

# HKU SPACE AT A GLANCE

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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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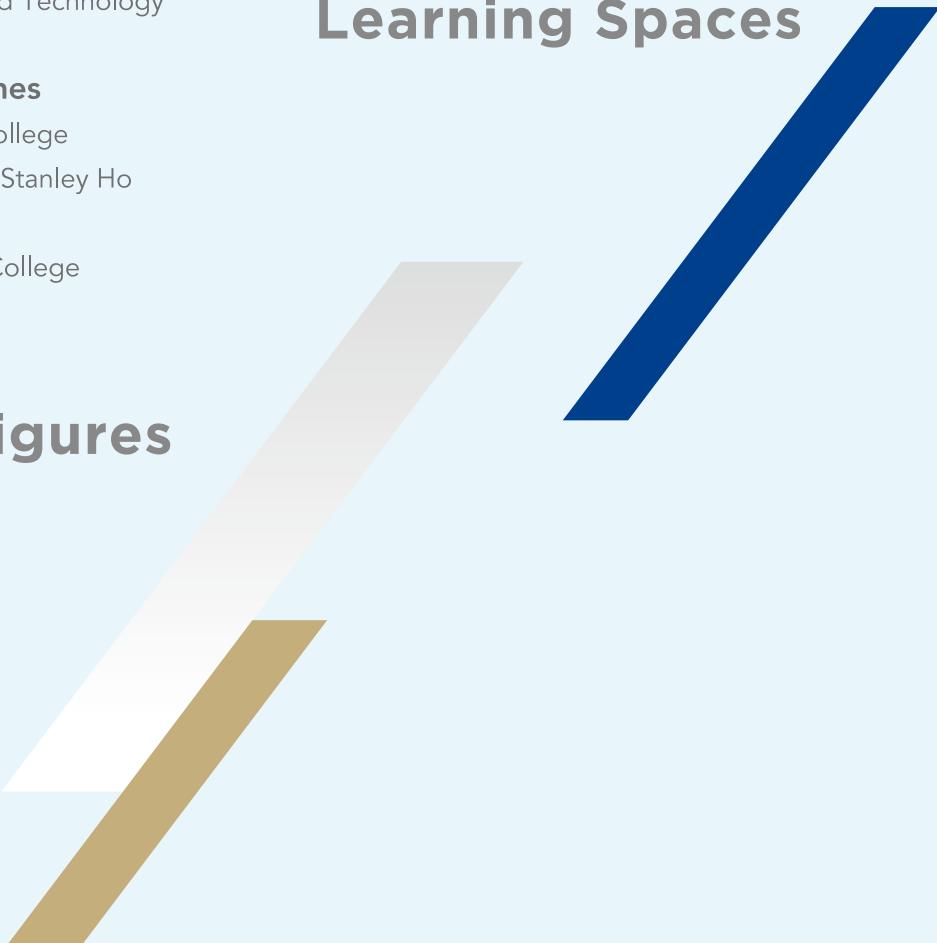
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# History

"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

**2000**

HKU SPACE Community College established

**2008**

First custom built campus for Community College at Kowloon Bay

**1992**

Renamed as The School of Professional and Continuing Education

**2003**

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

**2014**

HKU SPACE Honorary Fellowship established

**1996**

Self-financed operation commenced

**2004**

HKU SPACE ALUMNI formed

**2016**

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**1998**

Chinese Medicine Clinic established

**2006**

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

**2022**

Received international recognition on quality standards

**1999**

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

**2007**

Collegiate structure established

**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.





## 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

## Programme Categories

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

## Highlights

Around **5,300**

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

Over **17,000**

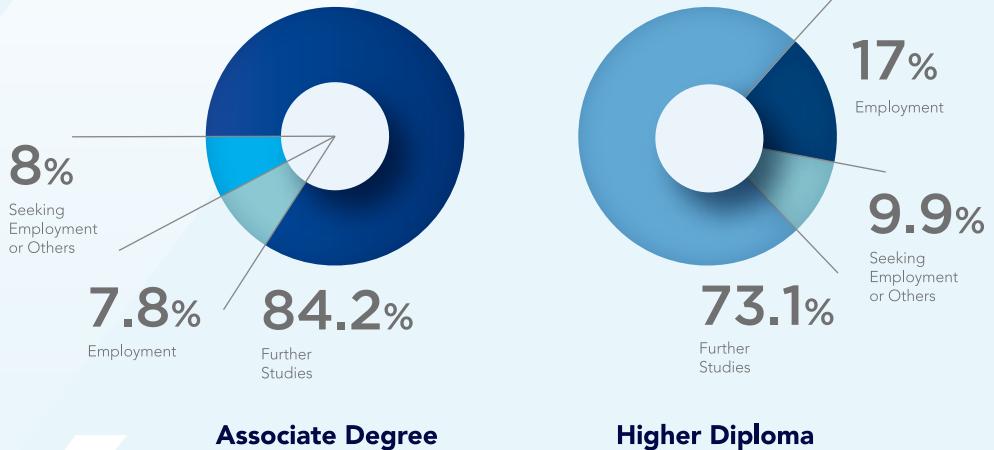
Admitted to UGC-funded  
degree programmes

