by the Hong Kong Psychological Society to the degree courses in Psychology offered by this University, entitling graduates to graduate membership in the Society. The courses leading to the Master of Social Sciences in Psychology have been similarly recognized.

The courses leading to the Master of Social Sciences in Clinical Psychology and the Master of Social Sciences in Educational Psychology provide professional training in the respective fields, and are recognized by employing bodies in Hong Kong. In addition, the Master of Social Sciences in Clinical Psychology is one of the few recognized local clinical psychology training programmes of the Hong Kong Psychological Society. The Master of Social Sciences in Educational Psychology has been accredited by the International Association of School Psychology (ISPA). It is the first programme accredited by the ISPA in Asia. The courses leading to the PhD with specialization in Clinical Psychology and the PhD with specialization in Educational Psychology are professionally recognized equivalently. All professional Master and PhD programmes are advised by international experts and local advisory committee of leading psychologists in their professions.

Real Estate and Construction

The professional degree of Bachelor of Science in Surveying [BSc(Surv)] is recognized by the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS), Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS), which graduates are admitted to the HKIS' Assessment of Professional Competence.

MSc(ConstProjectMan) including all its majors is recognized by CIOB and RICS. The MSc(ConstProjectMan) programme majoring in Quantity Surveying is accredited by the PAQS and the Quantity Surveying Division of HKIS.

MSc(RealEst) including all its majors is recognized by RICS, and the General Practice Division and the Planning and Development Division of HKIS.

The MSc(IPD), revamped from MSc(IDM), is recognized by CIOB and RICS.

The Bachelor of Arts in Conservation [BA(Conservation)] curriculum is accredited by RICS. BA(Conservation) graduates are eligible to choose either the Building Control or Planning and Development professional pathways for sitting the RICS Assessment of Professional Competence to qualify as a chartered surveyor.

The Master of Science in Conservation [MSc(Conservation)] and Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation [PDip(Conservation)] are accredited by Hong Kong Institute of Architectural Conservationists since January 2018, and the two programmes are currently in the process of seeking accreditation by RICS and HKIS.

Full professional status is gained after an appropriate length of approved practical experience and passing the Institutes' Assessment of Professional Competence which may be taken in Hong Kong.

Social Work

The Department of Social Work and Social Administration offers the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree and the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree programmes. The BSW and MSW programmes are recognized by the Hong Kong Social Workers Registration Board in Hong Kong as accredited social work qualifications.

Graduates of Master of Expressive Arts Therapy (MExpArtsTh) are eligible for professional registration as an Arts Therapist with the Australian, New Zealand and Asian Creative Arts Therapies Association upon completion of 750 supervised practicum hours. They are also eligible to seek qualification as a Registered Expressive Arts Therapist (REAT) with the International Expressive Arts Therapy Association (IEATA) after fulfilling 1,000 supervised practice hours, to be counted after graduation.

Graduates of Master of Social Sciences in the field of Counselling are eligible to apply for membership of Hong Kong Professional Counselling Association.

Graduates of Master of Social Sciences in the field of Mental Health who complete the cognitive-behaviour therapy (CBT) stream are eligible to apply for membership of Hong Kong Professional Counselling Association. It is also equivalent to Level 1 training in Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy offered by the Institute of Cognitive Therapy.

The Department of Social Work and Social Administration is a member of the International Association of Schools of Social Work, which implies recognition of the standard of the programmes.

Speech and Hearing Sciences

The Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences [BSc(Sp&HearSc)] curriculum has been accredited by the Hong Kong Institute of Speech Therapists (2019). This means that the Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences [BSc(Sp&HearSc)] curriculum is recognized as a professional qualification for speech therapists.

Urban Planning and Design

The degree of MSc(UrbanPlanning) is recognized as a professional qualification by the Hong Kong Institute of Planners. Full professional status may be gained by the graduates after having the required practical experience and passing the membership assessment of the Institute.

The degree of MSc(UrbanPlanning) is also recognized by the Royal Town Planning Institute in the United Kingdom and graduates can become licentiate members to undergo assessment of professional competency to become full corporate members of the Institute.

Graduates of the MSc(UrbanPlanning) programme who specialized in transport planning are also qualified to apply for chartered membership of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (Hong Kong) (CILT-HK) after they have obtained practical experience at professional level.

Graduates of MSc(UrbanPlanning) who have completed additional real estate modules are eligible for admission to the Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) scheme of the Planning and Development Division of Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS). Full professional membership may be granted by the HKIS after they have gained the required working experience and passing the professional assessment.

The Master of Housing Management (MHousMan) (Professional Stream) is recognized by the Chartered Institute of Housing and the Hong Kong Institute of Housing. Graduates of this stream are eligible to apply for Corporate Membership of both Institutes after fulfilling the Practical Experience Requirement (PER).

The Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies [BA(UrbanStud)] is recognized by the Planning and Development Division of HKIS and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The degree of Master of Urban Design (MUrbanDesign) is accredited by Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design and the RTPI in the United Kingdom under its specialism scheme.