Integrated Bachelor of Business Administration (IBBA)

Our era is defined by the constant evolution of knowledge and technology. Ideas deemed far-fetched just a few years ago are now innovations and business models disrupting the rules of commerce. As we look to the future, it is clear that change will continue to be the norm.

The Integrated Bachelor of Business Administration (IBBA) programme harnesses the foresight and experience of its world-class faculty to deliver a curriculum that grooms tomorrow’s business leaders. A distinguishing feature of the globally-immersive programme is its simultaneous emphasis on broad-based knowledge and specialised expertise. Complementing the coursework are frequent exposure to real business scenarios, well-connected leaders and bright entrepreneurs in the region. Graduates from the programme are ready to tackle the near-constant emergence of new business models, and excel in a diverse range of professions.

Overview

Joining the IBBA Programme comes with the ultimate freedom to customise a curriculum that truly suits your interests and aspirations. The programme boasts nine concentration areas, from which you are at liberty to select your specialisation; you may also choose to pursue double majors, double degrees, dual degrees and minors as needed to achieve your dreams.

The programme’s prestige and flexibility attract students from all over the world, making IBBA among the most diverse groups on campus. Enjoy exploring different perspectives on today’s most pressing topics and ideas alongside a high-achieving group of peers from different cultural backgrounds. As an IBBA student, you will also have access to a host of resources to enhance your learning. Mentorship, partnership courses and internship opportunities are ready vehicles that will guide you in making sound business decisions amidst innovation and change. You will form strong relationships across the business world and lay the groundwork for a fruitful professional network.

Your Development

We aim to equip you with the following:

- Effective business communication skills
- Strong, applicable analytical and problem-solving skills
- Ability to integrate business knowledge in a professional setting
- Confidence to propose strategies and make decisions in a global environment
- Awareness of ethical business issues
- Expertise in one or more functional areas of business management

IBBA Programme graduates possess a unique combination of well-rounded foundational business knowledge and a specialised area of expertise.
Concentrations

IBBA offers nine unique concentration areas, with no intake limits. You may select up to two, and each requires at least five courses.

**Business Analytics**
Equips you with the knowledge and tools needed to derive useful information from vast amounts of data and utilise it to make fast, intelligent business decisions.

**Business Economics**
Guides you in applying an understanding of managerial economics to problem-solving in a real-world business setting.

**Big Data and Quantitative Marketing**
Prepares quantitative marketers, business analysts, internet marketers or managers of business intelligence units to be well-versed in data analytics, statistical modelling and computer science.

**Entrepreneurship**
Equips students with a mindset and competence to create and/or lead an innovative organisation around the world. This concentration prepares you for the success of exciting career in technology sector, business consultancy, global and digital economy, and social enterprises or non-profit organisations.

**Finance**
Offers a wide array of finance courses covering corporate finance, risk management, fixed income securities, and quantitative finance as well as related subjects such as insurance and real estate.

**General Business**
Offers the greatest flexibility to tailor your studies according to individual interests with a broad range of management and business issues.

**Human Resource Management**
Introduces a systematic approach to managing organisations through the functions of planning, organising, leading, communicating and controlling.

**Marketing**
Balances marketing theories and practice through integrated marketing communications, advertisements, brand management, service marketing and strategic marketing experience.

**Management of International Business**
Engages students in understanding global business environments, solving strategic and management issues related to multi-cultural businesses or multinational corporations, as well as keeping updated about current thematic global management concerns.
Double Majors

Obtaining double majors lets you specialise in a second area of expertise and expand your skillset beyond business administration. You can successfully pursue a double major if you fulfil the respective requirements for both majors within the normative period of study and attain the required cumulative grade point average (GPA). A double major is awarded as a single degree with two majors, e.g., Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Integrated BBA and Professional Accountancy.

Possible combinations for Integrated BBA students include:
- Integrated BBA and Professional Accountancy (PACC) *
- Integrated BBA and Insurance, Financial and Actuarial Analysis (IFAA) *
- Integrated BBA and Quantitative Finance (QFIN) *

* PACC with Finance for Accountants Stream is not applicable for IBBA students specialising in Finance.

Integrating BBA Programme and Financial Technology Double Major Programme

You can apply for this new Double Major Programme which is jointly offered by the Business School and the Faculty of Engineering. Due to the limited intake quota, you are required to go through a selection process in order to be admitted to this Double Major Programme.

Double Degrees

You also have the option to pursue a second degree, offered by the School of Journalism and Communication, with an additional year of study on a self-financing basis. Upon completion of studies, students will be awarded BBA-BSc in Journalism and Communication.