Over **32,000**

Admitted to local and  
overseas bachelor's degree  
programmes

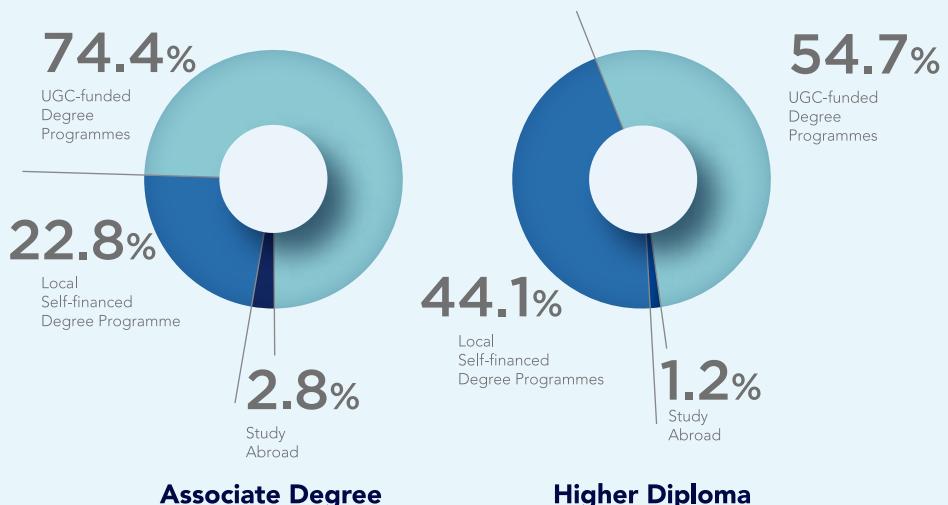
# Articulation Data

## 2024 Destination Survey Of Graduates / Students\*



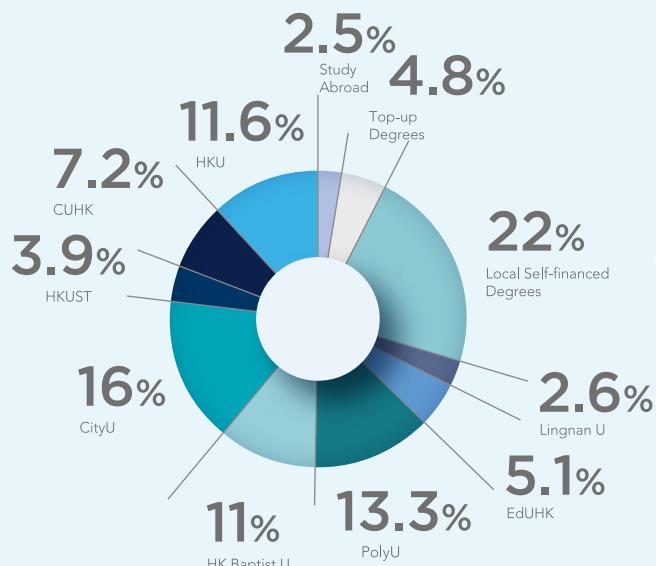
\* Not including Higher Diploma in Dental Hygiene.

