

HONG KONG METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

Regulations for the Postgraduate Certificate in Business Administration and Master of Business Administration (for students admitted in 2018 Autumn term and thereafter)

The programmes of Postgraduate Certificate in Business Administration and Master of Business Administration have been phased out from 2020 Spring term. The University will continue to confer the award of the Postgraduate Certificate in Business Administration and Master of Business Administration up to December 2025.

1. General

- 1.1 These regulations are made under paragraphs 1 to 4 of the Regulations for the Award of Postgraduate Degrees and paragraphs 1 to 4 of the Regulations for the Award of Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates.
- 1.2 In these regulations, definitions shall apply as in the Regulations for the Award of Postgraduate Degrees and the Regulations for the Award of Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates and in the Interpretation Section of the Academic Rules and Regulations.
- 1.3 The Regulations Governing the Articulation of Qualifications shall apply for conversion of **Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Accounting** to the award of **Master of Business Administration**.

2. Entry Requirements

- 2.1 To enter the **Postgraduate Certificate in Business Administration** programme, a student shall normally possess:
 - 2.1.1 a recognized degree in a non-business area (or its equivalent), plus at least two years of supervisory/managerial experience.

or

 - 2.1.2 a recognized tertiary academic qualification (such as a diploma), plus at least six years of supervisory/managerial experience.
- 2.2 To enter the **Master of Business Administration** programme, a student shall normally possess:
 - 2.2.1 a recognized degree in a business-related area (or its equivalent), or a qualification equivalent to the HKMU's PCBA; or
 - 2.2.2 a recognized degree in a non-business area (or its equivalent), plus at least three years of recognized supervisory/managerial experience; or
 - 2.2.3 a recognized post-secondary qualification at Qualifications Framework Level 4 (or its equivalent), plus at least ten years of supervisory/managerial experience.
- 2.3 To enter the **Master of Business Administration** programme through pathway 1, a student shall normally possess:
 - 2.3.1 a recognized Master's degree in a business-related area (or its equivalent).

3. Postgraduate Certificate in Business Administration (PCBA)

- 3.1 To be eligible for the award of the **Postgraduate Certificate in Business Administration**, a student shall:
 - 3.1.1 comply with the Regulations for Admission, Registration and Maintenance of Status; and
 - 3.1.2 comply with the Regulations for the Award of Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates; and
 - 3.1.3 obtain 20 credits from MGT B800 or MGT B880 (labelled CC in Table 1), prescribed by the regulations as appropriate to the postgraduate certificate, for which notice has been given.

4. Master of Business Administration (MBA) ³

- 4.1 To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Master of Business Administration**, a student shall:
 - 4.1.1 comply with the Regulations for Admission, Registration and Maintenance of Status; and
 - 4.1.2 comply with the Regulations for the Award of Postgraduate Degrees; and
 - 4.1.3 obtain the following 60 credits prescribed by the regulations as appropriate to the degree for which notice has been given:
 - 4.1.3.1 successfully complete 30 credits from BUS B859 and MGT B820 or MGT B881 (labelled CM in Table 1); and
 - 4.1.3.2 obtain a further 30 credits from optional courses (labelled OM in Table 1).
- 4.2 Up to 20 credits awarded by the UK Open University for satisfactory completion of one or more of the courses labelled UKOU in Table 1 may be counted towards the requirements of the MBA programme.

5. Master of Business Administration (through pathway 1) (MBA1) ³

- 5.1 To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Master of Business Administration**, a student who entered the programme through pathway 1 shall:
 - 5.1.1 comply with the Regulations for Admission, Registration and Maintenance of Status; and
 - 5.1.2 comply with the Regulations for the Award of Postgraduate Degrees; and
 - 5.1.3 obtain the following 40 credits prescribed by the regulations as appropriate to the degree for which notice has been given:
 - 5.1.3.1 successfully complete 30 credits from BUS B859 and MGT B820 or MGT B881 (labelled CM in Table 1); and
 - 5.1.3.2 obtain a further 10 credits from optional courses (labelled OM in Table 1).

5.2 Up to 20 credits awarded by the UK Open University for satisfactory completion of one or more of the courses labelled UKOU in Table 1 may be counted towards the requirements of the MBA programme.

