

*MSc / PgD in*  
International  
Shipping and  
Transport  
Logistics

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## WHY POLYU

- Providing application-oriented education since 1937
- Collaborating with over 280 institutions
- Offering over 160 taught programmes
- Working on over 2,750 research projects

### International Rankings

#03

QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2024 (Hong Kong)

#07

Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings 2024

#10

Times Higher Education (THE) World's Most International Universities 2024

#19

Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2024

## WHY POLYU BUSINESS SCHOOL

- A comprehensive portfolio of academic programmes
- Over 170 world-class scholars including specialists in accounting, finance, logistics, management, marketing, and transport
- Research and specialist centres facilitate single and multidisciplinary studies
- International context and culturally diverse environment
- Network of over 55,000 alumni

### Accreditations



### International Rankings

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Clarivate Web of Science 2021-2023: Shipping Research

#01

ShanghaiRanking Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS) 2023: Management

#41

UTD (University of Texas at Dallas) Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings based on Research Contributions 2019-2023

#45

Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2024: Business & Economics



## DEAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Faculty of Business of PolyU.

The Faculty of Business, known as PolyU Business School (PBS), is a world-class business school that offers top-quality academic programmes and spearheads cutting-edge research in business and related disciplines. We take pride in our accreditations from AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) and EQUIS (EFMD Quality Improvement System).

Dedicated to the pursuit of **Innovation-driven Education and Scholarship (IDEAS)**, PBS collaborates with stakeholders to create a positive societal impact sustainably, with a focus on Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area. Through our educational programmes, partnerships, and close connections with industry and the professional community, we aim to share knowledge and technology with the wider community.

Our comprehensive portfolio of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, many of which are endorsed by professional bodies, encompass key areas such as accounting, aviation, business artificial intelligence, ESG, finance, logistics, management, maritime, marketing, shipping, and transport. Alongside the BBA, MBA, DBA/DMgt, DFinTech, and specialised master's degrees, our research programmes also lead to the MPhil and PhD qualifications.

To maintain currency of our academic programmes and specialist consultancy services, our faculty members conduct pioneering and impactful research within and across their disciplines, supported by our Case Consortium and centres for branding and marketing, digital transformation, economic sustainability and entrepreneurial finance, financial technology, leadership and innovation, maritime data and sustainable development, and shipping and logistics. Our research has been ranked 41st globally in *The UTD Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings based on Research Contributions 2019-2023*.

We invite you to become part of our community of over 170 esteemed scholars from around the world, 4,800 students, and 55,000 alumni.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edwin Cheng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

**Ir Prof. T.C. Edwin Cheng**

*IASCYS Academician, FHKEng, ScD, PhD*

Dean, Faculty of Business

Fung Yiu King – Wing Hang Bank Professor in Business Administration

Chair Professor of Management

## HEAD'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the postgraduate programmes offered by the Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies at the Faculty of Business, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

As the region's foremost provider of education in logistics, maritime, supply chain and operations management, PolyU has established a strong academic reputation in these fields. We have founded four research centres – the C.Y. Tung International Centre for Maritime Studies, the PolyU Maritime Data and Sustainable Development Centre, the Logistics Research Centre and the Shipping Research Centre – to advance our mission of delivering high-quality research and education. Our postgraduate programmes, taught by highly qualified academics with extensive research and consultancy experience, will prepare you to contribute to the future development of Hong Kong and the Mainland in these sectors.

The Faculty of Business blends the best of academia and real-world business. Our curriculum strikes a balance between academic theories and practical applications. We have collaborated closely with leading professionals in Hong Kong's logistics and maritime industries to ensure our programmes remain relevant in today's ever-evolving business landscape.

Our Faculty is ranked 41st globally, according to the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings, based on research contributions to 24 leading business journals between 2019 and 2023. Join us for a unique learning experience in logistics, maritime, and operations management, and equip yourself for future challenges.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Yeung'.

