

SYLLABUS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS

This syllabus applies to candidates admitted to the first year of study of the 4-year curriculum in the academic year 2016-17 and thereafter.

1. Candidates must enroll and attempt examination in not fewer than 240 credits of courses in accordance with the regulations and the syllabuses. In addition, the 240 credits of courses should be completed in the following manner:

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| UG 5 requirements [54 credits] | |
| Languages* | 18 credits |
| HKU Common Core Curriculum* | 36 credits |
| Major in Economics [72 credits] | |
| - Core courses | 60 credits |
| - Economics disciplinary electives | 12 credits |
| Free Electives [114 credits] | 114 credits |
| Total credits for degree programme | 240 credits |

2. To fulfill the graduation requirement of this degree as specified by the Board of the Faculty of Business and Economics in accordance with UG 5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula, candidates must satisfactorily complete the credits of courses identified by an asterisk(*). Those courses include the following areas of study: English language enhancement (12 credits), Chinese language enhancement (6 credits) and Common Core courses (36 credits), and successful completion of a capstone experience.
3. The Common Core courses are categorized under four Areas of Inquiry (AoI): Scientific and Technological Literacy, Humanities, Global Issues, and China: Culture, State and Society. Candidates must complete a total of 36 credits, comprising at least one and not more than two courses from each Area of Inquiry with not more than 24 credits of courses being selected within one academic year except where candidates are required to make up for failed credits.
4. The following courses are designated as Faculty Core courses: ACCT1101, ECON1210, FINA1310 and a statistics course, as prescribed in the syllabus. Candidates are not required to re-take Faculty Core courses where any of these courses form part of the requirements of a second major offered by the Faculty of Business of Economics, however, candidates must complete an equivalent number of credits of free electives in lieu of the Faculty Core courses.
5. The courses listed in the syllabus will not necessarily be offered every year.
6. For courses offered by the School of Economics and Finance, the final examination is normally 2 hours in length. Final grading will normally be determined by the final examination (30-60%) and coursework (40-70%).
7. Candidates majoring in Economics and Finance are required to take not fewer than 84 credits of advanced level courses from those listed in the BEcon&Fin syllabus. 36 of the 84 credits are core courses inclusive of ECON2210, ECON2220, ECON2280, ECON4200 (capstone course), FINA2320 and FINA2322. The disciplinary electives in the BEcon&Fin curriculum are grouped into List A (economics disciplinary electives) and List B (finance disciplinary electives). Students must select 24 credits from List A and 24 credits from List B for the Economics major and Finance major, respectively.
8. Candidates must take courses in the year of study indicated in the syllabus.
9. Candidates may select up to four courses offered under the syllabus for the Master of Economics (MEcon) degree as third or fourth year economics disciplinary electives in List A,

subject to availability and the approval of the Undergraduate Programme Director and the MEcon Programme Director. Each of these MEcon courses carries 6 credits, unless otherwise specified. Candidates should satisfy the requirements prescribed by the School of Economics and Finance.

10. Candidates should take note of any impermissible combinations of majors/minors listed in the document “Major/Minor Programmes offered by FBE” for the year concerned.
11. Candidates are not permitted to enroll in courses where significant portions of the course contents overlap with each other, or where the courses are mutually exclusive.
12. Each candidate shall be required to take an English Proficiency Test at two different junctures: firstly in Year 1 and secondly in the final or penultimate year of study.

1. UG 5 requirements [54 credits]

(a) Languages* [18 credits]

| Course code | Course title | Year of study | Credits |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|---------|
| CAES1000 [#] | Core University English* | 1 | 6 |
| CAES9920 | Academic Communication for Business and Economics* | 2 | 6 |
| CBBA9003 [^] | Practical Chinese for BEcon/BEcon&Fin/BSc(QFin) students* or | 3 | 6 |
| CUND9002 [^] | Practical Chinese and Hong Kong Society or | 1 or 2 or 3 | |
| CUND9003 [^] | Cantonese for Non-Cantonese speaking students | 1 or 2 or 3 | |

[#] Candidates who have achieved Level 5** in English Language in the HKDSE or equivalent are exempted but must take a free elective in lieu of this course.[^] Putonghua-speaking students must take CUND9002 or CUND9003. Students who have not studied the Chinese language during their secondary education or who have not attained the requisite level of competence in the Chinese language to take CBBA9003 can apply to the Faculty to take a credit-bearing Cantonese or Putonghua language course offered by the School of Chinese (especially for international and exchange students) in lieu of CBBA9003. If a credit-bearing Cantonese or Putonghua language course offered by the School of Chinese is taken in lieu of CBBA 9003, it may be taken in any year of study.

