

## **SYLLABUS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS [BECON]**

This syllabus applies to candidates admitted to the first year of study of the 4-year curriculum in the academic year 2017-18 and thereafter.

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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 [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 are required to take not fewer than 36 credits of advanced level courses from those listed in the BEcon syllabus. 24 of the 36 credits are core courses inclusive of ECON2210, ECON2220, ECON2280 and ECON4200 (capstone course). The disciplinary electives in the BEcon curriculum are grouped into List A (economics disciplinary electives). Students must select 12 credits from List A for the Economics 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 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 <sup>#</sup>	Core University English*	1	6
CAES9920	Academic Communication for Business and Economics*	2	6
CBBA9003 <sup>^</sup>	Practical Chinese for BEcon/BEcon&Fin/BSc(QFin) students* <b>or</b>	3	6
CUND9002 <sup>^</sup>	Practical Chinese and Hong Kong Society <b>or</b>	1 or 2 or 3	
CUND9003 <sup>^</sup>	Cantonese for Non-Cantonese speaking students	1 or 2 or 3	

<sup>#</sup> 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.<sup>^</sup> 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 <sup>1,4</sup>	1	6
ECON1210	Introductory microeconomics <sup>4</sup>	1	6
ECON1220	Introductory macroeconomics	1	6
FINA1310	Corporate finance <sup>2,4</sup>	1	6
<i>Mathematics requirement<sup>3</sup> - choose one of the following:</i>			
MATH1009	Basic mathematics for business and economics <b>or</b>	1	6
MATH1013	University mathematics II		
<i>Statistics requirement<sup>4</sup> - choose one of the following:</i>			
ECON1280	Analysis of economic data <b>or</b>	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.

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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**

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

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## ECONOMICS DISCIPLINARY ELECTIVES (LIST A)

Course code	Course title	Credits
ECON2214	Games and decisions	6
ECON2216	Industrial organization	6
ECON2217	Economics of networks	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
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
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
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

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