

Regulations for the Higher Diploma in Economics and Diploma in Economics

The programmes of Diploma in Economics and Higher Diploma in Economics will be phased out with effect from 2021 Autumn term. The last conferment of the above programmes will be 2024 Autumn term and 2025 Autumn term respectively.

These regulations are made under paragraphs 1 to 4 of the Regulations for the Award of Sub-degree Qualifications (Sub-degrees).

In these regulations, definitions shall apply as in the Regulations for the Award of Sub-degree Qualifications and in the Interpretation section of the Academic Rules and Regulations.

Higher Diploma in Economics (HDEC)

1. To be eligible for the award of the **Higher Diploma 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 Sub-degree Qualifications (Sub-degrees); and
 - c) obtain at least 90 credits* in courses prescribed by the regulations including at least 10 credits at Higher level.

* Of the 90 credits required for the attainment of the Higher Diploma, students can complete up to 30 credits of courses in a language of instruction other than English.

2. For the **Higher Diploma in Economics**, the University has prescribed that a student must:
 - a) obtain at least 5 credits from courses labelled SF in Table 1; and
 - b) obtain 30 credits from courses labelled SC and MF in Table 1; i.e.
 - (i) 10 credits from both ECON A231/ECON A231C and ECON A232/ECON A232C; and
 - (ii) 10 credits from MATH S122 or BUS B273; and
 - (iii) 10 credits from both ECON A311 and ECON A312; and
 - c) obtain 40 credits from courses labelled PF, SM and SH in Table 1 other than those taken in fulfilment of (b) above; and
 - d) complete additional courses labelled SF, PF, BM*, SM and SH in Table 1 to obtain the total of 90 credits required for the award.

* *Students who have successfully completed FIN B382/FIN B400 are deemed to have satisfied the requirements of FIN B280 and a 5-credit course labelled BM.*

Diploma in Economics (DEC)

1. To be eligible for the award of the **Diploma 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 Sub-degree Qualifications (Sub-degrees); and
 - c) obtain at least 60 credits in courses prescribed by the regulations including at least 20 credits at Middle level.

2. For the **Diploma in Economics**, the University has prescribed that a student must:

- a) obtain at least 5 credits from courses labelled SF and MF in Table 1; and
- b) obtain 10 credits from courses labelled SC in Table 1; i.e. 10 credits from both ECON A231/ECON A231C and ECON A232/ECON A232C; and
- c) obtain 30 credits from courses labelled PF, SM and SH in Table 1; and
- d) complete additional courses labelled SF, MF, PF, BM*, SM and SH in Table 1 to obtain the total of 60 credits** required for the award.

* Students who have successfully completed FIN B382/FIN B400 are deemed to have satisfied the requirements of FIN B280 and a 5-credit course labelled BM.

** Of the 60 credits required for the attainment of the Diploma, students can complete up to 20 credits of courses in a language of instruction other than English.

Table 1: Courses currently on offer (Phased out courses that can be counted towards the degree are listed in note 3)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	HDEC/DEC
<i>Foundation level</i>			
MATH S122 ^{1,2,3}	A Foundation in Applied Mathematics	10	MF
ENGL A101 ^{1,2}	University English Writing Skills	5	SF
BIS B123 ^{1,2,3}	Business Computing Applications	5	SF
IT E150 ^{1,2}	Information Technology for Learning	5	SF
SOSC A112C ²	Foundations of Social Sciences: Economics and Politics	10	PF
<i>Middle level</i>			
BUS B273 ^{1,2,3}	Quantitative Analysis for Business	10	MF
ECON A231 ^{2,3}	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	SC
ECON A232 ^{2,3}	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	SC
ECON A231C ^{2,3}	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	SC
ECON A232C ^{2,3}	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	SC
ACT B210 ^{2,3}	Introduction to Accounting	10	BM
MGT B240 ²	Principles and Practices of Management	5	BM
MGT B240C ²	Principles and Practices of Management	5	BM
MKT B250 ²	Introduction to Marketing	5	BM
MKT B250C ²	Introduction to Marketing	5	BM