Dual Degrees

IBBA programme offers Dual Degree Programme in collaboration with IE Business School of IE University in Spain. You can apply for the Dual Degree Programme in term 1 of year 1. Successful applicants will study two years in CUHK and two years in IE University, and will be awarded with two Bachelor degrees upon completion of the programme.

Minors

You may declare a minor(s) according to your interests and orientation. Each minor requires 18 to 30 units.

Students who complete the programme and meet the graduation requirements of both universities will receive Bachelor of Business Administration degrees from CUHK and IE Business School.

As an international institution, IE Business School places much emphasis on innovation and entrepreneurship, and its Online MBA programme is ranked 3rd in the world by the Financial Times and 1st in the world by QS in 2022.
Why should you take the Dual Degree Programme?

Dr. John Lai
Assistant Dean (Undergraduate Studies), CUHK Business School
Programme Director, Dual Degree Programme

We take pride to jointly offer a dual degree with IE Business School, a top-ranked international school and a leader in innovative learning. Centrally located in Madrid, students of IE are coming from over 130 countries. It places high emphasis on innovation and entrepreneurship.

Students who join the CUHK-IE dual degree programme will have a truly immersive global learning and unique student experiences; they will experience the innovative teaching and learning approaches from two leading business schools. Last but not least, a quote to share - Dream big, Stay positive, Work hard, and Enjoy the journey.

Henry Bradford
Associate Dean of the Bachelor in Business Administration, IE Business School

The IE-CUHK Double International Degree is an open door to an international career. Be bold, be brave and live this experience to the fullest.

Benefits to Students

- 2 degrees in 4 years
- Learning European languages & cultures
- An immersive global learning experience
- Complementary curricula from 2 leading business schools
- Excellent affiliations and alumni networks from 2 institutions

Programme Path

Year 1
@CUHK

Year 2
@IE, Spain

Year 3
@IE, Spain

Year 4
@CUHK

Graduate with Two Degrees
Unique learning opportunity for future business leaders

The Dual Degree programme offers you a unique learning opportunity to broaden your global exposure and become future business leaders. By enrolling in the Dual Degree programme, you will gain valuable experiences that facilitate your personal growth and career development. Let’s take a look at the sharings of our students who have joined the programme.

Students’ Sharing

Equipping myself to study in Spain
IE business school emphasizes a lot on the spirit of entrepreneurship that keeps them at the forefront of world-class business education. To prepare myself for the 2 years in Spain, I’m going to learn Spanish, hoping that I can communicate with the locals and for me to fit in easier in Spain. Besides, I’m going to take an internship before I go to Spain. I hope this will equip me to face the upcoming challenges that I might face in IE.”

Reagan CHAN

Understanding the mix of cultures
This programme can provide me with broad-based knowledge, specialized expertise, fruitful experiences and innovative ideas. The Business school at CUHK and IE offer high-quality education that would also give wonderful experience for my self-growth and for good memories. This programme allows me to have a closer look at both the eastern and western cultures by living in Hong Kong and Madrid. I hope that, as a non-local student, I can gain a better understanding of them.

Mia ZHANG

Once-in-a-lifetime experience in Spain
The dual degree programme provides me chances to broaden my horizons and resources from two great universities which will make me become more mature, creative, and sophisticated upon graduation. The programme will change my life because it opens more opportunities for me. I can select a company based in Spain to work and I can be more competitive as I speak more languages. Studying in Spain for two years is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, which will make me grow so much.

Sophie SO

Pathway to entrepreneur
My career aspiration is to engage myself in a job related to management and to start up a company of my own. I hope that I can have the chance to work in an international corporation to gain experience of working in a team at the beginning. I will continue to enlighten my path to start up my company when I am ready with enough skills and experience of managing a firm. My long-term goal is to achieve my dream of being an entrepreneur in the foreseeable future. I will work hard to achieve the goal.

Henry LAM

Growth Opportunities

Internships
IBBA has connections with a number of well-known global and local organisations, opening up numerous doors for you to gain real working experience through an internship. Internships let you test the waters and get a taste for the current climate in the market under the guidance of real industry professionals. Around 90% of our graduates have completed at least one internship prior to graduation.

