

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

Master of Statistics

1. Applications are invited for admission in September 2024 to study for the degree of Master of Statistics (MStat). To be eligible for admission to the programme, a candidate shall satisfy both the University Admission Requirements and the Programme Specific Requirements as listed below:
 - (a) shall comply with the [General Regulations](#);
 - (b) shall hold a Bachelor's degree of this University or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
 - (c) shall have knowledge of matrices and calculus, and shall also have knowledge of introductory statistics and linear modelling.
 - (d) for a candidate who is seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English, shall satisfy the University English language requirement applicable to high degrees as prescribed under [General Regulation G2\(b\)](#).
 - (e) shall pass a qualifying examination if so required.

An application for exemption from the above requirements shall be considered on a case by case basis.

2. The programme emphasizes applications and aims to train knowledgeable statisticians, preparing candidates for consulting work or research in the field.
3. The curriculum shall normally extend over two academic years of part-time study and one academic year of full-time study.
4. The curriculum offers great flexibilities for students who wish to take a general approach or a specialized theme in Risk Management, Data Analytics, Financial Statistics.
5. The following scholarships/awards are offered to MStat students in 2024-25:
 - Entrance Scholarship for the Master of Statistics of HK\$20,000, will be awarded annually to new MStat students on the basis of academic merit and financial need upon admission.
 - Lifelong Learning Prize in Statistics, each from HK\$5,000 to HK\$10,000, will be awarded to MStat students on the basis of academic achievement.
 - Master of Statistics Outstanding Performance Scholarship, one scholarship of HK\$50,000, will be awarded annually for MStat student on the basis of academic merit and quality of coursework.
 - Belt and Road Scholarship in Statistics and Data Science (Taught Postgraduate) is awarded annually to outstanding new students from participating Belt and Road countries. Composition fees of MStat could be waived for awardees, and additional allowance of HK\$10,000 will be provided to support their studies.
 - The Master of Statistics programme is one of the eligible programmes under the University Grants Committee for Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme. Each local applicant who is selected for the fellowships scheme will be granted an award of HK\$120,000.
6. Applications for a taught postgraduate programme can be made via our on-line application system at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/> or <https://saasweb.hku.hk/programme/mstat.php>
7. The Regulations and Syllabuses for the above programme can also be viewed at <https://saasweb.hku.hk/programme/mstat-structure.php> (subject to approval).

8. Application period:

Main Round Deadline: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), November 20, 2023

Candidates who apply within this period will have priority.

Clearing Round Deadline: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), January 8, 2024

Candidates may be invited for admission interviews and tests. For enquiries, please contact the Department of Statistics & Actuarial Science, HKU (tel: 3917-6042; email: mstat@saas.hku.hk).

Note: For applicants who are interested in applying as occasional students, please contact the Department of Statistics & Actuarial Science for details (tel: 3917-6042; email: mstat@saas.hku.hk). The provisional tuition fee for occasional students is HK\$3,630 per credit.

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