



Bachelor of Economics and Finance [BEcon&Fin] Curriculum Requirements (Total: 240 credits)
(Please refer to the BEcon&Fin Degree Syllabus of the 2024-2025 intake for details.)

1. UG5 Requirements (10 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/BFin(AMPB)/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://ug.hkubs.hku.hk/support-and-development/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.

- Non-local Putonghua/Mandarin-speaking candidates should take a 6-credit Chinese Language Enhancement Programme course for non-local Putonghua/Mandarin-speaking students (i.e. (i.e. CUNDxxxx course) in lieu 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://ug.hkubs.hku.hk/support-and-development/useful-info/downloadable-forms>) and return it to the Faculty 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. Please refer to the Common Core website (<https://commoncore.hku.hk/>) for details.

(c) Non-credit Bearing Courses under UG5(e) (1 course; 0 credits): UG5E1001 Introduction to the Constitution, the Basic Law and the National Security Law

UG5E1001 Introduction to the Constitution, the Basic Law and the National Security Law is an online course which adopts a self-directed learning approach. Students have the flexibility to take the course in any semester throughout their period of study. Enrolment on the course is automatic. Please refer to the CEDARS-GE website (<https://www.cedars.hku.hk/ge/ug5e1001.html>) for more information.

2. Compulsory Major in Economics and Finance (16 courses; 96 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 IIMT1640 Probability and Statistics for Business 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.

*[*Note: STAT1603 Introductory Statistics is not offered in the academic year 2024-2025.]*

(b) Disciplinary Core Courses (7 courses; 42 credits): (i) ECON1220 Introductory Macroeconomics + (ii) ECON2210 Intermediate Microeconomics + (iii) ECON2220 Intermediate Macroeconomics + (iv) ECON2280 Introductory Econometrics + (v) FINA2320 Investments and Portfolio Analysis + (vi) FINA2322 Derivatives + (vii) Mathematics Course (MATH1009 Basic Mathematics for Business and Economics or MATH1013 University Mathematics II)

(c) Economics Disciplinary Electives (2 courses; 12 credits): Please refer to [Attachment I](#) for the list of economics disciplinary electives.

(d) Finance Disciplinary Electives (2 courses; 12 credits): Please refer to [Attachment I](#) for the list of finance disciplinary electives.

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

3. Free Electives (15 courses; 90 credits)

Free electives are courses in any disciplines except Common Core and Chinese Language Enhancement courses. Students may utilise the 90 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&Fin degree regulations and syllabus, course descriptions, and course outlines are downloadable from the School website (<https://ug.hkubs.hku.hk>). For enquiries regarding the BEcon&Fin curriculum, please contact the Faculty Office by email to 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

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
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
ECON3225	Big Data Economics	6
ECON3229	Topics in Macroeconomics	6
ECON3232	Economics of Sustainability	6
ECON3233	Data Analytics in Digital Economy	6
ECON3234	Behavioural Economics	6
ECON3235	Economics of Education and Human Capital	6
ECON3243	Capital Theory	6
ECON3262	Inequality and Growth	6
ECON3272	The Political Economy of Globalization	6
ECON3283	Economic Forecasting	6
ECON3284	Causal Inference	6
ECON3293	Reading Course	6
ECON4211	Advanced Microeconomics	6
ECON4214	Advanced Game Theory	6
ECON4221	Advanced Macroeconomics	6
ECON4294	Dissertation	12

Finance Disciplinary Electives

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
ACCT3114	Valuation Using Financial Statements	6
FINA2311	Case Studies in Corporate Finance	6
FINA2312	Advanced Corporate Finance	6
FINA2330	Financial Markets and Institutions	6
FINA2331	Management of Commercial Banks	6
FINA2332	International Banking	6
FINA2334	Banking – Strategies, Operations and Controls	6
FINA2342	Insurance: Theory and Practice	6
FINA2343	Lending and Credit in Private Banking and Corporate Banking (1)	6
FINA2344	Lending and Credit in Private Banking and Corporate Banking (2)	6
FINA2382	Real Estate Finance	6
FINA2383	International Financial Management	6
FINA2385	ESG in Business and Finance	6
FINA2386	Social Network Analysis in Finance	6
FINA2390	Financial Programming and Databases	6
FINA3316	Investment Banking: Valuation, LBOs, and M&A	6
FINA3317	Entrepreneurial Finance	6
FINA3318	China's Financial System and Markets	6
FINA3319	Green Finance and Impact Investing	6
FINA3322	Credit Risk	6
FINA3323	Fixed Income Securities	6
FINA3324	Interest Rate Models	6
FINA3325	Alternative Investments	6
FINA3326	Equity Valuation and Investment Management	6
FINA3327	Hedge Funds: Strategies, Business Management, and Institutions	6
FINA3334	Private Banking and Wealth Management	6
FINA3335	Current Issues in Asset Management and Private Banking Industry	6
FINA3336	Institutional Investment Consulting and Family Office	6
FINA3337	Venture Capital and Private Equity	6
FINA3338	Multi-asset Investing	6
FINA3340	Risk Management	6
FINA3350	Mathematical Finance	6
FINA3351	Spreadsheet Financial Modeling	6
FINA3353	Regulatory, Operational and Valuation Issues in Finance Institutions	6
FINA3360	Financial Practicum	6
FINA3381	Behavioural Finance	6
FINA3382	Structured Finance and Securitization	6
FINA3383	Financial Regulations and Compliance	6
FINA3384	Behavioural and Sociological Finance	6
FINA3385	Global Sustainable Investing and ESG Integration	6
FINA3386	Digital Assets	6
FINA3391	Reading Course	6
FINA4341	Quantitative Risk Management	6
FINA4350	Text Analytics and Natural Language Processing in Finance and Fintech	6
FINA4354	Financial Engineering	6
FINA4359	Data Analytics, Quantitative Finance, and Blockchain Finance	6
FINA4392	Dissertation	12

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