The University of Hong Kong’s one-year taught Master of Family Wealth Management programme (“FWM”) offers an interdisciplinary mix of skills and knowledge courses that will help students develop the soft and hard competencies required for a successful career in this rising industry. Graduates of the programme will be well-prepared to take up jobs in wealth management, family office, private banking and insurance, to help meet the evolving needs of high-net-worth families.
The Master of FWM is a full-time, one-year master’s programme.

- The inaugural class intake is targeted to be approximately 70 students.
- Session dates:
  - Students are expected to be on campus by last week of August 2024.
  - Programme end date is tentatively scheduled for first week of July 2025.
  - All courses will be conducted on 6-week modules.
- Students will be required to complete ten courses, including six core courses, three elective courses, and a capstone project.
- Application deadlines:
  - Round 1: 29 February 2024, 12:00 noon (GMT +8)
  - Round 2: 30 April 2024, 12:00 noon (GMT +8)

Why FWM?

- Dedicated programme catering to the needs of families and their family offices.
- Top academics from multiple disciplines on our faculty.
- Small programme nestled within a big, comprehensive campus.

As global wealth grows, there is an increasing demand for professionals who can effectively manage the complex and diverse needs of family offices. Beyond finance and wealth management, professionals need well-rounded knowledge across history, ethics, cultural competence, and social responsibility to excel in the family wealth management and family office industry.”

Professor Zhiwu Chen
Chair and Cheng Yu-Tung Professor in Finance at the HKU Business School
Director of both IHSS and Centre for Quantitative History
The University of Hong Kong
Curriculum

The Master of FWM curriculum emphasizes the intersection across the historical roots and cultural dimensions of the family, family business, and investment markets. Students will be required to complete ten courses, including six core courses, three elective courses, and a capstone project course, with a total of 66 credits. As a capstone to the programme, students will have the opportunity to either conduct research on and propose possible solutions to a practical issue faced by family offices and wealth managers, or to pursue an internship practicum in the industry.

6 Core courses

• History of Wealth and Financial Markets
• History of the Family and Family Business Dynasties
• Asset Allocation and Investment Management
• Corporate Finance and Business Models
• Estate Planning and Legal Issues
• Current Issues in Family Office Management

3 Electives

• Economic and Quantitative History
• Business History and Best Practices
• Faith, Religion and Leadership
• Psychology, Group Dynamics and Management
• Cross-cultural Communication and Management
• Introduction to Economics and Finance
• Hedge Funds, Private Equity Funds and Other Alternative Investments
• Emerging Markets and Global Investment Opportunities
• Philanthropy and Social Impact Investing

1 Capstone

• Family Wealth Management Capstone Project

Proposed Faculty Line-Up

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About Our School

The Master of FWM programme is offered by the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences ("IHSS"), an independent research institute at The University of Hong Kong ("HKU"), which has a long history of research and teaching in the history of family business, family succession and dynasty case studies, asset allocation and investment management.

With 10 faculties and over 35,000 students, HKU boosts comprehensive facilities and student support services.

FWM students will be able to take advantage of HKU’s University Health Service ("UHS") as well as wellness facilities through the Centre for Sports and Exercise ("CSE"). We encourage our students to actively participate in the broader campus student groups such as The Postgraduate Student Association of the University of Hong Kong (HKU PGSA).

The Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities & Social Sciences is housed in May Hall, a declared historical monument at the heart of HKU’s main campus. The majority of FWM’s classes are envisioned to be conducted inside May Hall.

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