**Prof. Andy C.L. Yeung**

Head and Chair Professor of Operations Management  
Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies

# MSc / PgD in INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT LOGISTICS (Mixed-mode)

Programme Code:

MSc: 44087-IFM (Full-time), 44087-IPM (Part-time)

PgD: 44087-TFP (Full-time), 44087-TPP (Part-time)

Programme Director:

Dr Yang Dong

Deputy Programme Director:

Prof. Stephen Li

## Aim

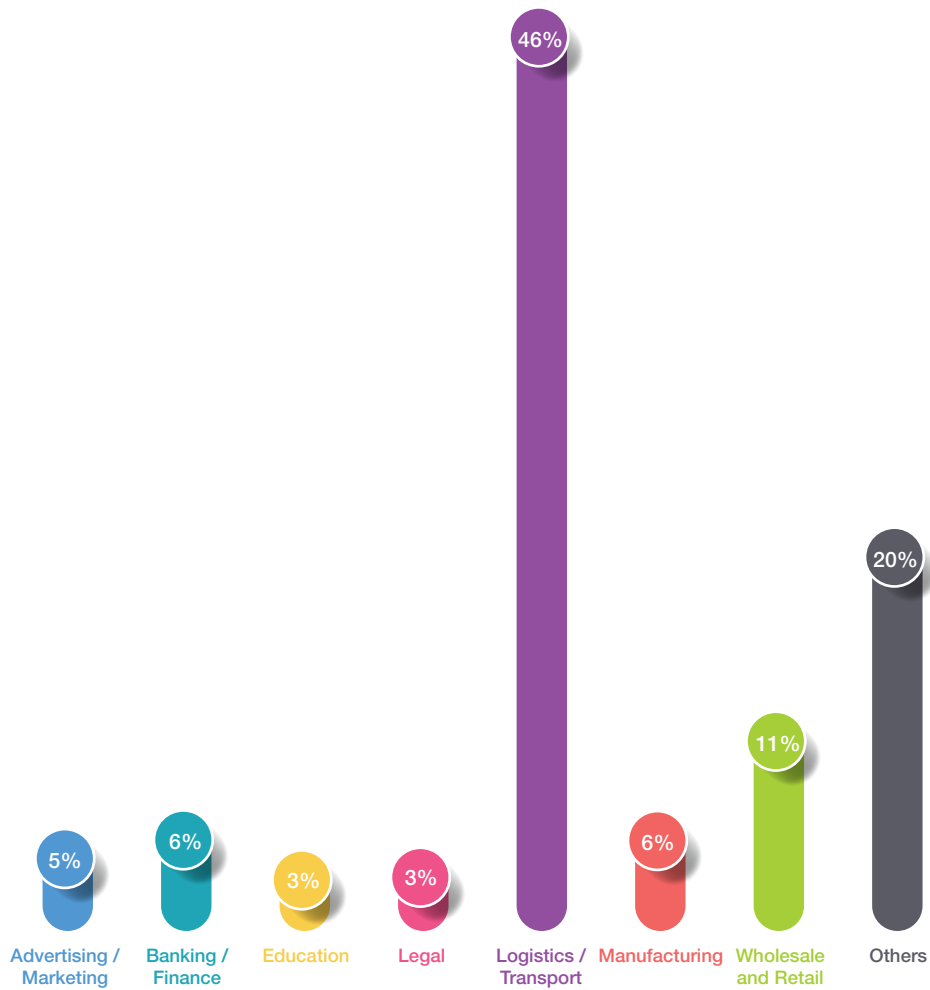
This programme enables students to introduce modern and cost-effective reforms into the shipping, transport, and logistics industries.

