

Course description

The HKU - New World Group Business Elite Students (“BEST”) Programme is a collaboration between HKU and New World Group which enables students to understand the overall strategic management of a conglomerate not only through experiencing the diverse business operations, but also through witnessing its commitment in promoting corporate sustainability. Comprising a series of structured classroom lectures, corporate visits and interactions with highly experienced executives of New World Group, this programme offers an unparalleled opportunity for students to gain insights into management skills and techniques, and to equip them with knowledge in some of the best practice essential to their future career development in the commercial world.

This programme will include evening lectures by and discussions with New World Group experienced senior executives, case studies and corporate visits. The course provides a comprehensive conglomerate management and operations. Modules include:

- Overview of management and operation of a conglomerate
- Real-life applications of management models in corporate planning and strategy
- Blending art, architecture and engineering into development projects
- Harmonization of Art, People and Nature in corporate branding and retail management
- Integrating corporate sustainability into business
- Corporate governance, and managing relationships with analysts and investors
- Financial reporting, project financing, budgeting, financial forecast and internal control
- Sales and marketing, and customer relationship management
- Property management and asset rejuvenation

Dress Code

Smart casual, no jeans and slippers

Basis of Assessment

In this course, the assessment will be based on attendance, class participation, a mid-term assessment and a final group presentation

Recognition

Recognition Letter

Student achieving 80% attendance rate (including all lectures, visits, assessments, presentations and the two ceremonies) will be awarded a Recognition Letter. Student who does not achieve 80% attendance rate will fail automatically and will not be given the Recognition Letter.

Internship Opportunity

Students participating actively in lectures, demonstrating a proactive and innovative spirit plus attitude of thoughtfulness and enthusiasm during group discussions and presentation, and performing consistently well during the whole course will be granted priority for internship opportunities at New World Group.

Eligibility

Participants of the programme must be:

- FBE first-year students
- FBE second-year students (3-year and 4-year curricula)

Students will be selected through paper screening and group interviews conducted by representatives from New World Group and HKU.

Successful applicants should possess the following attributes:

- Good potential and eagerness to learn and develop with commitment to excel
- Enthusiastic and ambitious in knowing more about conglomerate management and operation
- Interested in considering conglomerate as one of their career choices
- Strong self-motivation in achieving excellence
- Innovative and creative mindset

Important dates:

Events	Date and Time
Application Deadline	5:00 pm, Friday, October 18, 2013
Interview	Mid-November 2013 #
Email announcement to Successful applicants	December 2013
Inauguration Ceremony	January 2014 (TBC)
Lectures	5:30 – 7:30 pm, late January – mid April, 2014 (TBC) *
Corporate Visits	(TBC)
Mid-Term Assessment	Mid March, 2014 (TBC)
Final Presentation	Late April, 2014 (TBC)
Graduation Ceremony	Early May, 2014 (TBC)

Shortlisted candidates will be notified of the interview details in early-November. Interview will NOT be re-arranged under all circumstances.

* Mostly on Wednesday with exact schedule to be confirmed later.

Online Application form

You might click [here](#) for the application form.

Application Deadline

The completed application form should be submitted online by **5:00 pm, Friday, October 18, 2013.**

Deposit required:

The successful applicant who is offered a place to join this course will need to pay a deposit of HK\$3,000. Upon successful attainment of at least **80%** attendance rate (including all lectures, visits, assessments, presentations and the two ceremonies), this deposit will be refunded, or the deposit will be forfeited as a penalty of the student's breach of commitment.

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