



香港中文大學
The Chinese University of Hong Kong



2026-27

MSSc Programme in Public Policy

Interdisciplinary Education in Public Policy:
Contributing Knowledge for
Long-Term Human Development



PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

In a society challenged by globalization and rapid changes in social and economic development, public policy has become a highly complex and multi-dimensional field. Public policy makers as such must consider different points of view with an interdisciplinary perspective, in order to balance the diverse interests and concerns of the society and achieve an optimal policy outcome.

With the above context in mind, the MSSc Programme in Public Policy (MPUP) is designed to meet the needs of leaders and professionals who have the aspiration to make a difference in government, NGOs, and all related sectors. MPUP graduates should be able to:

- Understand political institutions, processes and strategies for public policy making;
- Acquire both quantitative and qualitative analytic skills for public policy research;
- Possess a broad perspective in assessing alternatives by applying different models and theories;
- Develop strategies for successful formation and implementation of public policies; and
- Apply knowledge, ideas, and frameworks to deal with global and local policy changes effectively.

Mode of Study	Normative Study Period	Maximum Study Period
Full-time	1 year	3 years
Part-time	2 years	4 years

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate, students must complete at least 8 courses (4 required courses and 4 elective courses), obtain a grade C- or above in each course and acquire an overall GPA of at least 2.0.

Programme Structure

The whole programme is taught in English with the following courses:

REQUIRED COURSES

MPUP5111	Public Policy Process
MPUP5121	Values and Ethics in Public Policy
MPUP5132	Public Policy Research
MPUP5142	Economic Analysis of Public Policy

MPUP5802	Topical Studies in Public Policy II
MPUP5803	Topical Studies in Public Policy III
MPUP5804	Topical Studies in Public Policy IV
MPUP5901	Directed Studies

ELECTIVE COURSES

MPUP5301	Globalization, Social Problem and Policy
MPUP5311	Public Organization Management
MPUP5321	NGOs and Government
MPUP5331	Government and the Economy
MPUP5351	Public Policy and Governance
MPUP5402	Comparative Public Policy
MPUP5412	Crisis Management and Public Governance
MPUP5422	Environmental Policy Analysis
MPUP5432	Urban Planning and Development
MPUP5433	Global Finance and Governance
MPUP5435	Government Relations, Diplomacy and Ethics
MPUP5501	Public Policy in Hong Kong
MPUP5801	Topical Studies in Public Policy I

OUTSIDE ELECTIVE COURSES (Provisional)

GPGC5101	Political Economy and Business Environment in Greater China
GPGC5109	Human Rights and Constitutionalism in Greater China
GPEC5811	International Financial and Trade Policy: From Bretton Woods to G20/Doha
GPEC5812	International Investment Policy: Economic and Business Perspectives
GPEC5816	Political Psychology for Global Political Economy
GPEC5817	Global Environmental Politics
GPEC5819	Social Innovation: A Changemaker's Tool

NOTE
Availability of elective courses changes from year to year, subject to the availability of teaching resources and student enrollment.

Why Study in MPUP

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING TEAM

Prof. Annie TAM

Honorary Professor, Faculty of Social Science;
Adjunct Professor, School of Governance and Policy Science, CUHK

Prof. Carlos LO

MPUP Programme Director; Professor of School of Governance and Policy Science, CUHK

Prof. CHAN Chee Hon

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Science, CUHK

Dr. James F. DOWNES

Part-Time Lecturer, School of Governance & Policy Science, CUHK; Executive Co-Director, Center for Research & Social Progress (CeRSP Europe)

Prof. Kaman LEE

Associate Professor, School of Journalism and Communication, CUHK

NOTE

Teaching timetable will be updated annually to reflect the most current programme development.

Prof. Mark MICHELSON

Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Governance and Policy Science, CUHK

Prof. Miron MUSHKAT

Adjunct Professor, School of Governance and Policy Science, CUHK

Prof. Travis NG

Associate Professor, Dept of Economics, CUHK

Prof. TSAO King Kwun

Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Governance and Policy Science, CUHK

Prof. William James Clark SMITH

Associate Professor, School of Governance and Policy Science, CUHK

Prof. XU Yuan

Associate Professor, Dept of Geography and Resource Management, CUHK

INTEGRATION OF THEORY AND PRACTICE

Global Scholastic and Professional Network



The 20th Cross-Strait Public Administration Conference

Headed by Prof. Carlos Lo, MPUP Programme Director



Policy Dialogue with Ms. Rosanna Law, JP

Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, HKSAR Gov.



Seminar by Prof. Eduardo Araral

Associate Professor and former Vice Dean for Research, National University of Singapore



Guest Lecture by Mr. Rocky Tung

Director and Head of Policy Research at Financial Services, Development Council, HKSAR



Guest Sharing Session by Ms. Mei Ng

Former Director of the Friends of the Earth



Guest Seminar by Mr. Paul Tse

Legislative Councillor, HKSAR



MPUP has joined the **Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)**⁽¹⁾, an international membership organization of graduate public service education programmes, benefiting students of its 300+ member schools worldwide through its resources and networking platform.