## 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.

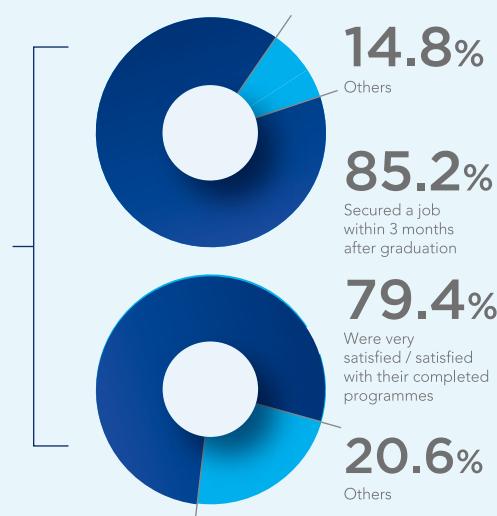
Established in  
2003

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

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



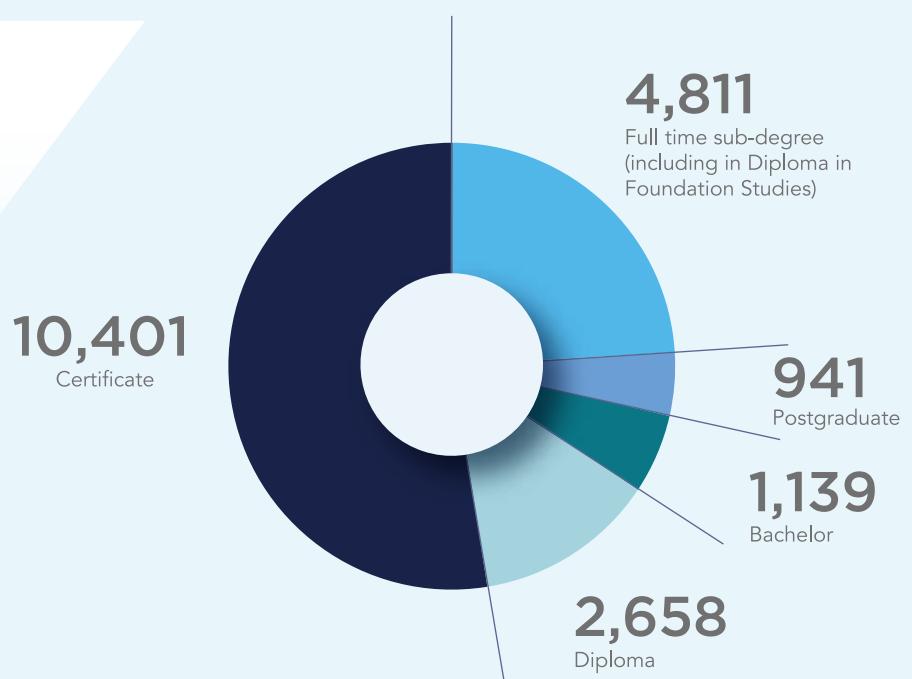
# Academic Statistics 2023 / 2024

## 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>95,294</b>	<b>20,088</b>

## 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,160</b>

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

**853**

Full-Time

**289**

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



THE LONDON SCHOOL  
OF ECONOMICS AND  
POLITICAL SCIENCE

Awarding Body



Academic Direction



Academic Direction



Academic Direction



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of the arts  
london

Edinburgh Napier  
UNIVERSITY

Manchester  
Metropolitan  
University

Ulster  
University

UNIVERSITY OF  
PLYMOUTH

UNIVERSITY  
OF HULL

UNIVERSITY OF  
LEICESTER

Middlesex  
University  
London

UNIVERSITY OF  
GREENWICH

University of  
Sunderland

Northumbria  
University  
NEWCASTLE



# 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

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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**

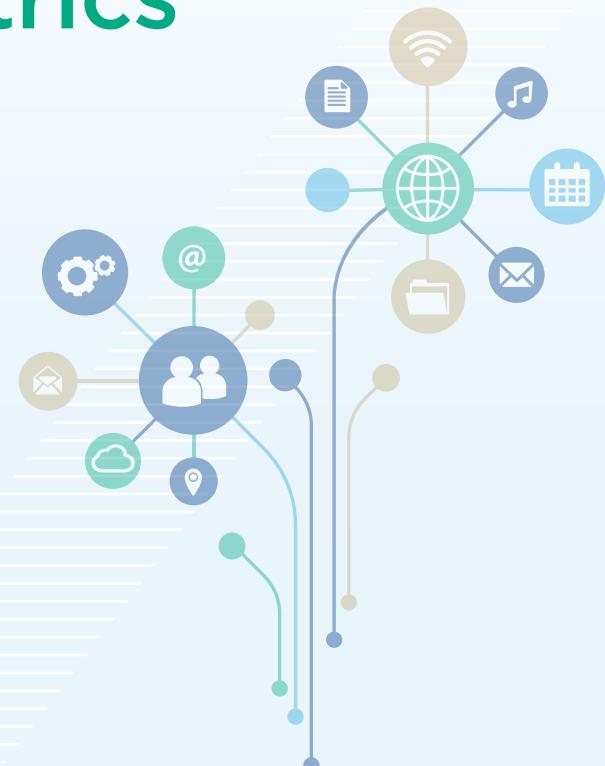
Website account users  
(as at 28/2/2025)

