

SYLLABUSES FOR THE DUAL DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE [BECON&FIN] AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG [HKU] AND BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS [BECON] AT PEKING UNIVERSITY [PKU]

These syllabuses apply to candidates admitted to the first year of study of the 4-year HKU-PKU Dual Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Finance in the academic year 2025-26 and thereafter.

- Candidates must enroll and attempt examination in not fewer than an equivalence of 302-314 credits of courses at HKU and PKU in accordance with the regulations and the syllabuses as set out below. Of all the credits completed at HKU and PKU, not fewer than an equivalence of 240 credits of courses should be completed for fulfilment of the following HKU BEcon&Fin curriculum requirements:

HKU BEcon&Fin Curriculum Requirements		Credits
A.	UG 5 Requirements [42 credits]	
	Languages*	12
	HKU Common Core Curriculum*	24
	Artificial Intelligence Literacy*	6
	Non-credit bearing courses as required by the University*	0
B.	Major in Economics and Finance [96 credits]	
	Introductory Level Core Courses	36
	Advanced Level Core Courses	30
	Economics Disciplinary Electives	12
	Finance Disciplinary Electives	12
	Capstone Course*	6
C.	Free Electives	102
Total Credit Requirements:		240

Please refer to the Syllabus for the Degree of Bachelor of Economics and Finance for details of the curriculum requirements of the single BEcon&Fin degree at HKU.

- Candidates are required to complete a compulsory major of PKU in (i) Finance, or (ii) Financial Economics, which is part of the curriculum requirements of BEcon at PKU.
- Candidates shall, unless otherwise approved by the BEcon/BEcon&Fin Programme Director, complete 126 credits of courses and a thesis (equivalent to 4 credits) in their third and fourth years of study at HKU after successful completion of their first two years of study at PKU.
- To fulfill the graduation requirement of the HKU BEcon&Fin 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 courses at HKU and PKU identified by an asterisk (*). Those courses include the following areas of study: English language enhancement (6 credits), Chinese language enhancement (6 credits), Common Core courses (24 credits), artificial intelligence literacy (6 credits), non-credit bearing courses as required by the University, and a capstone experience.
- Candidates must complete a total of 24 credits in the Common Core Curriculum, comprising 6 credits from each of the four selected Areas of Inquiry except where candidates are required to make up for failed credits.
- The disciplinary electives in the HKU BEcon&Fin curriculum are grouped into List A (economics disciplinary electives) and List B (finance disciplinary electives).
- The courses listed in the syllabus will not necessarily be offered every year.
- 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 (30-50%) and coursework (50-70%) except for final project/final papers which will be assessed by 100% coursework.
- Candidates must take courses in the year of study indicated in the syllabus.

Curriculum Structure

1. PKU

First Year and Second Year (equivalent to 172-184 credits, with 116-128 credits in Year 1 and 56 credits in Year 2)

Course title	Year of study
College English	1
An Introduction to Ideological and Moral Culture and Laws	1
Outline of Chinese Modern History	1
An Introduction to Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for the New Era	1
Events and Policies	1
Military Theory	1
Physical Education Class	1
Introduction to Computing (C)	1
Computing Practicum	1
Advanced Mathematics (B) (1)	1
Advanced Mathematics (B) (2)	1
Linear Algebra (B)	1
Probability and Statistics	1
Economics	1
Microeconomics	1
Accounting	1
Social Psychology Analysis	1
Lesson One in Guanghai	1
Scientific Thinking and Practice-Based Approach	1
Ideological and Political Studies	1 or 2
Education on the Hardworking Spirit	1 or 2
China Series Electives	1 or 2
A Survey of Mao Tsetung Thoughts and Theory of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics	2
An Introduction to Marxist Basic Theory	2
Social Practice and Service Learning	2
Physical Education Class	2
Macroeconomics	2
Corporate Finance	2
Python Basics of Data Science	2
Behavioural Economics ¹	2
Monetary Economics ¹	2
Game Theory ¹	2
Security Analysis and Investment ²	2

2. HKU

Third Year and Fourth Year (126 credits, with 60-66 credits per year)

