

Regulations for the degree of Bachelor of Social Sciences in Economics and Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Economics

This 5-credit programme regulations document is applicable to students admitted before 2023 Autumn term.

The programmes of Bachelor of Social Sciences in Economics and Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Economics have been phased out with effect from the 2023 Spring term. The University will continue to confer the awards up to December 2027.

These regulations are made under paragraphs 1 to 4 of the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees.

In these regulations, definitions shall apply as in the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees and in the Interpretation section of the Academic Rules and Regulations.

Bachelor of Social Sciences in Economics (BSSCE)

1. To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences in Economics**, a student shall:
 - a) comply with the Regulations for Admission, Registration and Maintenance of Status, and;
 - b) comply with the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees; and
 - c) obtain at least 120 credits of which no more than 40 credits shall be obtained at Foundation level; and
 - d) obtain at least 100 credits in courses prescribed by the regulations as appropriate to the degree, including at least 20 credits in courses at Higher level.
2. For the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences in Economics**, the University has prescribed that a student must:
 - a) successfully complete 50 credits of compulsory core courses labelled SC in Table 1, i.e.
 - (i) 10 credits from MATH S122;
or 10 credits from BUS B273; and
 - (ii) 5 credits from IT E150, BIS B123, POLS A201 or SOSC A122; and
 - (iii) 5 credits from ENGL A101; and
 - (iv) 10 credits from both ECON A231/ECON A231C and ECON A232/ECON A232C; and
 - (v) 10 credits from STAT S242, ECON A203, PUAD A202 or PUAD A203; and
 - (vi) 10 credits from both ECON A311 and ECON A312; and
 - b) successfully complete 40 credits from courses labelled SF, SM or SH in Table 1, of which at least 10 credits must be gained at Higher level (labelled SH) ^{a, b, c, d}; and
 - c) successfully complete 10 credits from courses labelled BM ^e in Table 1; and

- d) successfully complete an additional 20 credits of the courses at Foundation, Middle or Higher level offered by the University, provided that, of the total 120 credits*, no more than 40 are gained at Foundation level.

* Of the 120 credits required for the attainment of the degree, students can complete up to 40 credits of courses in a language of instruction other than English

Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Economics (BSSCHE)

1. To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Economics**, a student shall:

- a) comply with the Regulations for Admission, Registration and Maintenance of Status; and
- b) comply with the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees; and
- c) obtain at least 160 credits of which no more than 40 credits shall be obtained at Foundation level; and
- d) obtain at least 40 credits in courses at the Higher level; and
- e) successfully complete the prescribed programme of studies.

2. For the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Economics**, the University has prescribed that a student must:

- a) successfully complete 60 credits of compulsory core courses labelled SCH in Table 1, i.e.
 - (i) 10 credits from MATH S122;
or 10 credits from BUS B273; and
 - (ii) 5 credits from IT E150, BIS B123, POLS A201 or SOSC A122; and
 - (iii) 5 credits from ENGL A101; and
 - (iv) 10 credits from both ECON A231/ECON A231C and ECON A232/ECON A232C;
and
 - (v) 10 credits from STAT S242, ECON A203, PUAD A202 or PUAD A203 and
 - (vi) 10 credits from both ECON A311 and ECON A312; and
 - (vii) 10 credits from both ECON A313 and ECON A314; and
- b) successfully complete 70 credits from courses labelled SFH, SMH or SHH in Table 1, of which at least 30 credits must be gained at Higher level (labelled SHH)^{a, b, c, d}; and
- c) successfully complete 10 credits from courses labelled BMH^e in Table 1; and
- d) successfully complete an additional 20 credits of the courses at Foundation, Middle or Higher level offered by the University, provided that, of the total 160 credits*, no more than 40 are gained at Foundation level.

* Of the 160 credits required for the attainment of the degree, students can complete up to 50 credits of courses in a language of instruction other than English.

- a: Students who have successfully completed SOCI A202 or HIST A202 before the April 2001 presentation will be deemed to have satisfied the requirement of a 10-credit Middle level course labelled SM or SMH.

- b: Students who have successfully completed ECON A306 will be deemed to have satisfied the requirement of ECON A203 or a 10-credit Higher level course labelled SH or SHH.
 - c: Students who have successfully completed ECON A320C or ECON A320 will be deemed to have satisfied the requirement of ECON A202C or a 10-credit Higher level course labelled SH or SHH.
 - d: Students who have successfully completed any course labelled BH or BHH before the April 2001 presentation will be deemed to have satisfied the requirement of a 10-credit Higher level course labelled SH or SHH.
 - e: Students who have successfully completed FIN B382/FIN B400 will be deemed to have satisfied the requirement of FIN B280 and a 5-credit course labelled BM or BMH.
3. Each degree with Honours shall be conferred with a classification of First Class, Second Class (Upper Division), Second Class (Lower Division) or Third Class save that exceptionally a degree may be conferred without classification.
 4. Subject to the requirements of the relevant programme of study, each person on whom an Honours degree is to be conferred shall be assigned to a classification determined by the University according to its regulations.
 5. For the calculation of scores for classification purposes in the degree of **Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in Economics**, the University has deemed that “Group (a)” shall consist of the best 40 credits in courses at Higher level listed in Table 1, and that “Group (b)” shall consist of the best 40 credits in courses at Higher or Middle level listed in Table 1, where such credits are not taken into account in “Group (a)”. Further, that “X” shall equal one, that is “Group (a)” and “Group (b)” shall be equally weighted. Further, that “X” shall equal one, that is “Group (a)” and “Group (b)” shall be equally weighted. (Refer to the paragraphs on Classification of the Degree with Honours of the Regulations for the Award of Undergraduate Degrees.)