**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

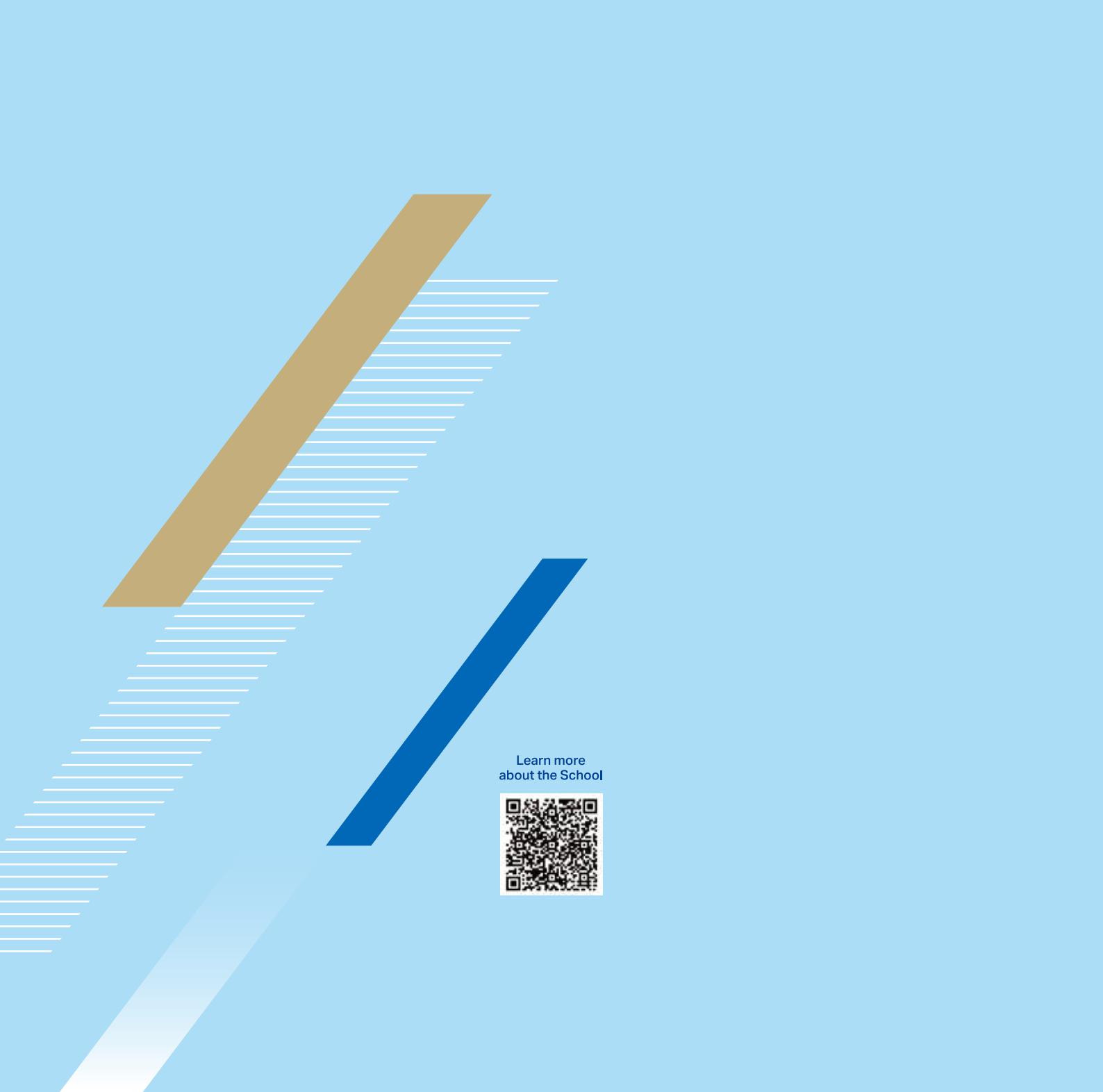
- Admiralty Learning Centre, Admiralty
- United Learning Centre, Admiralty
- HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College Campus, Causeway Bay
- Fortress Tower Learning Centre, North Point
- Island East Campus, North Point
- Island South (Pokfulam) Campus, Pokfulam



### 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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about the School



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