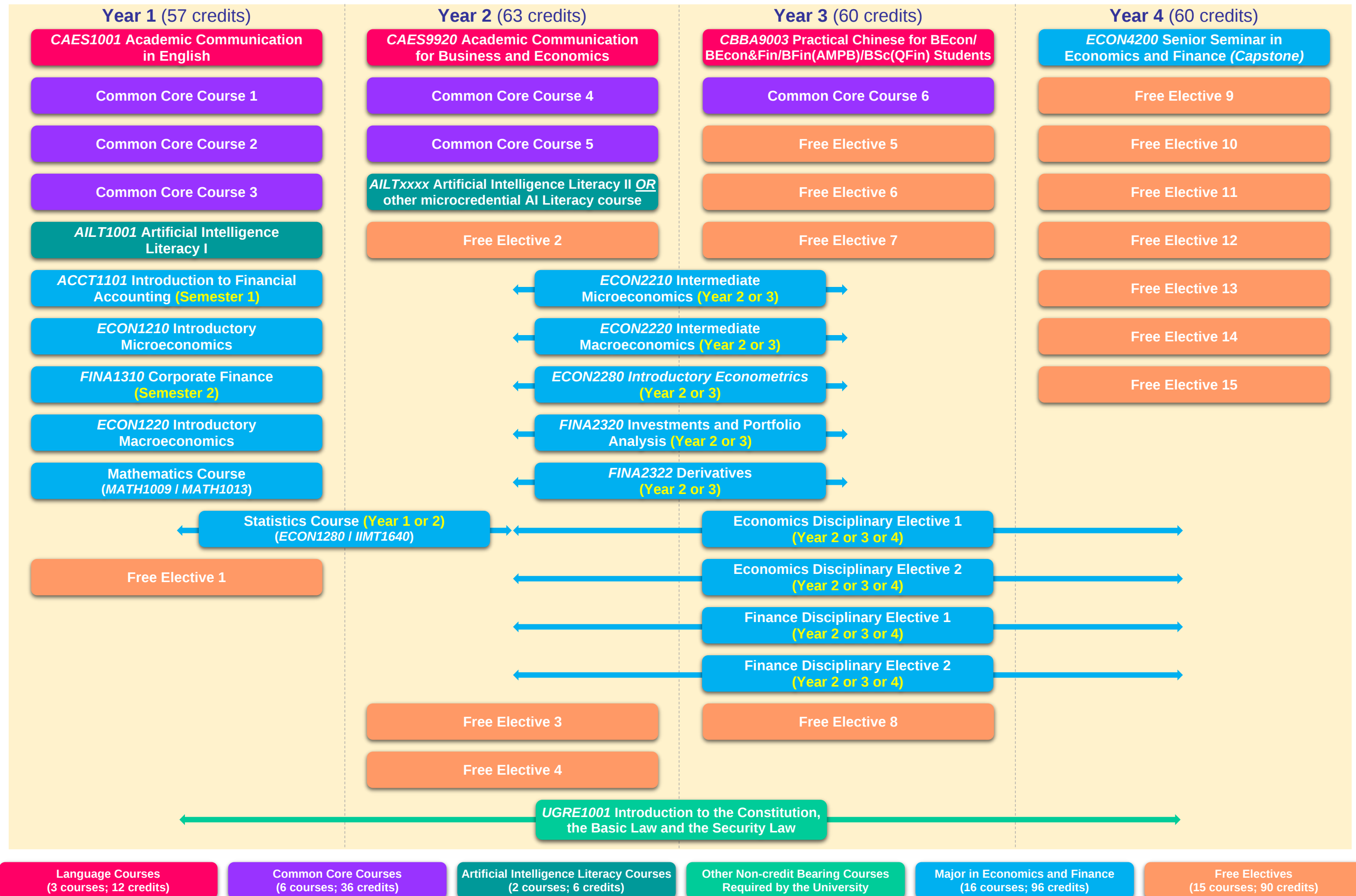




Bachelor of Economics and Finance [BEcon&Fin] Curriculum Requirements (Total: 240 credits)
(Please refer to the BEcon&Fin Degree Syllabuses of the 2026-2027 intake for details.)

1. UG5 Requirements (12 courses; 54 credits)

- (a) Language Courses (3 courses; 12 credits): (i) CAES1001 Academic Communication in English + (ii) CAES9920 Academic Communication for Business and Economics + (iii) CBBA9003 Practical Chinese for BEcon/BEcon&Fin/BFin(AMPB)/BSc(QFin) Students

- CAES1001 Academic Communication in English (ACE) is a compulsory, non-credit bearing course for all undergraduate students. Students must enrol in CAES1001 in either Semester 1 or 2 of Year 1 unless exemption has been granted.

