BBA in International Business and Chinese Enterprise

2020 - 2021
The business relationship between China and the United States is stronger than ever, and all indications point to this positive trend continuing well into the future. Professionals who are well-versed in both Chinese and American culture, languages, and business practices have a distinct advantage in this thriving environment. Seize opportunities arising from closer Sino-U.S. ties with International Business and Chinese Enterprise (IBCE), the first and only undergraduate programme in Hong Kong with an exclusive emphasis on business activity between the United States and China.

IBCE brings together a group of energetic students from CUHK Business School and University of South Carolina’s Darla Moore School of Business (USC) for a cohort exchange for over two years. The exclusive curriculum equips rising leaders with comprehensive international business knowledge, expertise on U.S. and China business relations, as well as growth strategies for Chinese enterprises.

Throughout the IBCE journey you will create deep relationships with your fellow cohort members. Together you will experience the central role that culture plays in international business, whether via attending seminars led by prominent leaders and industry practitioners, or participating in coursework, company visits and study trips that challenge you to think and act globally.

Employers from top multinational companies, financial institutions and consulting firms target IBCE graduates due to their extensive international exposure and unique understanding of U.S. and Chinese markets. Eligible students completing the IBCE requirements at CUHK can also choose to continue studying in the one-year Master of International Business (MIB) programme offered by USC, gaining further expertise on the political, economic and cultural aspects of international business.

When you graduate from IBCE, you can expect to have an in-depth understanding of international business practices as well as the following:

- Specialised expertise in U.S. and Chinese markets
- Superior cross-cultural communication skills
- Extensive international exposure
- A global mindset
- An understanding of applied corporate social responsibility

TWO TOP BUSINESS SCHOOLS

Darla Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina

Founded in 1919, the Darla Moore School of Business is a recognised leader in international business research and education. For nearly two decades the school’s undergraduate international business programme has been ranked first amongst American universities by U.S. News & World Report. The school offers great depth and breadth in the study of complex opportunities and risks inherent in international business.

CUHK Business School, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

CUHK Business School was the first business school established in Hong Kong. For more than 50 years, it has provided dedicated, internationally-recognised business education to develop “global leaders for the Asian Century.” The school has produced more than 35,000 graduates, forming the strongest and most extensive business alumni network amongst all Hong Kong universities. Our alumni occupy important positions in both the public and private sector, locally and around the world.
Bi-continental Cohort Exchange

IBCE students have the exclusive opportunity to experience true cultural immersion through an extended stay in the United States. In the one year exchange programme, not only will you be able to acquire the gist of business landscape in different cities, but also gain an in-depth understanding of living and working style of the Americans by doing group projects with local students and participating events organised by the local communities. This extensive exchange experience will enable you to think creatively and explore fresh and original ways to collaborate across cultural backgrounds and habits.

Study Trips

A much-loved component of our programme, study trips across Asia allow you to explore diverse parts of the region in a business context. Local corporate site visits will give you an insider view into a company or industry, and the business environment in a particular country. In years past, our study trips destinations have included Yangon, Myanmar, Hanoi, Vietnam, and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Orientation Trip

One of your enlightening experiences as an IBCE student will be an orientation trip to a selected location in China. Get to know your fellow cohort members and programme faculty from CUHK and USC, while you explore a new city together, forming foundations of a fruitful study experience in IBCE.

Programme Structure And Suggested Study Plan

Year 1 @ CUHK
Term 1
- Economics for Business Studies I
- Management
- University Foundation Courses

Term 2
- Economics for Business Studies II
- University Foundation Courses

Year 2 @ CUHK
Term 1
- Orientation Trip in China
- Introductory Financial Accounting*
- Marketing Management*
- Statistical Analysis for Business Decisions

Term 2
- Business Information Systems
- Business Lecture Series
- Financial Management
- Introductory Management Accounting
- Marketing Research

Year 3 @ USC
Term 1
- Global Experiential Learning I* (Equivalent course at USC: Globalization and Business)
- IBUS Thematic/Functional Course
- Elective Courses

