







Interdisciplinary Major Programme in

# **Global Economics** and Finance



# Why GLEF?



#### Curriculum

- · Global economic interdependence
- Financial markets & institutions
- · Financial instruments & valuation
- · Quantitative analysis



#### Distinct advantages

- · Intimate learning community
- · Global leadership development
- · World-class faculty members
- · Rigorous academic training
- Immersive internship and global experiences
- · Unrivalled resources and facilities
- Dedicated support system

#### Non-conventional major topics

- Global monetary systems & exchange rates
- International financial stabilization
- · Multilateral institutions & global governance
- · The rise of China & its global impact
- Global financial markets & portfolio management
- · Financial risk & crisis management
- · Financial regulation & compliance
- Sustainable finance & corporate social responsibility

### Student mix

#### **Diversified family**

Bangladesh

China

Hong Kong

India

Indonesia

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## Overseas exchange



#### **Exchange sharing**



Brittany Ho

University of Michigan, US, Université Catholique de Lille, France

'GLEF puts much **premium** on students' global exposure and I am fortunate to go on two exchanges in the United States and Europe, respectively.

For sure, travel is the highlight of exchange. I visited 13 states in the US and 15 countries in Europe. In New York City, I witnessed firsthand how diversity can bring in different perspectives and drive innovation. The stunning play of light and shadow created a breathtaking landscape in Antelope Canyon that left me in awe. In Norway, I was greeted by a mesmerizing natural spectacle - the Northern Lights. The enchanting shades of green, purple, and red left me enchanted, etching a lasting memory in my mind.

These exchange experiences have created a **transformative impact** for me, both personally and professionally. The connections I made, the knowledge I gained, and the experiences I had will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on my future.'



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## **Experiential learning**

#### **Professional training programme**

#### Banking & capital markets

Barclays
Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Bank of China (Hong Kong)
Citadel Securities

HSBC

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group State Street

#### Asset management & investment

Blackstone Group Goldman Sachs Macquarie Morgan Stanley Point72 UBS

#### Technology & innovation

Alibaba Entrepreneurs Fund Bloomberg Samsung Electronics

#### Property & infrastructure

CLP Holdings K11 Savills Sino Group

#### Corporate & conglomerates

Jebsen John Swire & Sons LVMH The Hong Kong Jockey Club

#### Regulators & government bodies

Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Hong Kong Monetary Authority HKSAR Government Securities and Futures Commission

... and many more!



#### **Internship** sharing



Sharen Hong John Swire & Sons

'This summer I joined the John Swire & Sons summer internship program, it was a **fruitful and rewarding** experience.

I was seconded to Swire Coca-Cola Hong Kong, under the Commercial Leadership Team. My team mainly focuses on pricing, forecasting, and budgeting of the company. Throughout these tasks, I had a comprehensive and deeper understanding of how a NARTD company works and in particular, the process of projecting financials for budgeting use.

In general, GLEF is a **well-planned program** with a small cohort size where students can get the right amount of attention and **build a closer bonding**. The effective networking within GLEF allowed students to be more well-prepared when seeking for internships and full-time positions as they could seek help from seniors.'

#### **Mentorship** programme

Pairs students with alumni and professionals across finance, consulting, fintech, CSR and other sectors, maintaining a low mentor to mentee ratio for **personalized guidance**. Alumni regularly visit campus to share real-world insights, career tips and insider knowledge, helping you broaden your horizons and map a clear path toward your future.



#### The Society of Global Economics and Finance (GEFS)

Founded in 2012, GEFS is the official student-run hub for all GLEFers. Our mission is to unite, inspire, and empower GLEF students to **make the most of university life**.

We're excited to welcome you to a thriving GLEF family — where learning, leadership, and lifelong friendships intersect.



Inauguration ceremony

Party with non-local students

Orientation camp

Annual dinner

#### **Career Ambassador**

We view career development as an essential complement to academic study and campus life. Each year two senior GLEF students take on the role of Career Ambassadors, curating **hard-skill workshops**, **peer-led sessions**, **mentorship programme**, and networking events that give their peers a head-start on the job market.

The result is a tightly-knit GLEF community where networking, skill building and leadership opportunities give every GLEFer a **clear competitive edge** and the support needed to thrive.



Internship sharing

Exchange sharing



Investment workshop

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Guest lecture by Prof Joseph Yam, founder of HKMA

Guest lecture by J.P. Morgan

#### Student achievements



- **▼** CUHK Capstone Project Presentation Competition 2025, 1st runner up
- ▶ BI International Case Competition (BIICC) 2025, 2nd place
- ▶ APRU Global Health Virtual Case Competition 2024, Top 10
- CQA 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Investment Challenge 2024, 2nd runner up
- ▶ Asian Business Case Competition (ABCC) 2023, Champion
- ▶ McDonough Business Strategy Challenge 2023 (MBSC), Finalist
- ▼ CFA Institute Research Challenge Hong Kong Local Final 2022-23, Champion Team
- ▼ Venture Capital on Campus (VCoC) Investment Challenge 2023, Winning Team

... and many more!

## **Career prospects**

# "Our graduates step into a broad spectrum of high-impact roles"

#### Their new chapters

#### Banking & capital markets

BNP Paribas BofA Securities

Citi

Commerzbank Crédit Agricole

Deutsche Bank

Goldman Sachs

J.P. Morgan

Morgan Stanley National Westminster Bank

Silicon Valley Bank

UBS

#### Asset management & investments

Amundi Asset Management

BlackRock

Bloomberg

Citadel Securities

Fidelity

Mirae Asset Global

S&P Global Ratings

Schroders

True Partners

Wellington Management

#### Consulting & professional services

Accenture

AlphaSights

Ernst & Young (EY)

**KPMG** 

Mercer

PwC

#### **Technology & innovation**

Google

HK Science & Technology Parks

Huawei

Xccelerate

Zenyum

#### Corporate & conglomerates

Bloomberg Cathay Pacific

Hong Kong Disneyland L'Oréal

ORIX

#### **Others**

Crypto & digital-asset strategies Entrepreneurship & startup ventures

#### **Further studies**

Harvard University
Imperial College London
London School of Economics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Nanyang Technological University
Sciences Po
Tsinghua University
University College London
University of Pennsylvania

...and many more exciting pathways worldwide.



# Alumni sharing

'As a graduate of the GLEF programme at CUHK, I am thrilled to look back on my time in this remarkable journey.

Joining the GLEF programme was a **dream come true**, as it allowed me to dive deep into the world of finance under the guidance of experienced professors.

The diverse curriculum exposed me to a wide range of courses that equipped me with a strong foundation.

Studying alongside **smart and driven students**, we collaborated on projects and participated in various case study competitions, further enhancing my learning experience. One of the highlights of my GLEF experience was the opportunity to complete a summer internship at CICC, a prominent investment bank in China. The internship let me see how the things I learned in my classes were applied in a professional setting.

Now, as an Analyst at a venture capital company, I am grateful for the **comprehensive education and practical training** I received during my time in the GLEF programme. I am truly thankful to CUHK and the Global Economics and Finance Programme for providing me with this educational experience and for bringing up my passion for working in the finance industry.'



Kristina Khlopunova Analyst, Pershing Ventures

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