## Features

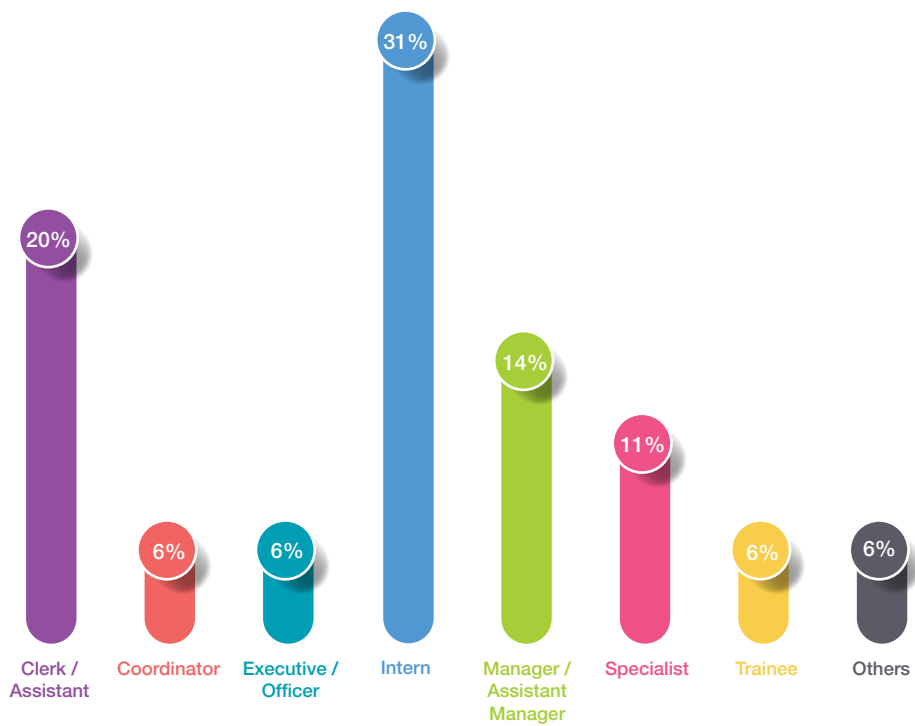
- Curriculum designed in consultation with industry leaders and prospective employers
- Academic theory balanced with professional practice
- Multidisciplinary knowledge integrated with specialist expertise
- Graduates pursue diverse career paths
- Graduates are granted exemptions from professional examinations
- Postgraduate Diploma offered as an intermediate exit

## Professional Recognition

- Graduates with the MSc in International Shipping and Transport Logistics are granted full exemption from the Qualifying Examination of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong (CILTHK).
- Graduates with the PgD in International Shipping and Transport Logistics are granted Level 1 and Level 2 (6 subjects) exemption from the Qualifying Examination of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong (CILTHK).
- Graduates with the MSc/PgD in International Shipping and Transport Logistics are granted exemption from the following subject of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS):
  - Introduction to Shipping



2024 / 25 Intake by Sector



2024 / 25 Intake by Role

## **Structure** (subject to review)

### For MSc

Students complete 34 credits (2 Compulsory Subjects, 5 Restricted Elective Subjects and 5 Free Elective Subjects).

In addition to the Compulsory and Restricted Elective Subjects, students can choose to complete a 6-credit Project plus 3 Free Elective Subjects.

### For PgD

Students complete 19 credits (2 Compulsory Subjects and 5 Restricted Elective Subjects).

## **Compulsory Subject**

*(for both MSc and PgD) \**

- Academic Integrity and Ethics in Business (1 credit)
- International Logistics Systems, Operations and Management \*

## **Restricted Elective Subjects**

Students need to choose at least 5 Restricted Elective Subjects *(for both MSc and PgD)*

*Choose at least two from the focus on International Shipping:*

- Liner Shipping Management\*
- Organisational Management in Shipping and Logistics\*
- Port Policy and Management\*
- Ship Chartering Strategies\*
- Strategic Management for International Shipping

*Choose at least one from the focus on Shipping Economics and Finance:*

- Finance for Shipping and Logistics
- Shipping Economics and Markets

*Choose at least one from the focus on Shipping Law and Insurance:*

- Law and Practice in Marine Insurance\*
- Shipping Law\*

*Choose at least one from the focus on International Logistics:*

- Air Transport Logistics and Management\*
- Supply Chain Management\*

Students may take more Restricted Elective Subjects than required. The extras will be counted as Free Elective Subjects.



