



HKUSPACE

香港大學專業進修學院
HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education

HKU SPACE AT A GLANCE

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HKU SPACE was awarded the ASIIN Institutional Accreditation seal for its quality management in teaching and learning.



We are HKU SPACE

“Lifelong Learning for a Better Future”

Vision

In fulfilling the mission of The University of Hong Kong in developing and extending lifelong learning opportunities for the community, HKU SPACE aspires to be a world-class centre of excellence for the provision of professional and continuing education in Hong Kong and the region.

Mission

- Collaborate with the University and other institutions locally and globally in expanding lifelong learning opportunities for personal development, academic progression and professional and career advancement
- Engage with stakeholders to deliver high quality education and training programmes to meet the needs of society in Hong Kong and the region
- Be a strong advocate of lifelong learning for all to realise an educated citizenry and quality of life
- Excel in the provision of professional and continuing education in Hong Kong and the region
- Foster strategic partnerships locally and globally to promote international outlook and opportunities

Values

- Supportive of our learners, our staff and our partners
- Pioneering new initiatives and passionate for change
- Accountable to stakeholders with professionalism and integrity
- Creative and innovative in teaching and learning
- Excellent in the quality of what we do to serve our communities

HKU SPACE Receives 5-Year Extension of ASIIN Accreditation Seal



In relation to the International Quality Review, the German Agency, the Accreditation Agency for Study Programmes in Engineering, Informatics, Natural Sciences and Mathematics (ASIIN), has now confirmed that our institutional accreditation seal has been extended for 5 years until 30 September 2028. This confirms that HKU SPACE fulfils the institutional, procedural and cultural requirements for good teaching and successful learning. The experts commended that “HKU SPACE's institutional leadership is particularly strong, and the institution is procedurally rigorous.” Finally the Panel concluded that HKU SPACE has a strong base to build on and promising potential to further develop as a World Class Centre of Excellence in Continuing Education, Lifelong Learning and Transnational Education.

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History

“Your Department [of Extra-Mural Studies], which was instituted by the Court yesterday, is the most important of all our departments as far as public relations are concerned. Planned aright and if given full scope, your work will touch every section of the community, every stratum of our society; it is the most important means of explaining or making available to the masses the knowledge accumulated by the few.”

A congratulatory message delivered by Sir Lindsay Ride, the Vice-Chancellor of The University of Hong Kong, dated 22 May 1957.



The University of Hong Kong's Department of Extra Mural Studies (DEMS) was established in 1956/57, the first continuing education unit in a university in the region. DEMS played a significant role in the provision of lifelong learning opportunities for the wider community. In 1992, it was renamed as the School of Professional and Continuing Education (HKU SPACE). The University has a recognised role in lifelong learning and, as the continuing education arm of the University, HKU SPACE fulfills this part of the University's mission by providing learning opportunities for personal, professional and career advancement for people from all walks of life.

Major Milestones



1957

The Department of Extra Mural Studies of HKU established

1992

Renamed as The School of Professional and Continuing Education

1996

Self-financed operation commenced

1998

Chinese Medicine Clinic established

1999

Incorporated as a not-for-profit University company limited by guarantee

2000

HKU SPACE Community College established

2003

International College established (formerly known as Centre for International Degree Programmes)

2004

HKU SPACE ALUMNI formed

2006

HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College (HPSHCC) founded

2007

Collegiate structure established

2008

First custom built campus for Community College at Kowloon Bay

2014

HKU SPACE Honorary Fellowship established

2016

60th Anniversary

2022

Received international recognition on quality standards

3.4 million

Course Enrolments
(1957 - 2024)

HKU SPACE Today

The University manages the affairs of the School through a non-profit-making company limited by guarantee which has a Board of Directors that draws its members from the University itself and from the wider community. The School's academic programmes are monitored by the University Senate through the Board for Continuing and Professional Education and Lifelong Learning.

