Instructions & Guidelines for Applicants

Please read through the instructions and guidelines before you start to fill in the online application.

Eligibility

Full-time Programme (HKU MBA – London track with London Business School, New York track with Columbia Business School, and Hong Kong/China track):

1. A recognised bachelor’s degree or equivalent.
2. A satisfactory GMAT/GRE score. Test scores of more than five years old will not be accepted.
3. Applicants with qualification from a university outside Hong Kong where the language of teaching or examination is not in English are required to obtain a minimum TOEFL 550 (paper-based)/80 (internet-based) or IELTS (academic module) 6.5 band with no subtest lower than 5.5. Test scores of more than two years old will not be accepted.
4. At least 2 years of postgraduate full-time work experience (as on August 2021).

Part-time Programme (Weekday/Weekend Mode):

1. A recognised bachelor’s degree or equivalent.
2. A satisfactory GMAT/GRE score. Test scores of more than five years old will not be accepted.
3. Applicants with more than 7 years of postgraduate full-time work experience might be exempted from this requirement. Exemption, if any, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
4. At least 2 years of postgraduate full-time work experience (as on September 2021).

Tests

When you pre-register to take the test (GMAT/GRE and/or TOEFL/IELTS), you should request the official test scores to be sent to The University of Hong Kong, MBA Admissions Office.

The HKU MBA code number for GMAT is FS2-WL-61
The HKU MBA code number for GRE is 4136.
The HKU MBA code number for TOEFL is 9671 (institution code) and 02 (department code).

# Paper score report (TOEFL/IELTS [academic module]) should be sent directly to HKU MBA Admissions Office:

MBA Admissions Office
HKU Business School
Room 204, Block B, Cyberport 4,
100 Cyberport Road, Hong Kong

Application (Online only)

Please submit your MBA application online at:

Full-time MBA:
https://mba.fbe.hku.hk/programmes/full-time-mba/admission/entry-requirements/

Part-time MBA:
https://mba.fbe.hku.hk/programmes/part-time-mba/admission/entry-requirements/
or http://www.aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme/master-business-administration

Application Fee

The application fee is HKS300 (non-refundable), paid by credit card online (Visa or MasterCard)

Submission of Supporting Documents

A secure link to upload your supporting documents for our preliminary review will be provided after submitting the online application.

For the official academic documents, they are required to be submitted to the HKU MBA Admissions Office by post:

MBA Admissions Office
HKU Business School
Room 204, Block B, Cyberport 4
100 Cyberport Road, Hong Kong

# When applying online, please click “Supporting Document” and download the checklist for details
Transcripts

The official transcript(s) would be required from every college or university you have attended. Transcript request form could be used to request transcripts from additional institutions. The applicant could submit certified true copies instead (copies of the documents that have been duly declared as true copies before a notary office).

References

The reference forms should be given by the applicant to two individuals capable of commenting on your academic and/or professional capabilities. The completed forms are to be sent to HKU MBA Admissions Office with your application materials. Your referees may also 1) send their reference letters directly to HKU MBA Admissions Office, or 2) email to ftmba@hku.hk (for full-time MBA) or ptmba@hku.hk (for part-time MBA)

Business School Track Selection (Full-time MBA)

Students may state their preference to study the London track at London Business School, New York track at Columbia Business School, or the Hong Kong/China track when they apply as well as when they are interviewed.

Admission Process

Your online application will be reviewed by HKU MBA Admissions Committee along with all the required documents submitted. As it often takes considerable time to gather references and transcripts, we strongly encourage you to apply as early as possible.

Kindly note that limited seats are available every year and candidates are admitted on a continuous and rolling basis. As a result, spaces are filled throughout the admissions period and there is a possibility that the class may be full before the final deadline.

Not all applicants will be interviewed. Once suitable candidates have been shortlisted, they will be informed of specific interview arrangement. In general, the admission results will be available in 2 to 4 weeks after the interview; admission offers will be issued to the selected candidates upon receipt of all required supporting documents.

# HKU MBA gives much importance to the interview process rather than essay, as we believe the best way to judge an applicant is by having close interaction to understand the motivation and personality of our prospective students. Additional interviews may be required in some cases.

2021/22 Admission Deadlines:

Full-time MBA

Round 1: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), November 20, 2020
Round 2: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), December 31, 2020
Round 3: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), February 26, 2021
Round 4: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), March 31, 2021
Round 5: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), April 30, 2021
Round 6: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), May 31, 2021

Part-time MBA

Round 1: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), November 20, 2020
Round 2: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), December 31, 2020
Round 3: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), February 26, 2021
Round 4: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), March 31, 2021
Round 5: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), April 30, 2021
Round 6: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), May 31, 2021
Definition of Non-local Students

For the purpose of admission of non-local students, “non-local students” should be defined as persons entering Hong Kong for the purpose of education with student visa/entry permit issued by the Director of Immigration.

Student Visa

Upon successful application, non-local students (including those from Mainland China) will need to arrange for their own student visa.

Admissions and Academic Liaison Section (AAL) will act as the local sponsor for non-local students.

Please note that all non-local students are required by law to obtain student visa to study in Hong Kong. It is the responsibility of individual students to make all necessary visa arrangement before the commencement of their studies.

Industry Codes (for the “Further Information” section of online application form)

Please select the industry code that best describes your company.

| 01 Commercial banking          | 12 Consulting     | 26 Auto and other transportation equipment |
| 02 Venture capital/Private equity | 13 Education      | 27 Chemicals                           |
| 03 Insurance                  | 14 Entertainment  | 28 Electronic Equipment                |
| 04 Investment banking/brokerage | 15 Restaurant and hotel management | 29 Food/Beverage/Tobacco               |
| 05 Investment management      | 16 Government     | 30 Forest products/Packaging           |
| 06 Other financial services   | 17 Healthcare services | 31 Household/Personal products       |
| 07 Accounting                 | 18 Import/Export/Trading companies | 32 Machinery                           |
| 08 Advertising/Marketing services | 19 Law             | 33 Pharmaceutical/Healthcare           |
| 09 Communication services     | 20 Charitable organizations | 34 Biotechnology                       |
| 10 Computer services          | 21 Real estate    | 35 Printing/Publishing                 |
| 11 Construction               | 22 Retail         | 36 Textiles/Clothing                   |
|                               | 23 Transportation services | 37 Other Manufacturing               |
|                               | 24 Utilities      |                                      |
|                               | 25 Other non-manufacturing |                                     |