## **Free Elective Subjects**

*(for MSc only)* <sup>+</sup>

*Focus on International Shipping:*

- Maritime Logistics

*Focus on Shipping Economics and Finance:*

- Accounting for Managers

*Focus on Shipping Law and Insurance:*

- Admiralty Law
- Contract Management
- Maritime Arbitration Law

*Focus on International Logistics (Air Logistics Management):*

- Air Transport Regulatory Policy
- Airline Strategic Management
- Airport Business Management
- Aviation Marketing
- Aviation Safety Management
- Intermodal Transport Management

*Others:*

- Applications of Decision Making Models
- Coding for Management with Python
- E-Commerce
- Enterprise Resource Planning
- Information Systems for Supply Chain Management
- Project (6 credits)
- Project Management
- Research Methods
- Risk Management in Operations
- Statistics for Management
- Strategies and Technologies in Warehousing Management
- Transport Logistics in China

<sup>+</sup> The offering of subjects is subject to class quota availability.

<sup>^</sup> Each subject counts for 3 credits while Project is worth 6 credits.

The programme (MSc in International Shipping and Transport Logistics) is recognized under the Qualifications Framework (QF Level 6).



<sup>\*</sup> These subjects have been included in the list of reimbursable courses under the Continuing Education Fund (CEF).

## Mode of study: Mixed-mode

Students can pursue their studies in either a full-time study load (taking 9 credits or more in a semester) or a part-time study load (taking less than 9 credits in a semester). In general, **one evening class** per week will be scheduled for each subject over a regular 13-week semester and **two evening classes** per week over a 7-week optional Summer Term.

## Duration

### For MSc

Part-time mode: two and a half (2.5) academic years including optional summer terms

Full-time mode: two (2) academic years including optional summer terms

Students can complete the programme in one (1) year in Full-time mode according to their own study pace.

### For PgD

Part-time mode: two and a half (2.5) academic years including optional summer terms

Full-time mode: two (2) academic years including optional summer terms

Students can complete the programme in one (1) year in Full-time mode according to their own study pace.

Students who wish to extend their studies beyond normal duration can submit such request to the Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies for consideration.

**Students will be required to attend more classes in the evening if they choose the full-time option and the duration of study will be subject to class quota availability.**

As students are more likely to find time to attend classes on weekends rather than weekdays, with prior arrangement, there may be occasional delivery in short block mode over weekends.

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*I was somewhat of an outlier when I joined this programme: I earned my first master's degree 20 years ago. Then, 20 years later, I earned a second one in International Shipping and Transport Logistics. My reason for becoming an ISTL-er was simple: I was tired of working.*

*Fast forward one and a half years of immersive study, and I can say with confidence that this programme has transformed me. I have rediscovered my passion. The world of shipping and logistics is fascinating and diverse, from shipping finance to chartering, from aviation to supply chain management. The programme is meticulously designed to cultivate the perfect mindset and skillset for this dynamic sector.*

*Just last weekend, I joined my fellow graduates for PolyU-themed cocktails at Hotel Icon. They had been recruited by brokerage firms, carriers, ocean terminals, and the logistics departments of multinational corporations. Seeing the spark in their eyes – the same spark as I felt when I began work 20 years ago – filled me with immense pride.*

*If you crave anything but the ordinary, the ISTL programme is the perfect place to start. It may be challenging, but it will never be dull. Say cheers and bon voyage, future ISTL-ers!”*

**Huang Xumin**

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*As an aviation professional with 14 years of experience, I wanted to explore intermodal transport management. This led me to the PolyU MSc in International Shipping and Transport Logistics, supported by the prestigious Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowship Scheme.*

*The programme is a wonderful way to learn from academic professionals. Its comprehensive subjects have instilled a deep understanding of global logistics and supply chain management, enriched my expertise, and inspired me to explore unlimited possibilities in my career and business ventures.*