NOTE

1) Membership from 2024-2029

ALL-ROUNDED LEARNING ACTIVITIES

01
Sharing from Consuls

e.g. Ms. Laurence Vandewalle, Deputy Head of EU Office to Hong Kong and Macau



02
Meeting Political Practitioners

e.g. Mr. Jasper Tsang, GBM, GBS, JP; Former President of the Legislative Council



03
Dialogue with Policy Makers

e.g., Prof. Edward Yau, GBS, JP, the former Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development



04
Field Trip, Cultural Exchange and Social Networking

e.g. Dolphin-watching Trip, Tram Party, Barbecue



05
EO Sharing by MPUP alumnus

co-organized with OSA, CUHK



06
Institutional Visits

e.g. Legislative Council, ICAC, HKHS etc.



SCHOLARSHIP

Our Programme recognizes students' and graduates' academic achievements and other contributions through three types of scholarships.



Admission Scholarship

To recognize new students with outstanding academic and/or work background

Academic Distinction Award

To recognize students with outstanding academic performance

Outstanding Student Service Award

To recognize students with outstanding contributions to the Programme, the University and/or the community

How to Join MPUP

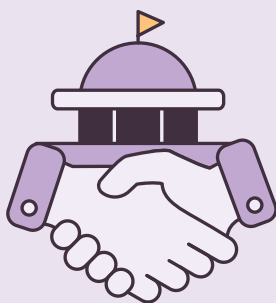
As a professional programme offered in Hong Kong, an international city, applicants from Hong Kong, the mainland and overseas are all welcome to apply.

POTENTIAL APPLICANTS



1

Individuals who are currently working or are interested in working in the public sector



2

Professionals who have frequent contact with the government sectors



3

Individuals who find knowledge of policy-making beneficial for their intellectual growth and professional development

ADMISSION

Applicants should fulfil both the Academic Qualifications and the English Language Proficiency Requirements set by the Graduate School of The Chinese University of Hong Kong before they are admitted. Please refer to the website of the Graduate School (<http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk>) for details.



MPUP
Admission

TUITION FEE AND APPLICATION

HK\$210,000

Application Fee HK\$500

Tuition Fee for 2026 entry for **eight courses**. Applications must be made via the website of the Graduate School:

<http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk>



Review of applications starts in **September**. Due to keen competition, early applications are strongly encouraged.



Shortlisted candidates would be interviewed.

Application Period

For 2026 Entry

01.09.2025 – 28.02.2026

Student Alumni/Endorsement



HO Ho Hon

Class of 2021; Intellectual Property Examiner, HKSAR Government

MPUP provides comprehensive academic studies to students who are keen on learning and applying theoretical frameworks to real-life scenarios. I really enjoyed exchanging ideas with lecturers and friends from a variety of backgrounds. Those were the golden opportunities to learn from each other.

James Jiangye CAI

Class of 2022; US Tax Consultant, Ernst & Young Tax Services Limited, Hong Kong

MPUP is a prominent and game-changing platform for current and prospective leaders relevant to numerous policy areas. The Programme assisted me in developing a global and broad perspective in evaluating decisions using various models and theories, as well as quantitative and qualitative skills for further research. Moreover, this multidisciplinary curriculum of MPUP and my responsibility as a class representative enhanced my policy and business analytical ability, teamwork spirit and leadership - all of which are especially beneficial for my future career.

Jacqueline HUI

Class of 2023; Researcher, Chief Executive's Policy Unit, HKSAR Government

The MPUP program has enabled me to gain a deep understanding of the theories and empirical evidence which underpin the policymaking process. Engaging in intellectual discussions with esteemed scholars and fellow MPUP students from diverse backgrounds has been an invaluable aspect of my learning journey and professional growth.

TSANG, Sau Pui

Class of 2023; Land Executive, Lands Department, HKSAR Government

Studying in MPUP at CUHK is fantastic and rewarding. The lecturers are very knowledgeable and student oriented. They have enriched my understanding of policy formulation and inspired me to analyse social issues from new perspectives under the challenging and changing political-social environment. The courses also invited various guest speakers like members of the Executive Council, Legislative Council and interest groups to talk and share. With the skills and knowledge I have acquired and the connections I have made through the MPUP, I have the confidence to enhance my career to serve the community.

Jason LEUNG

Class of 2024; Head of Land and Housing Research, Our Hong Kong Foundation

MPUP offers an advanced curriculum with a perfect blend of theory-guided knowledge and practical skills. Besides providing an in-depth understanding and interdisciplinary perspectives regarding the intricacies of the policymaking process, the programme equips students with a qualitative and quantitative analytical mindset. It was a joy to engage in intellectually stimulating discussions and stretch assignments with the distinguished faculty and high-calibre peers from diverse backgrounds.

Kenny SZE

Class 2025; CFA, FRM, Director & Head of Research, Financial Sector

I am grateful for the rigorous training in evidence-based policy analysis that I received from MPUP. Combining courses in economics, statistics, and policy evaluation with case-based discussions on Hong Kong and regional issues sharpened my ability to translate data into actionable recommendations. MPUP equipped me with practical tools, such as quantitative data analysis, cost-benefit frameworks, and policy writing, that I now use daily at work. Most importantly, the programme fostered a mindset of public service and integrity. I would highly recommend MPUP to anyone seeking a career in impact-driven policy in Hong Kong and beyond.



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