



Language Courses  
(3 courses; 18 credits)

Common Core Courses  
(6 courses; 36 credits)

Major in Economics  
(13 courses; 78 credits)

Free Elective  
(18 courses; 108 credits)

**Bachelor of Economics [BEcon] Curriculum Requirements (Total: 240 credits)**  
*(Please refer to the BEcon Degree Syllabus of the 2020-2021 intake for details.)*

**1. UG5 Requirements (9 courses; 54 credits)**

(a) Language Courses (3 courses; 18 credits): (i) CAES1000 Core University English + (ii) CAES9920 Academic Communication for Business and Economics + (iii) CBBA9003 Practical Chinese for BEcon/BEcon&Fin/BSc(QFin) Students

- CAES1000 Core University English (CUE) is a compulsory course for all undergraduate students. Students must enrol in CAES1000 in either Semester 1 or 2 of Year 1 unless exemption or advanced standing has been granted. Students who have achieved Level 5 or above in English Language in HKDSE, or equivalent, are exempted from the CUE requirement, and CAES1000 is optional. Those who do not take CAES1000 should take a free elective course in lieu.

Students who have achieved Level 5 or above in HKDSE English Language are automatically exempted from the CUE requirement. Those who have attained the equivalencies to Level 5 or above in HKDSE English Language are also eligible to apply for exemption from the CUE requirement. To apply for exemption from the CUE requirement, students should complete the online application form at the HKU Business School (the School) website (<https://www.fbe.hku.hk/ug/useful-info/downloadable-forms>) by the deadline. Students with Level 3 or Level 4 in HKDSE English Language are NOT allowed to use any of the equivalent standards to get exempted from CAES1000.

- Putonghua-speaking candidates must take CUND9002 Practical Chinese and Hong Kong Society or CUND9003 Cantonese for Non-Cantonese Speaking Students (instead of CBBA9003 Practical Chinese for BEcon/BEcon&Fin/BSc(QFin) Students). 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 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. To apply for exemption from the Chinese language requirement, students should complete the application form at the School website (<https://www.fbe.hku.hk/ug/useful-info/downloadable-forms>) and return it to the School Office by the deadline.

(b) Common Core Courses (6 courses; 36 credits)

Students shall complete a total of 6 Common Core courses (36 credits), comprising at least one and not more than two courses from each Area of Inquiry (AoI) 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.

**2. Compulsory Major in Economics (13 courses; 78 credits)**

(a) Faculty Core Courses (FCC) (4 courses; 24 credits): (i) ACCT1101 Introduction to Financial Accounting + (ii) ECON1210 Introductory Microeconomics + (iii) FINA1310 Corporate Finance + (iv) Statistics Course (ECON1280 Analysis of Economic Data or STAT1603 Introductory Statistics) *(to be taken in Semester 1 of Year 2 or earlier)*

- FCC can only be double-counted across major-major, but not major-minor combination. Should the FCC constitute the requirements of a second major or a minor offered by HKU Business School, students will be required to take an equivalent number of credits of free electives (for major-major combination) or advanced level minor disciplinary electives (for major-minor combination) in lieu of the overlapped FCC.
- Double-counting is NOT allowed for courses other than the FCC. Students will be required to take an equivalent number of credits of advanced level disciplinary electives under the major/minor concerned in lieu of the overlapped courses.

(b) Disciplinary Core Courses (5 courses; 30 credits): (i) ECON1220 Introductory Macroeconomics + (ii) ECON2210 Intermediate Microeconomics + (iii) ECON2220 Intermediate Macroeconomics + (iv) ECON2280 Introductory Econometrics + (v) Mathematics Course (MATH1009 Basic Mathematics for Business and Economics or MATH1013 University Mathematics II)

(c) Economics Disciplinary Electives (3 courses; 18 credits): Please refer to [Attachment I](#) for the list of economics disciplinary electives.

(d) Capstone Course (1 course; 6 credits): ECON4200 Senior Seminar in Economics and Finance

**3. Free Electives (18 courses; 108 credits)**

Free electives are courses in any disciplines except Common Core and Chinese Language Enhancement courses. Students may utilise the 108 credits of free electives to fulfil an optional second major and/or minor(s).

*[Note: Students can declare an optional second major/minor(s) via SIS starting from the preliminary course enrolment period in Year 2. Major/minor declaration is to be finalised by the end of the add/drop period in Semester 1 of Year 4.]*

**The BEcon degree regulations and syllabus, course descriptions, and course outlines are downloadable from the School website (<https://www.fbe.hku.hk/ug/>). For enquiries regarding the BEcon curriculum, please contact the School Office by email to [fbe.undergrad@hku.hk](mailto:fbe.undergrad@hku.hk). It is important that you state your full name, university number, curriculum, and year of study in the email.**

**Economics Disciplinary Electives**

<i>Course Code</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Credits</i>
ECON2214	Games and Decisions	6
ECON2216	Industrial Organization	6
ECON2217	Economics of Networks	6
ECON2223	Public Finance	6
ECON2225	Economics of Population Changes	6
ECON2226	Chinese Economy	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	Political Economy of Development in China	6
ECON2266	Urban Economics	6
ECON2271	Finance in History and Society	6
ECON2272	History of Economic Thought	6
ECON2273	Economic History of China	6
ECON2275	The Political Economy of Law and 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
ECON3220	Research on Chinese Economy	6
ECON3221	Macroeconomic Analysis for Emerging Markets Economies	6
ECON3222	Monetary Economics	6
ECON3223	Credit, Bubbles and the Macroeconomy	6
ECON3224	Health Economics	6
ECON3229	Topics in Macroeconomics	6
ECON3232	Environmental Economics	6
ECON3243	Capital Theory	6
ECON3283	Economic Forecasting	6
ECON3284	Introduction to Causal Inference and Statistical Learning	6
ECON3293	Reading Course	6
ECON4294	Dissertation	12

(\*Note: The courses listed above may not be offered every year.)