Apart from Hong Kong, our students have also successfully completed internships in the following locations:

- United States
- Spain
- France
- Ireland
- United Kingdom
- Poland
- Egypt
- Romania
- Italy
- Belgium
- Spain
- Thailand
- Vietnam
- China
- Japan
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Sri Lanka

Case Competitions
You will have numerous opportunities to join local and international case competitions, flexing your analytical and presentation skills alongside highly driven business students from around the world. Learn to develop and present ideas collaboratively, while networking with your peers and experienced professionals.

Business Lecture Series
Business lectures keep you abreast of current developments across various sectors, yielding valuable insight on different industries and providing ample opportunity for you to formulate and present your thoughts on vital business issues.
Connect with The World

International Exposure
An essential component of the IBBA curriculum is stepping outside of the classroom and participating in immersive cultural exchange and corporate dialogue. To that end, we have made global experiential learning a key element in the curriculum, creating an enriching learning plan to help you broaden your world view while achieving self-discovery.

Global Experiential Learning
To fulfill the global experiential learning requirement, you will complete a structured series of global experiential learning courses where you can transform your knowledge into real strategies in an international context.

100% of our students graduate with global experiential learning experiences. You can benefit from international exposure through overseas study trips, international service learning trips, summer schools abroad and exchange study. CUHK Business School has exchange agreements with 39 leading business schools worldwide. On average, our students participate in at least one exchange programme prior to graduation. Outgoing exchange students may transfer credits earned from their host university.

Imagine Your Future

Career Prospects
As an IBBA graduate, you will possess the skills to excel in a variety of careers. You will find IBBA alumni in banking, finance, accounting, information technology, communications, civil service, research institutions, start-ups and various other entrepreneurial ventures. IBBA graduates mainly specialise in:

- Banking / Finance
- Sales / Marketing
- Administration / Management
- Accounting / Auditing
- Human Resources Management / Training
- Business Consultant
- Legal Services
- Insurance / Wealth Management
- Purchasing / Trading
- Customer Service
- Property Development / Management
- Public Relations / Mass Communication
- IT: Software Design & Development
- Statistical / Actuarial Work
- Teaching
- Others

Other Potential Career Fields
- AlphaSights
- Bank of America
- China Construction Bank (Asia)
- CICC
- Citi
- Dairy Farm
- DBS
- Deloitte
- FWD
- Hong Kong Telecom
- HSBC
- Insurance Authority
- KPMG
- L’Oreal
- Meituan
- PwC
- Sino Land
- Standard Chartered Bank
- Tencent
- UBS
- Unilever
- Zurich Insurance
- And many more

Employers

Career Planning Workshops
CUHK Business School provides professional development workshops to prepare you for the job search. Our soft skills enhancement workshops are specifically developed to help you achieve your career planning goals.
Student Life

In terms of student nationalities, IBBA is one of the most diverse programmes on campus. 75% are local Hong Kong students while others represent more than 20 different countries and regions, including Bangladesh, Canada, Chile, Mainland China, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, United Kingdom, The United States, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.

“Not only does this diversity enrich the campus experience, but also expands the mileage of your education by encouraging you to consider different values and perspectives when you work collaboratively with your peers.”

Mentorship Opportunities

As an IBBA student, you can learn the real issues and opportunities in your field of interest directly from an active practitioner. Through the Undergraduate Mentorship Programme offered by the Undergraduate Office and the CUBBA Alumni Association, you will be matched with an alumnus working in your field of study, giving you a golden platform to learn about the realities of your future line of work and glean insight from your mentor’s personal experiences. Many IBBA graduates stay in close contact with their mentors long after graduation.

Admissions Requirements

JUPAS Students

Local students applying on the strength of their Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination should apply through JUPAS.

JUPAS code: JS4202

Minimum Entrance Requirements

Level 3 in English Language and Chinese Language
Level 2 in Liberal Studies and Mathematics (Compulsory Part)
Level 3 in any two elective subjects, including:
1. Two New Senior Secondary elective subjects
2. One New Senior Secondary elective subject and Mathematics (Extended Part) Module I or Module II

Admission will be based on your five best scores, with equal weight applied to all subjects. Your five best subjects may include either Mathematics (Extended Part) Module I or Module II or Other Language, but not both.

Special Consideration

1. School Principal’s Nominations
2. School Nominations Direct Admission Scheme
3. Sports Scholarship Scheme
4. Other Special Consideration for JUPAS Applicants

Non-JUPAS & International Students

Applicants are welcome to apply through the Non-JUPAS admission scheme and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For details regarding admission requirements for non-JUPAS and international students, including students from Mainland China, please contact CUHK Office of Admissions and Financial Aid or visit www.oafa.cuhk.edu.hk

Admissions Requirements
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