Table 1: Courses currently on offer (Phased out courses that can be counted towards the degree are listed in note 4)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	PCBA	MBA
MGT B800 ^{1,4}	Foundations of Senior Management	20	CC	--
BUS B859	Applied Business Project	20	--	CM
MGT B820 ^{1,4}	Strategy	10	--	CM/UKOU
MGT B822 ^{1,4}	Creativity, Innovation and Change	10	--	OM/UKOU
MGT B827 ^{1,4}	Strategic Human Resource Management	10	--	OM/UKOU
IB B890 ⁴	International Management Strategy	10	--	OM/UKOU
ACT B861 ¹	Accounting for Corporations	5	--	OM
ACT B864	Tax Framework	5	--	OM
ACT B865 ¹	Strategic Management Accounting	5	--	OM
BIS B892	Advanced Information Systems and Electronic Commerce Strategy	10	--	OM
BUS B880	Directed Studies in Business Research	20	--	OM
BUS B899	Business and Entrepreneurship Project	10	--	OM
CGV B898	Issues in Corporate Governance	10	--	OM
FIN B850	Investment and Portfolio Management	10	--	OM
FIN B851	Financial Planning and Risk Management	10	--	OM
FIN B862 ^{1,4}	Treasury and Financial Management	5	--	OM
FIN B872 ^{1,4}	Special Topics in Corporate Finance and Risk Management	5	--	OM
LAW B868	Corporate Law	5	--	OM
MGT B819	Concepts and Practices of Contemporary Business Administration	10	--	OM
MGT B838	Managing Knowledge	10	--	OM
IB B891 ⁴	International Marketing Strategy	10	--	OM
IB B893 ⁴	Strategic Issues for Management in the Asia Pacific Region	10	--	OM

Notes:

1. This course forms an excluded combination with other course(s). Only one of the courses in the [excluded combination](#) can be counted towards an HKMU award. Students should refer to the list of [excluded combinations](#) for details.
2. Students who have enrolled on the MBA programme before October 2001 may have the credits from ACT B867 and/or BUS B885 counted as courses labelled OM towards the MBA degree.
3. Students admitted to the MBA programme in or before April 2012 were originally under Pathway 1 or Pathway 2 or Pathway 3 (i.e. MBAPATH1 or MBAPATH2 or MBAPATH3). Under the current programme structure, students are regrouped into MBA or MBA1 as follows:

Programme structure effective in April 2012 or before	Programme structure effective in October 2012 and after
MBA via Pathway 1 (MBAPATH1)	MBA
MBA via Pathway 2 (MBAPATH2)	
MBA via Pathway 3 (MBAPATH3)	MBA via Pathway 1 (MBA1)

4. The following phased out courses are no longer available. Students who have successfully completed any of these courses can have the credits awarded for the phased out course(s) counted towards the PCBA/MBA programme, and are deemed to have completed corresponding replacement course(s), if any, subject to the requirements of relevant regulations.

Table 2: Phased out courses

Phased out Courses			Replacement courses			Label in PCBA	Label in MBA	Note
Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	Course Code	Course Title	Course credits			
FIN B883	Corporate Financial Strategy	10	FIN B862	Treasury and Financial Management	5	--	OM/UKOU	--
			FIN B872	Special Topics in Corporate Finance and Risk Management	5	--	OM/UKOU	--
MGT B880	The Competent Manager	20	MGT B800	Foundations of Senior Management	20	CC	--	--
MGT B881	Strategic Management	10	MGT B820	Strategy	10	--	CM/UKOU	--
MGT B882	Creative Management	10	MGT B822	Creativity, Innovation and Change	10	--	OM/UKOU	--

Phased out Courses			Replacement courses			Label in PCBA	Label in MBA	Note
Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	Course Code	Course Title	Course credits			
MGT B884	Human Resource Strategies	10	MGT B827	Strategic Human Resource Management	10	--	OM/UKOU	--
MGT B824	Managing Human Resources	10				--	OM/UKOU	--
ACT B825	Theory and Practice of Accounting	10	No replacement			--	OM	--
MKT B890	International Management Strategy	10	IB B890	International Management Strategy	10	--	OM/UKOU	1
MKT B891	International Marketing Strategy	10	IB B891	International Marketing Strategy	10	--	OM	1
MKT B893	Strategic Issues for Management in the Asia Pacific Region	10	IB B893	Strategic Issues for Management in the Asia Pacific Region	10	--	OM	1

Note to Table 2:

1. Change of course code

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