

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Major in Finance

offered under the Bachelor of Business Administration curriculum

Credit Unit Statement

The Major in Finance programme offers four types of courses: lecture, case-based, practicum and research courses, which are taught using mixed learning modes. The majority of courses are 6 credits but there are also a small number of 12-credit courses. Each 6-credit course uses 120 hours of student learning activity as the norm (including both contact hours and other forms of student learning activities), with 240 hours for a 12-credit course. The contact hours and output requirements for different groups of courses vary according to the learning modes employed. Most of the courses are assessed by a combination of coursework (40-70%) and examinations (30-60%). The four types of courses to be offered are summarized as follows:

Lecture Courses (6 credits)

These courses focus on content and taught predominately by lectures (36-39 hours) and tutorials (8-10 hours). Learning activities include the following: lectures, small group tutorials, seminars, individual consultation, project work and computer simulations. Assessment methods may include the following: assignments, quizzes, test, term project, individual and group presentations, papers, performance in tutorial/class discussions, totaling not more than 3,000 – 5,000 words. The majority of the courses fall under this category.

Case-based Courses (6 credits)

These courses are mainly taught using case study format with more interactive class discussion, in-class exercises and case presentations. A heavy emphasis of these courses is on experiential learning and practical applications. Contact hours range from 36 to 48. Learning activities include the following: lectures, small group discussions, seminars, individual consultation, and project work. Assessment methods may include the following: assignments, quizzes, test, term project, individual and group presentations performance in class discussions, totaling not more than 3,000 – 5,000 words.

Practicum (6 credits)

This course provides an experiential learning opportunity for students to apply their economic and finance knowledge in the real world. Students can take this course if they render consulting service to a reputable financial institution in their capacity as a consultant. Students will work under the supervision of a faculty member and a supervisor from the participating company. The course has no official course work and examination. Students are evaluated by their academic advisor and a supervisor from the participating company. The supervisor of the participating company is requested to submit a letter grade and written comments to assess the student's overall performance (60%). Student must also submit written academic paper(s) as requested by the academic supervisor (40%).

Research Courses (6 and 12 credits)

Research courses provide students with an opportunity to pursue their own research interests under the supervision of a teacher. Reading and Dissertation courses are 6 and 12 credits respectively. Contact hours are minimal (8-10 hours) as students spend the majority of their time on individual research and writing. Students are assessed by a written report: a 10,000-word project paper for a Reading course or a 20,000-word research paper for Dissertation. 100% coursework assessment.