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# Lingnan University Hong Kong

## Professionalising tomorrow's insurance workforce in Hong Kong

Lingnan University is one of Hong Kong's oldest higher education institutions. It has its roots in the Christian College in China, founded in Guangzhou in 1888. Later, in 1967, Lingnan College was re-established in Hong Kong. It has since gone on to grow in both size and success: in 2015, Forbes Magazine named Lingnan as one of the 'Top 10 Liberal Arts Colleges in Asia'.

Lingnan University's broad curriculum provides its students with an impressive foundation of knowledge, and the practical experience to apply it. They gain the freedom to think critically and creatively, and judge independently, with a social conscience and responsibility. Ultimately, they are prepared to achieve their career goals in a competitive and rapidly changing commercial environment. Indeed, the university motto is 'Education for service'.

### Building tomorrow's financial services leaders

As a prominent international financial centre, Hong Kong is a popular destination for students aspiring to a career in the world of finance. Insurance is one of the fastest growing sectors in Hong Kong, and Lingnan University's BBA Finance Stream has been a popular choice of students both past and present, as they look to acquire the skills necessary to succeed.

Lingnan's BBA (Hons) Risk and Insurance Management Programme prepares the brightest graduates for corporate and managerial positions in the insurance sector. This requires serious and sustained commitment from the institution. Education is provided by a dedicated Department of Finance and Insurance, and delivered by experienced academic staff who are professionally qualified and regularly published in leading reputable international journals such as Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Risk and Insurance and Journal of Corporate Finance.



## Professionalising the graduate workforce

Given the nature of the economic environment, the cultural career path and the courses on offer, there is a clear opportunity for Lingnan graduates to receive CII recognition via internationally recognised professional qualifications, in addition to their academic qualifications. This will further strengthen their case as an attractive employment prospect.

With this in mind, the CII began working with Lingnan University in 2017 – the first time that the CII has collaborated in this way with a Far Eastern university.

The CII is offering Lingnan University students, through recognition of their academic course, a fast-track route towards CII qualifications. The CII will grant up to 100 Diploma Credits and 30 Certificate credits towards Lingnan University's Bachelor of Business Administration Risk & Insurance Management Programme. Students are required to take a further 2 units (core law and business) to complete the Diploma in Insurance (Dip CII). If the students wish to progress to ACII, they would need to take a further 4-5 CII Advanced Diploma units.

By collaborating in this way, the intention is to enable more Lingnan students to embrace the opportunity to gain internationally recognised and respected insurance professional qualifications, which will increase their career success and help develop an international cadre of insurance professionals.



“With Hong Kong’s position as a leading global centre for financial services,

it is only right that one of its leading universities, Lingnan should do everything in its power to properly prepare students for this working environment. Our new partnership with the CII achieves just that: by giving every graduate an unprecedented opportunity to maximise their career prospects with professional qualifications and degrees behind them.”

**Martin Yick, Assistant Professor of Teaching  
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“The collaboration with Lingnan University opens up a new chapter of opportunity for the CII in Hong Kong. By combining the academic prowess and experience of one of Asia’s leading educational institutions with the professional relevance and prestige of the CII, every graduate can enter the insurance industry with great confidence that they are well-prepared with a platform to make the most of their abilities. It is truly an exciting initiative for everyone involved.”

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