Students who have achieved Level 5 or above in English Language in HKDSE, or equivalent, in the year of admission (*i.e. 2026, unless otherwise specified in the “[Notes on CAES1001 Academic Communication in English](#)”*; and **test result obtained after admission to the University will not be considered**) are exempted from the ACE requirement. To apply for exemption from the ACE requirement, students should complete the online application form at the Faculty website (<https://ug.hkubs.hku.hk/support-and-development/useful-info/downloadable-forms>) by the deadline.

- Non-local Putonghua/Mandarin-speaking candidates should complete a 6-credit Chinese Language Enhancement Programme course for non-local Putonghua/Mandarin-speaking students (*i.e. CUNDxxxx* course) in lieu of CBBA9003 Practical Chinese for BEcon/BEcon&Fin/BFin(AMPB)/BSc(QFin) Students.

Students who did not study Chinese language during their secondary education and have not reached the required proficiency level to take CBBA9003 should write to the Board of the Faculty to apply for exemption from the Chinese language enhancement requirement and take a course in either Chinese language* (“CHIN9501 Chinese as a Foreign Language I” or “CHIN9511 Cantonese as a Foreign Language I”) or Chinese culture (“CHIN9521 The Fundamentals of Chinese Characters” or “CHIN9522 Exploration of Major Cultural Themes across Chinese History”) offered by the Chinese Language Centre of the School of Chinese in lieu. To apply for exemption from the Chinese language enhancement requirement, students should complete the application form at the Faculty website (<https://ug.hkubs.hku.hk/support-and-development/useful-info/downloadable-forms>) and return it to the Faculty Office by the deadline.

**Note: Students taking a Chinese language course may be assigned to a higher-level course (CHIN9502-CHIN9508 or CHIN9512-CHIN9513) based on the results of a placement test.*

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

Students shall complete a total of 36 credits in the Common Core Curriculum, comprising at least 6 credits and not more than 12 credits from each Area of Inquiry (AoI) with not more than 24 credits 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) Artificial Intelligence Literacy Courses (2 courses; 6 credits): (i) AILT1001 Artificial Intelligence Literacy I + (ii) AILTxxxx Artificial Intelligence Literacy II or other microcredential AI Literacy course

- Students are strongly advised to take AILT1001 either in Semester 1 or 2 of Year 1 as it is a prerequisite for taking the second Artificial Intelligence Literacy course required for graduation. Please refer to the AILT1001 website (<https://ailt.cds.hku.hk/>) for more information.
- The Faculty currently offers two 3-credit Artificial Intelligence Literacy II courses: AILT9021 AI and the Future Economy and AILT9022 AI-Powered Business Applications. While students may fulfil the requirement by completing any Artificial Intelligence Literacy II course, students are strongly encouraged to take either AILT9021 or AILT9022.

- (d) Other Non-credit Bearing Courses Required by the University (1 course; 0 credits): UGRE1001 Introduction to the Constitution, the Basic Law and the National Security Law

UGRE1001 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 website (<https://www.cedars.hku.hk/ugre1001>) for more information.

2. 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) (*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 the Faculty, students will be required to complete 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 complete 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 (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 syllabuses, course descriptions, and course outlines are downloadable from the Faculty 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.

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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
ECON3236	Economics of Artificial Intelligence	6
ECON3243	Capital Theory	6
ECON3262	Inequality and Growth	6
ECON3263	Strategic Factors in Hong Kong Economics 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
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
FINA2345	Wealth Planning - Trust and Insurance	6
FINA2350	Text Analytics and Natural Language Processing in Finance and Fintech	6
FINA2382	Real Estate Finance	6
FINA2383	International Financial Management	6
FINA2385	Sustainability in Business and Finance	6
FINA2386	Social Network Analysis in Finance	6
FINA2387	Wealth Management for the Chinese Market	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
FINA3336	Family Office and Asset Owners	6
FINA3337	Venture Capital and Private Equity	6
FINA3338	Multi-asset Investing	6
FINA3339	Private Credit	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	ESG Investing and Sustainable Banking	6
FINA3386	Digital Assets	6
FINA3391	Reading Course	6
FINA4341	Quantitative Risk Management	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.)

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