The School has a Collegiate organisation. The wide range of part-time courses offered at all academic levels are organised under 23 subject groups allocated among three Colleges: of Business and Finance (CBF), Humanities and Law (CHL) and Life Sciences and Technology (CLST). These three colleges also offer full-time overseas degree courses. All the Colleges offer award bearing programmes as well as non-award bearing programmes (including Executive Certificates and Diplomas). The Community College (CC) is responsible for full-time sub-degree courses. The HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College (HPSHCC) is a joint venture with a leading charitable association, Po Leung Kuk, and also offers full time sub-degree courses.

HKU SPACE collaborates with a wide range of academic and professional institutions globally (in the UK, Australia, the USA, Mainland China and Hong Kong). The School will continue to explore opportunities for further cooperation with reputable institutions, both local and overseas, in order to offer a greater variety of high quality and relevant programmes to students.



Our Part-time Programmes

The Colleges

- College of Business and Finance
- College of Humanities and Law
- College of Life Sciences and Technology

We organise our 23 subject groups under 15 major headings:

- Accounting & Finance
- Architecture, Environment & Housing
- Arts, Design & Culture
- Aviation, Transport & Logistics
- Business & Management
- Chinese Medicine
- Computing & Data Science
- Engineering & Science
- Healthcare, Sport & Wellness
- Hospitality & Lifestyle
- Languages
- Law
- Leadership Enhancement & Development
- Marketing
- Social Sciences



College of Business and Finance

Vision

Business education@HKUSPACE

- Articulation in achieving academic and professional awards
- Acquisition of essential professional and in-demand industry knowledge
- Advancement in career

Inspiring Your Future

Open new opportunities for the younger generation to be the future business leaders in the technology-driven economy fuelled by innovation

Scope of services and programmes

Programme areas include:

- Accounting and Corporate Governance
- Business Management
- Finance and Compliance
- FinTech and Financial Intelligence
- Hospitality, Tourism, Events and Lifestyle
- Human Capital Management and Innovation
- Investment Management, Risk Management
- Digital Marketing and Branding
- Retail, Fashion and Luxury Brand Management
- Supply Chain and Logistics Management
- Inbound Training and Overseas Study Tours

Recognition and awards

The College of Business and Finance has partnered with renowned professional bodies to offer in-demand skill sets courses in finance, accounting, management, marketing, hospitality, tourism, and events to cultivate business and financial talents for the fast-changing world. Please scan the QR code for more information.



College of Humanities and Law

Vision

To support the Vision of the School, the College of Humanities and Law is committed to offer quality training and programmes to meet the lifelong learning and developmental needs of the community. In the medium and long term, the College endeavours to encompass different professions and sectors of society, as well as Mainland China and nearby regions. By expanding its reach, the College hopes to make a greater impact on the lives of those it serves with the mission:

Learning to Be, Learning to Do

Scope of services and programmes

Programme areas include:

- Culture, Arts and Design
- English and European Languages
- Housing, Transport and Built Environment
- Law
- Oriental Studies
- Social Sciences

Language Centre:

- Centre for Language Education and Assessment

Recognition and awards

The College of Humanities and Law offers both online and in-person professional training and continuing education in humanities, law and languages. The College has built up good and long-term relationships with a wide range of professional bodies and works closely with them to cater for the professional development needs of our students to help enhance their career prospects. Please scan the QR code for more information.



College of Life Sciences and Technology

Vision

The College of Life Sciences and Technology aspires to become the most preferred centre for training and continuing professional development for the Holistic Wellness, Aviation and New Technology professions, promoting people's health and well-being and nurturing leaders of tomorrow to improve the quality of life for all in Hong Kong and the wider community.

Our College recognises that digital competence is essential for education and career success in the modern world. Therefore, we are committed to integrating AI into our curriculum and providing our teachers, students, and staff with the necessary digital skills and knowledge to enable them to excel in a technology-driven world.

Scope of services and programmes

The principal programme areas include:

- Applied Biomedical and General Sciences
- Aviation, Computing, Technology and Data Science
- Chinese Medicine
- Food, Nutrition and Healthcare
- Smart Wellness and Sustainability
- Sport, Exercise and Recreation Management

Training centre and consultation:

- Dietetic Clinic for Teaching and Research

Recognition and awards

A variety of high-quality educational and professional training programmes at different academic levels, ranging from short courses to postgraduate programmes, in the areas of A (Aviation, Transport and Logistics), B (Built Environment), C (Care), D (Data Science) and E (Environmental, Social and Governance) are designed to enhance students' personal and professional development and prepare graduates for employment, career advancement or further studies. Some programmes are related to professional qualifications or recognized by the relevant professional bodies for registration or practice. Please scan the QR code for more information.