Course code	Course title	Year of Study	Credits
CAES1001 ³	Academic Communication in English*	3	0
AILT1001	Artificial intelligence literacy I*	3	3
AILTxxxx	Artificial intelligence literacy II or other microcredential AI literacy course*	3	3
CAES9920	Academic Communication for Business and Economics*	3	6

Course code	Course title	Year of Study	Credits
CBBA9003 ⁴ or	Practical Chinese for BEcon/BEcon&Fin/BFin(AMPB)/BSc(QFin) Students* or	3	6
CUNDxxxx	Chinese Language Enhancement Programme course for non-local Putonghua/Mandarin-speaking students		
CCXXxxxx	4 Common Core courses in four different Areas of Inquiry (3 courses in Year 3 and 1 course in Year 4)*	3 or 4	24
ECON2280	Introductory Econometrics	3	6
FINA2322 ⁵	Derivatives	3	6
MKTG2501	Introduction to Marketing	3	6
IIMT2601	Management Information Systems	3 or 4	6
MGMT3476	Managing Organizational Change	3 or 4	6
ECON4200	Senior Seminar in Economics and Finance* (Capstone Course)	4	6

For students majoring in Finance of PKU:

Course code	Course title	Year of Study	Credits
FINA2330	Financial Markets and Institutions	3 or 4	6
FINA2383	International Financial Management	3 or 4	6
FINA3323	Fixed Income Securities	3 or 4	6
FINA3350	Mathematical Finance	3 or 4	6
FINA4354	Financial Engineering	3 or 4	6
XXXXxxxx	Economics Disciplinary Electives/Free Electives ⁶	3 or 4	18

For students majoring in Financial Economics of PKU:

Course code	Course title	Year of Study	Credits
ECON2223	Public Finance	3 or 4	6
ECON2232	Economics of Human Resources	3 or 4	6
XXXXxxxx	Finance Disciplinary Electives/Free Electives ⁷	3 or 4	36

Fourth Year (2 PKU units, equivalent to 4 HKU credits)

Thesis⁷

3. PKU/HKU

First/Second/Third/Fourth Year (0 credits)

Course code	Course title	Year of study	Credits
XXXXxxxx	Non-credit bearing courses as required by the University*	1 or 2 or 3 or 4	0

Notes:

1. *Behavioural Economics*, *Monetary Economics* and *Game Theory* are Free Elective (School Elective) courses and Major Core courses for Finance Major and Financial Economics Major at PKU respectively. Students majoring in Finance of PKU may take other Free Elective (School Elective) courses at PKU for fulfilment of PKU BEcon curriculum requirements.
2. *Security Analysis and Investment* is a Major Core course and a Free Elective (School Elective) course for Finance Major and Financial Economics Major at PKU respectively.
3. Candidates who have obtained a qualification equivalent to Level 5 or above in English Language in Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination are exempted from this requirement.
4. Non-local Putonghua/Mandarin-speaking candidates must take a 6-credit Chinese Language Enhancement Programme course for non-local Putonghua/Mandarin-speaking students (i.e. CUNDxxxx course).
5. *Derivatives* is a Major Elective course and a Free Elective (School Elective) course for Finance Major and

Financial Economics Major at PKU respectively.

6. Students majoring in Finance of PKU must complete at least 12 credits of economics disciplinary electives and 6 credits of free electives at HKU for fulfilment of HKU BEcon&Fin curriculum requirements. The economics disciplinary electives and free electives taken should map with at least 2 PKU units of Finance Major Electives in order to satisfy the relevant Major requirements of PKU. Students should seek advice from Guanghua School of Management in advance.
7. Students majoring in Financial Economics of PKU must complete at least 12 credits of finance disciplinary electives and 24 credits of free electives for fulfilment of HKU BEcon&Fin curriculum requirements. The finance disciplinary electives and free electives taken should map with 6 PKU units of Financial Economics Major Electives in order to satisfy the relevant Major requirements of PKU. Students should seek advice from Guanghua School of Management in advance.
8. Students are required to complete Thesis in Year 4 at HKU for fulfilment of the graduation requirement of PKU. The Thesis will not form part of HKU's enrolment record but will be recorded in HKU's academic transcript in the form of transcript text.