

Canadian university business courses offered in Hong Kong

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Canada is the number one destination for university-bound Hong Kong students. Now, Hong Kong-based Delia School of Canada and Canada's Acadia University have teamed up to provide some of those students with a unique opportunity to get a Canadian university education in their own backyard.

Acadia University, in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, is offering the first year of its bachelor of business administration degree to students in Hong Kong through its affiliate Delia School of Canada.

The courses offered are equivalent in content and academic level to those offered during the first year programme at Acadia. They include: accounting principles, introduction to business, micro-economics, English composition and literature and a mathematics course. Students can attend on a part-time or full-time basis during the day or evening. After successfully completing the first year courses, students receive a certificate in business administration and can transfer

directly into the second year of the programme at Acadia University.

One of the advantages is that it allows students to adjust to the sometimes difficult move from high school to an overseas university, says Vaughan Blaney, director of the programme at Delia. He adds: "It allows people to make a gradual transition from life in Hong Kong to the university environment in Canada."



Vaughan Blaney and Doug Young: Helping Hong Kong students make a gradual transition to university life in Canada

Doug Young, who teaches three of the courses, agrees: "We can provide them with the attention that they aren't likely to get at university. We have an intensive

English programme and the students will get more nurturing because of our smaller class sizes. In addition, we tailor the course so that we can use Hong Kong business examples which they'll be familiar with."

Hong Kong residents wishing to matriculate abroad will also find the programme financially attractive as the tuition fees at Delia are less than those for foreign students attending Canadian universities. Another group who might find the programme appealing is Canadian parents who wish to keep their children in Hong Kong and spend the extra year with them, although there are probably a number of them who are just as eager to bundle the little ones off.

If the programme is successful, Delia and Acadia are hoping to expand the options available to students in Hong Kong by offering the second-year programme of the BBA and introducing the first-year programmes towards recreational management, bachelor of science and bachelor of arts degrees. People interested in finding out more about the programme can contact Vaughan Blaney or Doug Young at tel: 884-4165 or fax: 886-0813. ♦



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