Our Full-time Programmes

HKU SPACE has offered full-time programmes leading to sub-degree awards - Associate Degree, and Higher Diploma since the year 2000 when the School established the first **Community College** in Hong Kong. Sub-degree education provides an alternative study pathway for those secondary school graduates who could not enter university. Sub-degree graduates can have a second chance to continue their studies in a tertiary institution or start their career after graduation.

In 2003, the School established the **International College** (formerly Centre for International Degree Programmes) to provide full-time top-up degrees for those Community College graduates who would like to pursue a bachelor degree awarded by public universities in the UK and Australia. The study programmes can be completed in Hong Kong without going overseas.





Programme Categories

- Arts & Humanities
- Business & Economics
- Engineering & Technology
- English
- Mathematics & Science
- Social Sciences

Highlights

Introduction

HKU SPACE Community College (CC) is now regarded as a premier educational institution offering a comprehensive range of award-bearing programmes in many subjects leading to sub-degree awards (Associate Degree / Higher Diploma). Successful completion of any academic programme offered by the CC leads to an award within the University of Hong Kong system through HKU SPACE. Its high-calibre programmes are designed to align with university curricula with the chief aim of providing students with additional pathways to enter university degree studies as well as to prepare them for specific professions.

Founded in
the Year **2000**

First of its kind
in Hong Kong

Around 11,100
students in 2024/2025

39 sub-degree
programmes offered to date

Around **5,300**

Students have progressed to HKU (Highest admission rate among local community colleges)

Over **17,000**

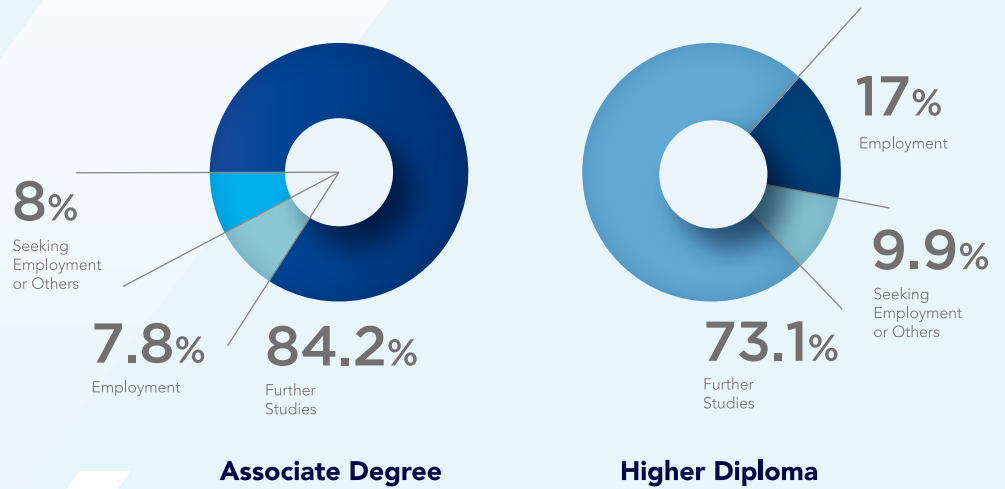
Admitted to UGC-funded degree programmes