(b) HKU Common Core Curriculum* [36 credits]

| Course code | Course title | Year of study | Credits |
|-------------|---|---------------|---------|
| CCxxxxxx | 3 CC courses in any three Areas of Inquiry* | 1 | 18 |
| CCxxxxxx | 2 CC courses in any two Areas of Inquiry* | 2 | 12 |
| CCxxxxxx | 1 CC course in any Area of Inquiry* | 3 | 6 |

2. Major in Economics [72 credits]

| Course code | Course title | Year of study | Credits |
|---|--|---------------|---------|
| <i>Introductory Level Courses</i> | | | |
| ACCT1101 | Introduction to financial accounting ^{1,4} | 1 | 6 |
| ECON1210 | Introductory microeconomics ⁴ | 1 | 6 |
| ECON1220 | Introductory macroeconomics | 1 | 6 |
| FINA1310 | Corporate finance ^{2,4} | 1 | 6 |
| <i>Mathematics requirement³ - choose one of the following:</i> | | | |
| MATH1009 | Basic mathematics for business and economics or | 1 | 6 |
| MATH1013 | University mathematics II | | |
| <i>Statistics requirement⁴ - choose one of the following:</i> | | | |
| ECON1280 | Analysis of economic data or | 1 or 2 | 6 |
| STAT1603 | Introductory statistics | | |

| <i>Advanced Level Courses</i> | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------|----|
| ECON2210 | Intermediate microeconomics | 2 or 3 | 6 |
| ECON2220 | Intermediate macroeconomics | 2 or 3 | 6 |
| ECON2280 | Introductory econometrics | 2 or 3 | 6 |
| ECON4200 | Senior seminar in economics and finance* (Capstone course) | 4 | 6 |
| ECONxxxx | Economics disciplinary electives | 2 or 3 or 4 | 12 |

3. Free Electives [114 credits] – any courses except Common Core courses.

Note:

1. The course shall be taken in first year first semester.
 2. The course shall be taken in first year second semester.
 3. Candidates are strongly advised to take MATH1009. Candidates who intend to take advanced mathematics courses should consider taking MATH1013. The sequence of taking MATH1009 first and then MATH1013 is allowed but not *vice versa*. Candidates who have taken MATH1013 or equivalent shall be granted exemption from the mathematics requirement and must take a free elective of the same credit value in lieu of the Mathematics requirement.
 4. Candidates having taken the Faculty Core courses (ACCT1101, ECON1210, FINA1310 and a prescribed statistics course) in fulfillment of the requirements of a first major offered by the Faculty are required to take an equivalent 24 credits of free electives in lieu of these courses.
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REFERENCE TABLE

| Year | Lang. | Common Core | Major in Economics | Free Electives | Total |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| I | 6 credits | 18 credits | 30 credits | 6 credits | 60 credits |
| II | 6 credits | 12 credits | 24 credits | 18 credits | 60 credits |
| III | 6 credits | 6 credits | 6 credits | 42 credits | 60 credits |
| IV | - | - | 12 credits | 48 credits | 60 credits |
| Total | 18 credits | 36 credits | 72 credits | 114 credits | 240 credits |

ECONOMICS DISCIPLINARY ELECTIVES (LIST A)

| Course code | Course title | Credits |
|-------------|---|---------|
| ECON2213 | The economics of property rights | 6 |
| ECON2214 | Games and decisions | 6 |
| ECON2216 | Industrial organization | 6 |
| ECON2223 | Public finance | 6 |
| ECON2225 | Economics of population changes | 6 |
| ECON2232 | Economics of human resources | 6 |
| ECON2233 | The economics of law | 6 |
| ECON2234 | Transportation economics | 6 |
| ECON2235 | Project evaluation | 6 |
| ECON2242 | Theories of investment | 6 |
| ECON2244 | Economics of banking | 6 |
| ECON2246 | The economics of finance | 6 |
| ECON2248 | Finance and development | 6 |
| ECON2249 | Foreign trade and investment in China | 6 |
| ECON2252 | Theory of international trade | 6 |
| ECON2253 | International macroeconomics | 6 |
| ECON2255 | The economic system of Hong Kong | 6 |
| ECON2257 | Trade, investment and development in APEC economies | 6 |
| ECON2262 | Economic development | 6 |
| ECON2264 | Economic development of China | 6 |
| ECON2265 | Investment, technology and economic growth | 6 |
| ECON2266 | Urban economics | 6 |
| ECON2271 | Finance in history and society | 6 |
| ECON2272 | History of economic thought | 6 |
| ECON2273 | Economic history in China | 6 |
| ECON2275 | Political economy of public policy | 6 |
| ECON2276 | State, law and the economy | 6 |
| ECON2277 | Comparative economic systems | 6 |
| ECON2278 | Great events in history: an economic analysis | 6 |
| ECON2284 | Mathematical methods in economics | 6 |
| ECON2285 | Mathematical economics | 6 |
| ECON2292 | Current economic affairs | 6 |
| ECON3215 | Uncertainty and information | 6 |
| ECON3219 | Selected topics in price theory | 6 |
| ECON3222 | Monetary economics | 6 |
| ECON3224 | Health economics | 6 |
| ECON3229 | Topics in macroeconomics | 6 |
| ECON3243 | Capital theory | 6 |
| ECON3283 | Economic forecasting | 6 |
| ECON3293 | Reading course | 6 |
| ECON4294 | Dissertation | 12 |