Table 1: Courses currently on offer (Phased out courses that can be counted towards the degree are listed in note 2)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	BSSCE	BSSCHE	Honours Classification Group
<i>Foundation level</i>					
ENGL A101 ^{1,2}	University English Writing Skills	5	SC	SCH	--
BIS B123 ^{1,2}	Business Computing Applications	5	SC	SCH	--
IT E150 ^{1,2}	Information Technology for Learning	5	SC	SCH	--
MATH S122 ^{1,2}	A Foundation in Applied Mathematics	10	SC	SCH	--
SOSC A112C ¹	Foundations of Social Sciences: Economics and Politics	10	SF	SFH	--
SOSC A122 ¹	Understanding Sociology	5	SC	SCH	--

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	BSSCE	BSSCHE	Honours Classification Group
<i>Middle level</i>					
BUS B273 ^{1,2}	Quantitative Analysis for Business	10	SC	SCH	b
ECON A203 ¹	Hong Kong Economy	10	SC/SM	SCH/SMH	b
ECON A231 ^{1,2}	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	SC	SCH	b
ECON A232 ^{1,2}	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	SC	SCH	b
ECON A231C ^{1,2}	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	SC	SCH	b
ECON A232C ^{1,2}	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	SC	SCH	b
POLS A201 ¹	Introduction to Political Science	10	SC	SCH	b
PUAD A202 ¹	Introduction to Public Administration	5	SC	SCH	b
PUAD A203 ¹	Introduction to Public Policy	5	SC	SCH	b
STAT S242 ^{1,2}	Statistics in Society	10	SC	SCH	b
ACT B210 ¹	Introduction to Accounting	10	BM	BMH	b
MGT B240 ¹	Principles and Practices of Management	5	BM	BMH	b
MGT B240C ¹	Principles and Practices of Management	5	BM	BMH	b
MKT B250 ¹	Introduction to Marketing	5	BM	BMH	b
MKT B250C ¹	Introduction to Marketing	5	BM	BMH	b
FIN B280 ¹	Introduction to Financial Management	5	--	FCH	b
ECON A201	Economics of E-Commerce and Technology	10	SM	SMH	b
ECON A202C ¹	Economic Development of Contemporary China	10	SM	SMH	b
LIBS A201	The Pacific Century	10	SM	SMH	b
<i>Higher level</i>					
ECON A305	Money and Banking	10	SH	SHH	a or b
ECON A308	Advanced Economics of E-Commerce and Technology	10	SH	SHH	a or b
ECON A311 ^{1,2}	Intermediate Microeconomics	5	SC	SCH	a or b

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	BSSCE	BSSCHE	Honours Classification Group
ECON A312 ^{1,2}	Intermediate Macroeconomics	5	SC	SCH	a or b
ECON A313 ^{1,2}	Introductory Econometrics	5	SH	SCH	a or b
ECON A314 ^{1,2}	Econometrics and Forecasting	5	SH	SCH	a or b
ECON A315 ^{1,2}	International Trade	5	SH	SHH	a or b
ECON A316 ^{1,2}	International Finance	5	SH	SHH	a or b
ECON A317 ^{1,2}	Theory of Public Finance	5	SH	SHH	a or b
ECON A318 ^{1,2}	Economic Analysis of Public Policy	5	SH	SHH	a or b
PUAD A302	Government and Business	10	SH	SHH	a or b
MGT B346 ¹	Theories and Practices of Organizational Behaviour	5	SH	SHH	a or b
SOSC A313 ¹	Research Methods in Social Sciences	20	SH	SHH	a or b
MGT B347 ^{1,2}	Managing People and Organizations	10	BH	BHH	a or b
IB B396 ^{1,2}	Asia Pacific Issues in Management	5	BH	BHH	a or b
IB B397 ^{1,2}	Global Issues in Management	5	BH	BHH	a or b
MGT B440 ^{1,2}	Strategic Management of Human Resources	10	BH	BHH	a or b
IB B390 ^{1,2}	International Business Management	10	BH	BHH	a or b

Notes:

1. This course forms an excluded combination with other course(s). Only one of the courses in the [excluded combination](#) can be counted towards an HKMU award. Students should refer to the list of [excluded combination](#) for details.
2. The following phased out courses are no longer available. Students who have successfully completed any of these courses can have the credits awarded for the phased out course(s) counted towards the BSSCE/BSSCHE programmes, and are deemed to have completed corresponding replacement course(s), if any, subject to the requirements of relevant regulations.