Over **32,000**

Admitted to local and overseas bachelor's degree programmes

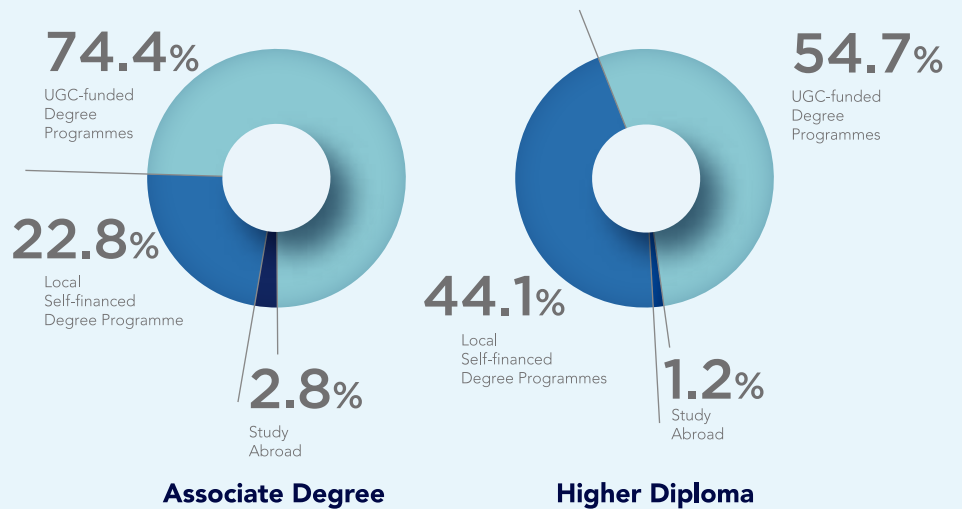
Articulation Data

2024 Destination Survey Of Graduates / Students*



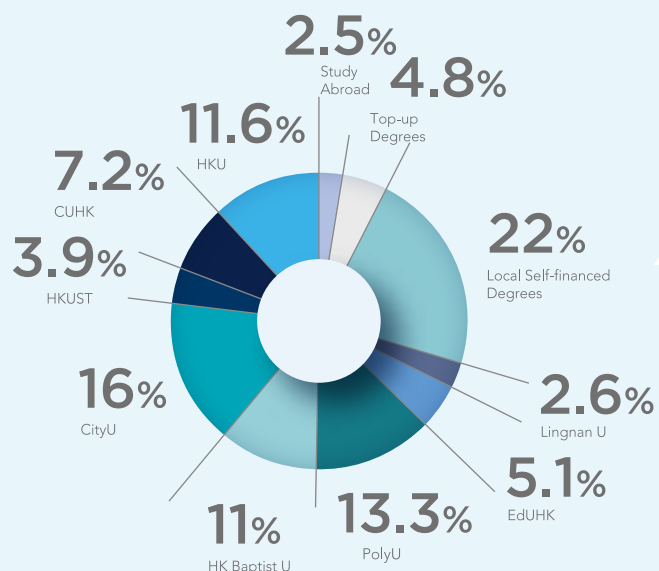
* Not including Higher Diploma in Dental Hygiene.

2024 Articulation Data To Full-time Degree Programmes*



* Not including Higher Diploma in Dental Hygiene.

2024 Articulation Data By Institution*



* Those who progress to full-time degree studies not including Higher Diploma in Dental Hygiene.

Articulation To Overseas Universities

The College has set up articulation agreements with a number of overseas universities. Many of these universities also offer exemptions and credit transfers for our students.

Australia

University of South Australia
University of New South Wales
Swinburne University of Technology
Queensland University of Technology
The University of Queensland
Monash University
Bond University

UK

Manchester Metropolitan University
University of the West of England, Bristol
Newcastle University
University of Plymouth
University of Ulster
University of Huddersfield
Swansea University
University of Bolton
Oxford Brookes University
University of Dundee
University of Bath

Korea

University of Ulsan

Awards, Scholarships & Bursaries

In 2023/2024,

over

800

students obtained awards, scholarships and bursaries

over

HK \$13m

was offered to eligible candidates

HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College (HPSHCC)



Founded in 2006, HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Community College is a joint venture with a leading charitable institution, Po Leung Kuk. In appreciation of a donation received from businessman and philanthropist Dr Stanley Ho, the College was officially renamed as "HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College (HPSHCC)" in 2015.

The Associate Degree and Higher Diploma programmes offered by HPSHCC are planned and accredited by HKU SPACE in accordance with its stringent quality assurance process. Successful completion of most programmes offered by the College leads to an award within The University of Hong Kong (HKU) system through HKU SPACE. The College now offers two of its own awards accredited by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic & Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ).



