



Non-credit Bearing
Course under UG5

Language Courses
(2 course; 12 credits)

Common Core Courses
(6 courses; 36 credits)

Artificial Intelligence Literacy
Courses (2 courses; 6 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 2025-2026 intake for details.*)

1. UG5 Requirements (12 courses; 54 credits)

(a) Language Courses (2 courses; 12 credits): (i) CAES9920 Academic Communication for Business and Economics + (ii) CBBA9003 Practical Chinese for BEcon/BEcon&Fin/BFin(AMPB)/BSc(QFin) Students

- 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. 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 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 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 highly encouraged 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://aitl.cds.hku.hk/>) for more information.

(d) Non-credit Bearing Courses under UG5 (2 courses; 0 credits):

- CAES1001 Academic Communication in English (ACE) is a compulsory 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. 2025, unless otherwise specified below; 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 School website (<https://ug.hkubs.hku.hk/support-and-development/useful-info/downloadable-forms>) by the deadline.

- 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-GE website (<https://www.cedars.hku.hk/ge/ugre1001.html>) for more information.

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 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 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://ug.hkubs.hku.hk>). For enquiries regarding the BEcon 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

<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 (COIL)	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
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

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