

## Board of international advisers for the MIPA programme

- **Professor Paul Evans**  
Professor, Liu Institute of Global Studies  
University of British Columbia
- **Professor Harry Harding**  
University Professor of International Affairs and Political Science  
The Elliott School of International Affairs  
The George Washington University
- **Professor Christopher Hill**  
Sir Patrick Sheehy Professor of International Relations  
Centre of International Relations  
Cambridge University
- **Professor Takashi Inoguchi**  
Professor of Politics and International Relations  
Graduate School of Public Policy, Chuo University and  
Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo
- **Professor Jia Qingguo**  
Associate Dean and Professor  
School of International Studies  
Peking University
- **Professor Peter Katzenstein**  
Walter S. Carpenter Chair Professor of International Studies  
Department of Government  
Cornell University
- **Professor Lynn T. White III**  
Professor of Politics and International Affairs  
Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs  
Princeton University

### Application

Application forms can be obtained from the Academic Services Enquiry Office (Room UG-05, Knowles Building, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road) or downloaded from the MIPA URL.

### Enquiry

Tel: (852) 2241-5563  
Fax: (852) 2858-3550  
Email: [mipa@hku.hk](mailto:mipa@hku.hk)  
URL: <http://www.hku.hk/ppaweb/mipa>



The University of Hong Kong

200812



**The University of Hong Kong**  
Department of Politics and  
Public Administration

**Master of International & Public Affairs (MIPA)**

# MIPA

Meeting  
the **Challenge** of a  
**Globalising World**



## The University of Hong Kong

As the territory's oldest institution of higher education, the University of Hong Kong (HKU) is a leading comprehensive research university in Asia. Since its first congregation with just 28 graduates in 1916, HKU today has over 15,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students, and over 1,200 academic staff teaching in 315 programmes every year. As Hong Kong's most prestigious university, HKU is dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence, promoting new knowledge and scientific, cultural, social advancement.

### Department of Politics and Public Administration

The Department of Politics and Public Administration has played a leading role in politics and public administration research and education in Hong Kong and Asia since 1969.

At both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, the Department is at the forefront offering academic training that are essential for students to become future leaders.

### What makes us unique?

**Strategic location:** As Asia's world city, Hong Kong is an ideal location for the study of international affairs. It is a place where the East meets the West, a regional communication and business hub, and the home for a large number of global transnational corporations. Over ninety countries have established consulate offices in Hong Kong because of its role as the gateway between China and the rest of the world.

**The Pioneer Programme:** MIPA is the first taught course postgraduate programme in international affairs offered in Hong Kong. The programme facilitates knowledge development and networking for those interested in international affairs. The faculty in the programme are dedicated scholars, trained in leading universities, and well connected with the academic, professional and policy communities regionally and internationally.

**Multi-disciplinary nature:** The MIPA is a multi-disciplinary programme with special reference to the Asia-Pacific region. It provides conceptual knowledge and in-depth understanding of regional and global affairs which are needed to meet the career challenge of globalization and international changes in today's world.

**Exciting hands-on experience and professional networking:** Our candidates are mid-career professionals-diplomats, government officials, journalists, public and private sector executives, political and economic analysts, public affairs specialists, NGO representatives, etc. from local and overseas. The mix of candidates makes the programme truly international and stimulating. The diverse backgrounds of our candidates allow for an exciting interaction and educational experience for all. MIPA is linked with world-wide policy com-

munities and a network of international affair specialists, which provide opportunities for candidates to interact with experts in the field.

**Flexible structure:** The flexible structure of the programme allows candidates to choose courses from international relations and its related fields (including law, business, media studies and public policy). Classes meet in weekday evenings or on Saturdays. Candidates can adjust their pace of study to complete 8 courses with a period of 2 years, with the options to do projects, dissertations, or study abroad. Those who prefer to take fewer courses can opt for a Postgraduate Diploma in International Affairs, which requires the completion of 5 courses within two years.

### Admission and degree requirements

To be admitted to the programme, an applicant should have an honour degree from a recognized university, preferable some training in international affairs, politics, public administration, business, law or journalism/communication or relevant professional experiences. English proficiency for Master-level academic study is required.

The MIPA requires intensive study and candidates are required to fulfill all requirements within two years. To ensure a balanced, comprehensive background in international and public affairs, each candidate must complete 8 courses, which consists of 6 core courses plus 2 electives within two years. Candidates may opt for a Postgraduate Diploma in International Affairs if they complete 5 courses within the period.

### Programme structure

To receive the award of Master of International and Public Affairs candidates must complete 8 courses or equivalent successfully within 2 years. In selecting courses candidates must meet the following requirements:

- 1) 2 compulsory courses;
- 2) No fewer than 4 core courses; and
- 3) No more than 2 elective courses.

The combination of course, for example, should include 6 core courses (including two compulsory courses) plus the equivalent of 2 courses from one of the following options:

- 2 more core/elective courses;
- 1 core/elective course plus a project of 10,000-12,000 words (equivalent to 1 elective course);
- A dissertation of 20,000 - 24,000 words (equivalent to 2 elective courses);
- 1 core/elective course plus 1 overseas study/internship which is equivalent to 1 elective course;

- 1 overseas study/internship which is equivalent to 2 elective courses;
- 2 overseas study/internship each equivalent to 1 elective course;
- Graduate exchange program with George Washington University (GWU). The Elliott School of International Affairs (to take 9 credit hours of coursework at GWU, which is equivalent to 2 MIPA elective courses).

#### Compulsory course list:

Theories of international relations  
International political economy

#### Core course list:

International organizations  
International relations in the Asia-Pacific  
Understanding global problems: theory and practice  
Chinese foreign policy  
International security in East Asia  
Intergovernmental relations in Greater China  
A selected topic in international and public affairs  
East Asian political economy  
War and armed conflict: Philosophical issues  
Government and law  
Government and the economy  
NGOs and governance  
China's governance in the reform era

#### Elective options:

Project (one course equivalent)  
Dissertation (two courses equivalent)  
Study abroad programme:  
Overseas study at Peking University: "Current issues in China's international relations" (one course equivalent)  
Overseas study at Johns Hopkins University: SAIS programme (one/two course equivalent)

Elective courses are also available from the following areas\*\*:

- Law (Department of Law, HKU)
- international business (School of Business, HKU)
- public policy (Department of Politics & Public Administration, HKU)
- media studies (Journalism and Media Studies Centre, HKU)
- graduate exchange program (The Elliott School of International Affairs of George Washington University)

\*\* subject to requirements and appropriate course fees as decided by host departments