Unlock Global Opportunities - International Degrees in Hong Kong

Introduction

HKU SPACE International College (IC) offers full-time non-local undergraduate programmes covering a wide range of areas for sub-degree holders or HKDSE/IB/GCE graduates. All programmes are delivered in collaboration with universities in the UK and Australia with a duration between 10 and 36 months. All the non-local programmes are on the Register of Exempted Courses under the Non-local Higher and Professional Education (Regulation) Ordinance, Cap. 493 in Hong Kong. The standard of the courses offered locally is comparable to that of the courses offered in the home countries.

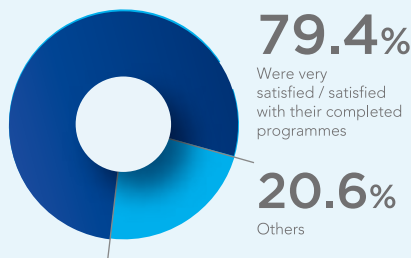
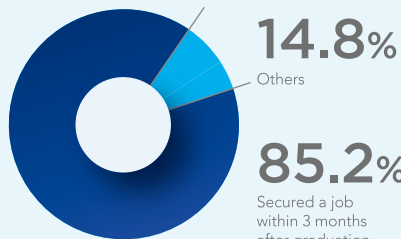
Established in 2003	Offers over 15 full-time undergraduate (full and top-up degree) programmes	Over 9,000 graduates awarded bachelor's degree from our overseas partner universities
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136

Total No. of Graduates from IC in 2024

68

Total No. of Respondents from "Graduate Survey Final Report"



Programme Categories

- Accounting, Finance, Business and Management
- Art and Design
- Aviation Studies
- Culture, Communication and Media
- Food and Nutrition
- Marketing Management
- Hospitality, Tourism and Events

Partner Universities

- University of London
- University of the Arts London
- Edinburgh Napier University
- Ulster University
- University of Hull
- University of Plymouth
- Middlesex University London
- Swinburne University of Technology

Scholarships & Student Awards

In 2024/2025

- **111** students obtained Scholarships
- **15** students obtained Bursaries
- **2** students obtained Top Student Award

These are exempted courses under the Non-Local Higher and Professional Education (Regulation) Ordinance. It is a matter of discretion for individual employers to recognise any qualification to which these courses may lead.

Facts and Figures



Academic Statistics

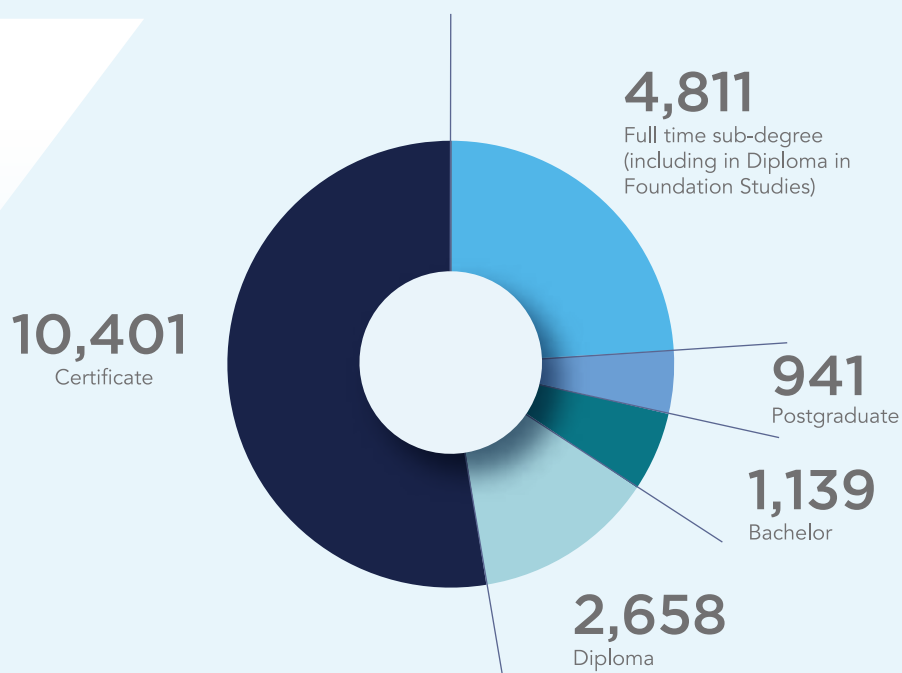
2023 / 2024

Enrolment Statistics (2023/2024)