Term 2
- Operations Management
- IBUS Thematic/Functional Course
- Elective Courses

Year 4 @ CUHK
Term 1
- Business Sustainability
- China Business*
- Global Experiential Learning II
- Legal Environment for Business/
  Business Law
- IBCE Regional Course
- Elective Courses
- Study Trip in Asia

Term 2
- Strategic Management
- IBCE Regional Course
- Elective Courses

One Year
- MIB at USC (Optional)

* IBCE Cohort Courses

The trip revealed the beauty and potentials of Myanmar to us. We have been learning about outsourcing and factory relocations for years, it was a fresh experience for most of us to visit a clothing factory or a wood factory in person, in particular the latter one as to understand how it has resumed production after a ten-year embargo. All of a sudden, all the theories became real in front of us, stimulating reflections on efficiency and labour rights.

Genatt YUNG, Class of 2018
Professional Development

A highlight of IBCE is its strong professional development component. We understand that some students may not have a clear career path and that’s why different career highlights sessions are to be held to help you explore your career interest. Adding that different company visits, are organized each year, you will be able to prepare your own right tools to maximise your potential as a competitive job candidate and future manager. Past company visits included Swire Group and Disneyland Hong Kong. The Director of Revenue Management and Analytics team was there to illustrate their business model during a visit to Disneyland.

Global Business Forum

Leaders at the forefront of U.S.-China business activity have acute cultural awareness, vast international experience and the unique ability to envision new ways of working cross-culturally. And two important keys to success in business are how to keep abreast of the latest business development and navigate through the turbulent time.

As an IBCE student, you will gain first hand insights from honourable speakers at our signature annual event, the Global Business Forum.

Be part of the dialogue amongst prominent business leaders from various sectors on the latest global trends and issues. Through networking events, speaker series and panel discussions, you will expand both your skillsets and your professional network.

In recent years the Global Business Forum has hosted a number of renowned speakers, including:

2019
Ms. Linda CHOY
Vice President, Communications and Public Affairs, Hong Kong Disneyland
Dr. William YU
Chief Executive Officer, World Green Organization
Mr. Chan Yau CHONG
Executive Committee member of the Hong Kong Council of Social Services

2018
Mr. Nelson CHOW
Chief Fintech Officer, Fintech Facilitation Office, Hong Kong Monetary Authority
Ms. Eunice CHU
Head of Policy, The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, Hong Kong
Mr. Eric YOUNG
Partner — Forensic Technology, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Hong Kong

2017
Mr. Chin-Tang CHIN
Director of Marketing & Operations, Microsoft Hong Kong
Mr. Gordon ORR
Non-Executive Director, Lenovo And Swire Pacific and, former Chairman of McKinsey Asia
Mr. James MIRFIN
Managing Director, North Asia, Thomson Reuters

Case Analysis Training

IBCE provides many opportunities for you to streamline your business knowledge and soft skills. One of these is through real-life business cases, where you can flex your analytical and presentation skills in a simulated business context. Our training sessions are designed to push you to the next level, making you a strong contender in international business case competitions — and in actual business world.

Mentorship Programme

It is not surprising that freshmen would need guidance in the academic and career related matters. As a year one student, you will be matched with a senior student and an alumnus, so that you can seek mentors’ advice on both your personal and career development. Not only would this help strengthen the bonding within IBCE family, but also demonstrate the philosophy of “take and give” that we emphasise throughout the four-year undergraduate study.

Team Effectiveness Workshop

Leadership and management skills are indispensable elements as a future business leader and hence you will have chances to learn to manage diverse teams through team-building challenges, physical activities, reflection and sharing by participating our Team Effectiveness Workshop. Discover your individual strengths, weaknesses and potential blind spots, and learn how to work or even manage people with different personalities and working styles. This would come in handy in future workplace.
Career Prospects

Our graduates are highly sought after by internationally acclaimed companies. Whether you are eager to launch your career in Hong Kong, the Pearl River Delta region or other parts of China, or the United States, you will have a unique edge in your cultural fluency and educational foundation. IBCE graduates are well-prepared for careers in banking and finance, marketing and consulting, entrepreneurial ventures, among others.

