SYLLABUS FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE
[BECON&FIN]

This syllabus applies to candidates admitted to the first year of study of the 4-year curriculum in the academic year 2021-22 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:

   UG 5 requirements [54 credits]
   - Languages* 18 credits
   - HKU Common Core Curriculum* 36 credits

   Major in Economics and Finance [96 credits]
   - Core courses 72 credits
   - Economics disciplinary electives 12 credits
   - Finance disciplinary electives 12 credits

   Free Electives [90 credits] 90 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): “Science, Technology, and Big Data”, “Arts and 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 Faculty of Business and Economics, 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%) except for final project/final papers which will be assessed by 100% coursework.

7. Candidates majoring in Economics and Finance are required to take not fewer than 60 credits of advanced level courses from those listed in the BEcon&Fin syllabus. 36 of the 60 credits are core courses inclusive of ECON2210, ECON2220, ECON2280, ECON4200 (capstone course), FINA2320 and FINA2322. The advanced level disciplinary electives in the BEcon&Fin curriculum are grouped into List A (economics disciplinary electives) and List B (finance disciplinary electives). Students must select 12 credits from List A and 12 credits from List B for the Economics and Finance major.

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 BEcon/B Econ&Fin 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 Faculty of Business and Economics.

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.

1. UG 5 requirements [54 credits]

(a) Languages* [18 credits]

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* Candidates who have achieved Level 5 or above in English Language in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination, or equivalent, are exempted from this requirement, and Core University English is optional. Those who do not take this course should take an elective course in lieu, see Regulation UG 6.

‡ 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 should write to the Board of the Faculty to apply for exemption from the Chinese language requirement and take a 6-credit Cantonese or Putonghua language course offered by the School of Chinese especially for international and exchange students, or take a free elective course, in lieu of CBBA9003. If a Cantonese or Putonghua language course offered by the School of Chinese or a free elective course is taken in lieu of CBBA9003, it may be taken in any year of study.

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

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3. **Free Electives [90 credits]** – any courses except Common Core courses

**Notes:**
1. The course shall be taken in the first semester of the first year.
2. The course shall be taken in the second semester of the first year.
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 the course 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.

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