Level	No. of Programmes	Course Enrolment Numbers	Full-time Equivalent (FTE)
Postgraduate Programmes	76	6,425	732
Degree Programme (Including Full-time Degree Programmes)	51	8,659	1,326
Diplomas and Certificates	394	34,231	4,276
General / Short Courses (Including Non-award Bearing Professional Courses)	580	34,404	2,179
Community College Programmes (Full-time Associate Degree and Higher Diploma Programmes)	59	11,575	11,575
TOTAL	1,160	95,294	20,088

Academic Awards (2023/2024)

19,950
Academic Awards



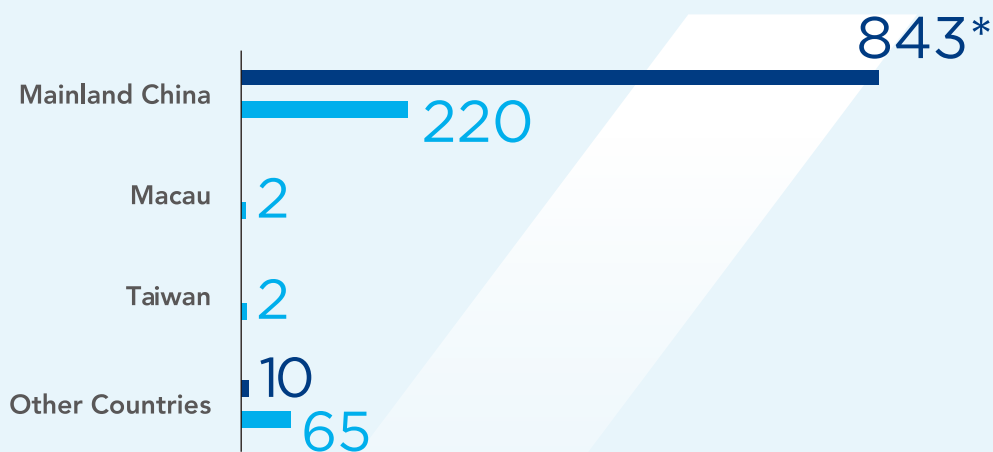
Academic Programmes Offered (2023/2024)

College/Institute/Academy	No. of Programmes
College of Business and Finance	366
College of Humanities and Law	503
College of Life Sciences and Technology	213
Community Colleges (Full-time, including short courses)	61
International College (Full-time)	17
TOTAL	1,160

Non-local Students (2024/2025, as at 31/12/2024)

853
Full-time

289
Part-time



Full-time Part-time

* 578 students from the HKU SPACE Community College;
255 students from the HKU SPACE Stanley Ho Community College;
10 students from the College of Humanities and Law, and the College of Life Sciences and Technology.

Our Partners

Universities

UK

University of London*

- London School of Economics (LSE)
- UCL
- Goldsmiths
- Queen Mary

King's College London*

University of Bath

University of the Arts London*

Edinburgh Napier University*

Manchester Metropolitan University*

University of Ulster*

University of Plymouth

University of Hull

University of Leicester

Middlesex University London

University of Greenwich

University of Sunderland

University of Northumbria at Newcastle



Australia

The University of Melbourne

Swinburne University of Technology

Charles Sturt University



*Strategic partner

Number of Partnered Programmes by Country (2024)