*Through this master's journey, my professional networks have expanded through connections that I formed with like-minded peers. These networks provided me with innovative and transformative ideas for my own aviation enterprise, and the confidence and expertise to seamlessly integrate my aviation background with the strategic insights that I acquired from the programme. This paved the way for a dynamic and impactful future in the international shipping and logistics industry. The skills and insights that I have gained have empowered me to develop a more flexible, passionate, and mature business mindset.*

**To Yee Man Tania**

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## Scholarships

### Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme (subject to approval)

- Fellowships shall be awarded to local students of MSc programme

*PolyU reserves the right to change or withdraw the scholarship/fellowship at any time. In case of dispute/disagreement, PolyU's decision is final.*

### LMS Taught Postgraduate Programme Scholarship Scheme

- Merit-based scholarship of HK\$50,000 for each recipient

### Master of Science in International Shipping and Transport Logistics Scholarship for International Student

- For entry to Programme Stream 44087-IFM: MSc in International Shipping and Transport Logistics [Mixed-mode] (Full-time)
- Available for overseas applicants, outside of mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, with outstanding academic and non-academic performance
- Waiver of tuition fee plus living cost subsidy

### The Hong Kong Maritime and Logistics Scholarship Scheme

- For entry to Programme Stream 44087-ISS \*
- Available for all local and non-local applicants

*\* Programme Stream 44087-ISS: Full-time Mode under the MSc in International Shipping and Transport Logistics Programme. For details of this Scholarship and Programme Stream 44087-ISS, please visit [lms.polyu.edu.hk/study/tpg/istl/full-time-stream](https://lms.polyu.edu.hk/study/tpg/istl/full-time-stream).*

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*I am honoured to have been nominated by Dr Yang Dong to share my experiences as a graduate of the MSc International Shipping and Transport Logistics programme. My time in this programme has been incredibly rewarding, not only for the professional shipping knowledge I acquired but also for the valuable friendships I formed along the way. The programme provided a rigorous and comprehensive education that deepened my understanding of the maritime industry and equipped me with the skills needed for a successful career.*

*Equally important, the programme fostered a vibrant community of like-minded individuals who share a passion for shipping. The camaraderie and mutual support among my peers greatly enhanced my learning experience. We collaborated on projects, shared insights, and supported each other through the challenges of our studies. These friendships have continued beyond graduation, creating a network of professionals that I can rely on throughout my career.*

*I am grateful for the opportunities and connections the programme has provided. I am excited to see how my fellow graduates and I will contribute to the future of the maritime industry.*

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**Ho Ka Yee Alex**



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*During my time in this programme, I was fortunate to encounter many inspiring mentors and friends. The vibrant shipping environment in Hong Kong offered me valuable opportunities to connect with industry professionals, significantly enhancing my personal skills. The programme aligned perfectly with my ambition to join the maritime industry, shaping my career aspirations. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to pursue my dream, and I look forward to contributing to the shipping industry with enthusiasm and dedication.*

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**Pan Yichen**



## Entrance Requirements

- i. A Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification

OR

- ii. Full membership in one of the following professional bodies:
  - The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, Hong Kong
  - The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, UK
  - The Chartered Insurance Institute, UK
  - The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, UK

OR

- iii. Applicants with other post-secondary qualifications, who have been employed in the fields of maritime service, shipping, transport or logistics for not less than 6 years, of which 3 years in a managerial capacity, will also be considered.

If you are not a native speaker of English, and your Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification is awarded by institutions where the medium of instruction is not English, you are expected to fulfil the University's minimum English language requirement for admission purpose. Please refer to the "Admission Requirements" section for Taught Postgraduate Programmes of Study@PolyU for details.

Shortlisted candidates may be invited to attend admission interviews.

### **Fee** (Subject to change and approval)

HK\$287,100 per programme (HK\$8,700 per credit) for local and non-local MSc students

HK\$156,600 per programme (HK\$8,700 per credit) for local and non-local PgD students

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