Breakdown of offers accepted by IBCE graduates in recent years:

- 50% Banking / Finance
  - Bloomberg
  - Bank of America Merrill Lynch
  - Deutsche Bank
  - DBS
  - Hang Seng Bank
  - Hong Kong Stock Exchange
  - HSBC
  - JP Morgan
  - Morgan Stanley
  - Standard Chartered
  - UBS
- 19% Conglomerate / Marketing
  - MTR
  - John Swire & Sons
  - Microsoft
  - Apple
- 15% Consulting
  - Accenture
  - Deloitte
  - EY
  - PwC
- 4% Further Studies
- 8% Others

Internships

Internships allow you to take the concepts you learn in the classroom and apply them in a true working environment. Our students often complete internships in different international corporations such as BlackRock, Deutsche Bank, Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Accenture.

IBCE students are also encouraged to work in the United States and China. Through the internship abroad, students can immerse in a truly global environment and learn the soft skills in working with people from various backgrounds and with very different cultures and working styles.

Last year, I got the chance to work as a business development intern at Fung Retail, Li & Fung Co., Ltd. during summer in Shanghai. The experience of interacting with the local people is intriguing to me, since I can taste the cultural difference as well as the working culture. In fact, the China market is booming that the market size of 1.3 billion people has attracted many foreign companies to open retail stores in China. Applying the business knowledge learnt from IBCE, I gained a deeper understanding of the China market.

Another eye-opening thing is the technological innovation and development in China. Can you imagine that you can go out without your wallet, but you cannot survive without your phone? The e-payment system is advanced in China with high penetration rate. China’s technology firms are developing rapidly.

Anny SO, Class of 2020

The internship in the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in New York has enabled me to understand Hong Kong and New York more. It is great to have this hands-on experience to work in a governmental organisation and attend different events such as the 20th anniversary Gala Dinner and different luncheon events.

Heather HSU, Class of 2019
PROGRAMME COSTS AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

United States living costs (including airfare, room and board, local transportation and study trips): Approximately HK$130,000

JUPAS Students
Local students applying on the strength of their Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination should apply through JUPAS.
JUPAS code: JS4288

Minimum Entrance Requirements
Level 5 or above in English Language
Level 4 or above in Chinese Language
Level 3 or above in Liberal Studies and Mathematics (Compulsory Part)
Level 3 or above in any two elective subjects, including:
1. Two New Senior Secondary elective subjects; or
2. One New Senior Secondary elective subject and Mathematics (Extended Part) Module I or Module II

TOEFL scores:
Paper: 600 or above
Computer: 250 or above
Internet: 100 or above
or
IELTS scores:
7.0 or above*

Non-JUPAS & International Students
Applicants with the above mentioned TOEFL or IELTS scores are welcome to apply through the Non-JUPAS admissions scheme and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For details regarding admissions 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

* Applicants should have obtained the required TOEFL or IELTS scores prior to the interview.

IBCE Sharing

Crystal GEE, Class of 2021
IBCE provides ample opportunities and support for us to actualise our goals and aspirations. From the strong alumni networks to close relationships between batch mates, being a part of the IBCE programme has sparked my interest in learning, developed my business acumen, as well as allowed me to make great friends through the once-in-a-lifetime journey.

Winnie LEE, Class of 2016
IBCE is not merely the title of a programme, it’s an adventure that you start with a group of interesting and dynamic people, where I got the chance to be exposed to different opportunities and immersed into new ventures. I am fortunate enough to be able to set up my own start-up with all kinds of support that are connected through IBCE. The advice and network that I have got from the programme assisted me in many aspects. China is one of the biggest economies in the world at the moment and I am sure IBCE is definitely the right programme for the trend. There’s not a single moment of regret for getting into this programme, and if you’re reading this now, I would say you wouldn’t want to miss it!
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