80

Total No. of Programmes

3,208

Total No. of Students

Awarding Body



Awarding Body



Awarding Body



Academic Direction



Academic Direction



Professional Bodies

Asia Pacific Loan Market Association (APLMA)
Association of Building Engineers
Association of Building Engineers (UK)
Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS)
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
Association of International Accountants (AIA)
Australian Library and Information Association
British Dietetic Association (BDA)
British Occupational Hygiene Society
Chartered Association of Building Engineers
Chartered Institute of Housing, Asian Pacific Branch
Chartered Institute of Insurance
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)
Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM)
Chartered Management Institute
CPA Australia
Foundation de la Haute Horlogerie
Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), UK
Hong Kong Academy of Accredited Dietitians (HKAAD)
Hong Kong Bar Association
Hong Kong Brand Development Council
Hong Kong Coaching Committee
Hong Kong Enterostomal Therapists Association (HKETA)
Hong Kong Federation of Design and Creative Industries
Hong Kong Federation of Insurers
Hong Kong Fintech Industry Association
Hong Kong Institute of Architectural Conservationists (HKICON)
Hong Kong Institute of Building Information Modelling (HKIBIM)
Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA)
Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute (HKCGI)
Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers
Hong Kong Institute of Civil and Building Information Management (HKICBIM)
Hong Kong Institute of Human Resource Management
Hong Kong Institute of Marketing (HKIM)
Hong Kong Institute of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene
Hong Kong Internet & eCommerce Association
Hong Kong Internet Fintech Industry Association
Hong Kong Investor Relations Association
Hong Kong Library Association (HKLA)
Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association
Hong Kong Medical Laboratory Technologists Board
Hong Kong Public Relations Professional's Association
Hong Kong Physiotherapy Association
Hong Kong Statistical Society
Institute of Financial Planners of Hong Kong (IFPHK)
Institute of Financial Technologists of Asia
Institute of Shopping Centre Management
Interactive Advertising Bureau Hong Kong
International Federation of Aromatherapy
National Association of Holistic Aromatherapy Physiotherapists Board
Project Management Institute (Hong Kong Chapter)
Royal Institute of British Architects
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Sake Service Institutes International
Spanish Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong
Shenzhen Reform and Opening Up Executive Leadership Academy
Specialty Coffee Association
The Asian Business Aviation Association
The Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies (CHKLC)
The Chartered Institute of Building
The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT)
The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong
The Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong
The Construction Industry Council
The Dental Council of Hong Kong
The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers
The Hong Kong Institute of Clerks of Works (HKICW)
The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
The Hong Kong Institute of Facility Management
The Hong Kong Institute of Housing
The Hong Kong Institute of Land Administration
The Hong Kong Shippers' Council
The Institution of Occupational Safety and Health
The International Council on Archives
The Law Society of Hong Kong
The Life Underwriters Association of Hong Kong Ltd
The Midwifery Council of Hong Kong
The Nursing Council of Hong Kong
The Wine and Spirit Education Trust, UK
Training Qualifications UK
Treasury Markets Association
World Council of Enterostomal Therapists (WCET)

[not exhaustive, not in ranking order]

Staff Strength

4

Senior Management

216

Academic Staff
Teaching & Programme Management

342

Non-academic Staff
Programme Management

374

Non-academic Staff
Administrative & Support

Total

936

Full-time Equivalent
(as at 31/01/2025)

1,974

Part-time Teachers
(2023/2024 academic year)



Our Alumni



- Inaugurated in 2004
- To build active and lifelong relationships amongst alumni members, and between the School and the ALUMNI
- To maintain and foster a supportive and mutually beneficial relationship with the ALUMNI and the HKU SPACE, and to promote the vision and mission of the HKU SPACE
- over 393,000 alumni members, including 873 Life members

Engagement Metrics

260,500

No. of followers on social media (2023/2024)

35,700

Website account users (as at 28/2/2025)

57%

Conversion on 'Prospective students to students' for the website account users (2023/2024)

29.2%

Rate of returning students (2023/2024)



Learning Spaces

As at 28 February 2025

10

Enrolment /
Learning Centres

267

Classrooms and computer/
special laboratories

627,000

 sq.ft.

Gross Covered Floor Area
(excluding office space)



Major Enrolment / Learning Centres

Hong Kong Island

- Admiralty Learning Centre, Admiralty
- United Learning Centre, Admiralty
- HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College Campus, Causeway Bay
- Fortress Tower Learning Centre, North Point
- Island East Campus, North Point
- Island South (Pokfulam) Campus, Pokfulam

Kowloon

- Kowloon East Campus, Kowloon Bay
- Kowloon East (Kingston) Learning Centre
- CITA Learning Centre, Kowloon Bay
- Kowloon West Campus, Lai Chi Kok




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