ECON A201	Economics of E-Commerce and Technology	10	SM
ECON A202C ²	Economic Development of Contemporary China	10	SM
ECON A203 ²	Hong Kong Economy	10	SM
<i>Higher level</i>			
ECON A305	Money and Banking	10	SH
ECON A311 ^{2,3}	Intermediate Microeconomics	5	SH
ECON A312 ^{2,3}	Intermediate Macroeconomics	5	SH
ECON A313 ^{2,3}	Introductory Econometrics	5	SH
ECON A314 ^{2,3}	Econometrics and Forecasting	5	SH
ECON A315 ^{2,3}	International Trade	5	SH
ECON A316 ^{2,3}	International Finance	5	SH
ECON A317 ^{2,3}	Theory of Public Finance	5	SH
ECON A318 ^{2,3}	Economic Analysis of Public Policy	5	SH
PUAD A302	Government and Business	10	SH
BIS B316 ^{2,3}	Management Information Systems: Concepts and Practices	5	EH
BIS B317 ^{2,3}	Management Information Systems: Enterprise Applications	5	EH
BIS B322 ²	Networking Applications and Electronic Commerce	10	EH
MGT B346 ²	Theories and Practices of Organizational Behaviour	5	EH
BIS B422 ²	Advanced Electronic Commerce	10	EH
BIS B425 ²	Strategic Information Systems and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)	10	EH
ECON A308	Advanced Economics of E-Commerce and Technology	10	EH

Notes:

1. Students may have either ENGL A100/ENGL A101 or BUS B100, MATH S112/MATH S122 or BUS B170 or BUS B171 and BUS B172/BUS B272 or BUS B273, and IT L150/IT E150 or BIS B220/BIS B121/BIS B123 to fulfil the requirements for the diploma or higher diploma.
2. This course forms an excluded combination with other course(s). Only one of the courses in the [excluded combination](#) can be counted towards an OUHK award. Students should refer to the list of [excluded combinations](#) for details.

3. 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 HDEC/DEC 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 in HDEC/DEC programme	Note
Course Code	Course Title	Course credits	Course Code	Course Title	Course credits		
BUS B170	Quantitative Methods for Business	10	BUS B171	Business Statistics	5	MF	--
			BUS B172/ BUS B272	Quantitative Methods for Decision Making	5	MF	--
BUS B171	Business Statistics	5	BUS B273	Quantitative Analysis for Business	10	MF	--
BUS B172/ BUS B272	Quantitative Methods for Decision Making	5					
MATH S112	A Foundation in Applied Mathematics	10	MATH S122	A Foundation in Applied Mathematics	10	MF	1
ENGL A100	English for University Study	5	No replacement			SF	--
BUS B100	Business Communication	5	No replacement			SF	--
BIS B121	Business Computing with Internet Applications	5	BIS B123	Business Computing Applications	5	SF	--
IT L150	Foundations in Microcomputing and WWW	5	No replacement			SF	--
ECON A230	Introduction to Economics	10	ECON A231	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	SC	--
			ECON A232	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	SC	--
ECON A230C	Introduction to Economics	10	ECON A231C	Introduction to Microeconomics	5	SC	--
			ECON A232C	Introduction to Macroeconomics	5	SC	--

ACT B211	Introduction to Accounting I	5	ACT B210	Introduction to Accounting	10	BM	--
ACT B212	Introduction to Accounting II	5					
MGT B290	Organizational Behaviour	5	No replacement			BM	--
ECON A301	Economic Analysis of Business and Public Policies	10	ECON A311	Intermediate Microeconomics	5	SH	--
			ECON A312	Intermediate Macroeconomics	5	SH	--
ECON A302	Business and Economic Forecasting	10	ECON A313	Introductory Econometrics	5	SH	--
			ECON A314	Econometrics and Forecasting	5	SH	--
ECON A303	International Trade and Finance	10	ECON A315	International Trade	5	SH	--
			ECON A316	International Finance	5	SH	--
ECON A306	Hong Kong Economy	10	No replacement			SH	--
ECON A307	Public Finance	10	ECON A317	Theory of Public Finance	5	SH	--
			ECON A318	Economic Analysis of Public Policy	5	SH	--
ECON A320	Chinese Economy	10	No replacement			SH	--
ECON A320C	Chinese Economy	10	No replacement			SH	--
BIS B318	Management Information Systems and Applications	10	BIS B316	Management Information Systems: Concepts and Practices	5	EH	--
			BIS B317	Management Information Systems: Enterprise Applications	5	EH	--

Note to Table 2:

1. Change of course code

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