

**Master of Arts in Mathematics and Pedagogy [MA(MP)]  
(One Year Full-time)**

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and Answers**

**Question 1: What are the entrance requirements for admission to this Programme?**

**Answer:**

The minimum entrance requirements for this Programme are as follows:

1. A recognized Bachelor's degree, preferably in subject areas other than Mathematics\*;
2. Obtained in the HKALE Grade E or above in Mathematics or in HKDSE Level 4 or above in Mathematics (Compulsory Part), or an equivalent qualification in Mathematics\*
3. Applicant whose Bachelor's degree is obtained from a non-English speaking institution should normally fulfill one of the following minimum English proficiency requirements\*\*:
  - a) IELTS 6.0\*\*\*; or
  - b) Grade C or above in GCSE / GCE OL English;
  - c) TOFEL score of 80 (internet-based test) \*\*\*; or
  - d) Band 6 in the Chinese Mainland's College English Test (CET) (a total score of 430 or above and the test result should be valid within two years) \*\*\*; or
  - e) Other equivalent qualifications.

*\* Applicant who had studied some Mathematics (or Mathematics related) courses in the undergraduates or former Colleges of Education may also be considered.*

*\*\*The result of IELTS / TOFEL should be taken in test centres. Test taken online such as IELTS indicator / IELTS Online and TOFEL home-edition, Duolingo test, or PTE are NOT recognized for the English proficiency requirements of MA(MP).*

*\*\*\*The result of IELTS / TOFEL / CET6 provided should be within two years. The test must be obtained on or after 1 Jan 2023 for the 2025/26 intake.*

**Question 2: What is the medium of instruction of this Programme?**

**Answer:**

The medium of instruction is English.

**Question 3: Can I apply for credit transfer if I have studied some equivalent mathematics or pedagogy courses before?**

**Answer:**

You can apply for credit transfer if you have studied some equivalent courses before. However, you have to apply formally to the registry with relevant transcripts and course outlines as supporting evidence. The application will be considered seriously on a case-by-case basis. Normally, no more than three subjects will be granted for credit transfer.

**Question 4: What is the main difference between the MA(MP) Programme and the Master of Education (MEd) Programme offered by the Education University of Hong Kong?**

**Answer:**

The MA(MP) Programme is primarily designed for in-service or prospective school teachers who are involved in teaching mathematics at the primary or secondary school level. The Programme consists of 4 mathematics subject courses and 4 mathematics pedagogy courses, which is aimed to enhance the participants' mathematics subject knowledge and pedagogical knowledge for effective teaching of mathematics in schools. The main difference between MEd and MA(MP) is that the former consists of 3 mathematics pedagogy courses only and the other are non-mathematics related courses that are offered by the other departments. On the other hand, all the MA(MP) courses are mathematics related and offered by the Department of Mathematics and Information Technology at the Education University of Hong Kong.

**Question 5: How many courses are required to study in each semester?**

**Answer:**

Normally, a full-time student is expected to study 4 courses in each semester. If you want to study fewer or more courses in each semester, you should seek advice from the Programme Leader or the Personal Tutor concerned.

**Question 6: Is there any teaching practice component in the Programme?**

**Answer:**

Unlike the Bachelor of Education (BEd) or Postgraduate Diploma of Education (PGDE) Programmes, there is no teaching practice component in the MA(MP) Programme. If you are not a holder of BEd or PGDE and you want to become a qualified teacher in Hong Kong, you have to study for a BEd or PGDE after completing the MA(MP) Programme.

**Question 7: Are IELTS indicator, TOFEL home-edition, Duolingo test, or PTE acceptable in fulfilling the minimum English proficiency requirement?**

**Answer:**

Please note that IELTS indicator, TOFEL home-edition, Duolingo test, or PTE are **NOT** recognized for the English proficiency requirements of MA(MP).

**Question 8: Is there any opportunity for further studies for a doctoral degree at EdUHK after completing the MA(MP) Programme?**

**Answer:**

After completing the MA(MP) Programme, you can apply to study for a Doctor of Education (EdD) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree at EdUHK. For further information, you can visit the following websites:

- [Graduate School-Programmes](#)
- [Doctor of Education \(EdD\)](#)
- [Doctor of Philosophy \(PhD\)](#)