Table 2: Phased out courses

Phased out Courses			Replacement courses			Label		Honours Classification Group	Note
Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	BSSC E	BSSC HE		
ACT B211	Introduction to Accounting I	5	ACT B210	Introduction to Accounting	10	BM	BMH	b	--
ACT B212	Introduction to Accounting II	5							
BIS B220 / BIS B121	Business Computing with Internet Applications	5	BIS B123	Business Computing Applications	5	SC	SCH	N/A	--
BUS B100	Business Communication	5	No replacement			SC	SCH	N/A	--
BUS B170	Quantitative Methods for Business	10	BUS B171	Business Statistics	5	SC	SCH	N/A	--
			BUS B172/ BUS B272	Quantitative Methods for Decision Making	5	SC	SCH	b	--
BUS B171	Business Statistics	5	BUS B273	Quantitative Analysis for Business	10	SC	SCH	b	--
BUS B172/ BUS B272	Quantitative Methods for Decision Making	5							
ECON A230	Introduction to Economics	10	ECON A231	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	SC	SCH	b	--
			ECON A232	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	SC	SCH	b	--
ECON A230C	Introduction to Economics	10	ECON A231C	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	SC	SCH	b	--
			ECON A232C	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	SC	SCH	b	--
ECON A301	Economic Analysis of Business and Public Policies	10	ECON A311	Intermediate Microeconomics	5	SC	SCH	a or b	--
			ECON A312	Intermediate Macroeconomics	5	SC	SCH	a or b	--
ECON A302	Business and Economic Forecasting	10	ECON A313	Introductory Econometrics	5	SH	SCH	a or b	--
			ECON A314	Econometrics and Forecasting	5	SH	SCH	a or b	--
ECON A303	International Trade and Finance	10	ECON A315	International Trade	5	SH	SHH	a or b	--
			ECON A316	International Finance	5	SH	SHH	a or b	--
ECON A306	Hong Kong Economy	10	ECON A203	Hong Kong Economy	10	SH	SHH	a or b	--
			OR Any 10-credit SH/SHH labelled courses			10	SH	SHH	a or b

Phased out Courses			Replacement courses			Label		Honours Classification Group	Note
Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	BSSC E	BSSC HE		
ECON A307	Public Finance	10	ECON A317	Theory of Public Finance	5	SH	SHH	a or b	--
			ECON A318	Economic Analysis of Public Policy	5	SH	SHH	a or b	--
ECON A320	Chinese Economy	10	ECON A202C	Economic Development of Contemporary China	10	SH	SHH	a or b	--
			OR 10-credit SH/SHH labelled courses			10	SH	SHH	a or b
ECON A320C	Chinese Economy	10	ECON A202C	Economic Development of Contemporary China	10	SH	SHH	a or b	--
			OR 10-credit SH/SHH labelled courses			10	SH	SHH	a or b
ENGL A100	English for University Study	5	ENGL A101	University English Writing Skills	5	SC	SCH	N/A	--
FIN B380	Banking and Financial Systems in Hong Kong	10	No replacement			BH	BHH	a or b	--
FIN B382/ FIN B400	Financial Management	10	FIN B280	Introduction to Financial Management	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	--
			A 5-credit course labelled BM or BMH			5	BM	BHM	a or b
IT L150	Foundations in Microcomputing and WWW	5	No replacement			SC	SCH	N/A	--
MATH S112	A Foundation in Applied Mathematics	10	MATH S122	A Foundation in Applied Mathematics	10	SC	SCH	N/A	1
MATH S242	Statistics in Society	10	STAT S242	Statistics in Society	10	SC	SCH	b	1
MGT B290	Organizational Behaviour	5	MGT B346	Theories and Practices of Organizational Behaviour	5	BM	BHM	b	--
MGT B343	Managing in Organizations	10	MGT B344	Theory and Design of Organizations	5	BH	BHH	a or b	--
			MGT B345	Managing in Organizations	5	BH	BHH	a or b	--
MGT B344	Theory and Design of Organizations	5	MGT B347	Managing People and Organizations	10	BH	BHH	a or b	--
MGT B345	Managing in Organizations	5							

Phased out Courses			Replacement courses			Label		Honours Classification Group	Note
Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	BSSC E	BSSC HE		
MGT B393	Asia Pacific Management Issues	10	MGT B396	Asia Pacific Issues in Management	5	BH	BHH	a or b	--
			MGT B397	Global Issues in Management	5	BH	BHH	a or b	--
MGT B396	Asia Pacific Issues in Management	5	IB B396	Asia Pacific Issues in Management	5	BH	BHH	a or b	1
MGT B397	Global Issues in Management	5	IB B397	Global Issues in Management	5	BH	BHH	a or b	1
MGT B441	Human Resource Management: A Strategic Approach	5	MGT B440	Strategic Management of Human Resources	10	BH	BHH	a or b	--
MGT B442	Strategic Human Resource Management Issues	5							
MKT B390	International Business Management	10	IB B390	International Business Management	10	BH	BHH	a or b	1

Note to Table 2:

1. Change of course code

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