

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT (2nd term, 2020/21)

1. Course Exemption of ECON1101 Mathematical Methods in Economics I

- ECON major students who have obtained grade 3 or above in both the compulsory part and Module 1 (Calculus and Statistics) of the HKDSE Mathematics examination may, upon application, be exempted from ECON1101 Mathematical Methods in Economics I, in which case the major programme unit requirement will be reduced by 2 units.
- ECON major students who have obtained grade 3 or above in both the compulsory part and Module 2 (Algebra and Calculus) of the HKDSE Mathematics examination are not allowed to take ECON1101 Mathematical Methods in Economics I. The major programme unit requirement for these students will be reduced by 2 units.

2. Pre-assigned Course: ECON1902 A Guide to Learning Economics

Students majoring in Economics will be pre-assigned to this course in their first year of study.

**3. ECON3011 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, and
ECON3021 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory**

These two courses are offered in both the first term and the second term. Which of these two courses to take first is entirely up to the student, and students can consult the relevant teacher(s) for advice if necessary, especially on the mathematical difficulty of these courses. If students choose to take ECON3021 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory in the first term and take ECON3011 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory in the second term, they will likely enjoy the benefits of smaller class sizes.

4. ECON4140 Capstone Project in Data Analytics

Students who want to enroll in this course should contact the Department Office during the course registration period.

This course is designed to help undergraduate students who have taken or are taking the course of ECON 4130 to conduct independent research and write a

research paper related to economic analysis of social networks or application of machine learning in economics. Students will take this chance to apply the knowledge and technique learnt from ECON 4130 and study deeper into the specific topics of their interests. The teacher will guide the students through the whole process of doing research such as literature search, literature review, finding an appropriate research angle and research topic, as well as carrying out theoretical and empirical work. Students and the teacher will meet regularly to discuss each step of the research process. Students are expected to complete their theses at the end of the semester.

5. **ECON4901 Guided Study in Current Economics Problems II**
ECON4902 Economics – Theory and Reality
ECON4903 Economics in Practice

These three courses are designed for ECON major students in their final year of study. However, students who have passed ECON2901, ECON3011 and ECON3021 may apply to the Department for taking these courses in their 3rd year of study during course registration period.

6. **ECON4902 Economics – Theory and Reality** (for students admitted in 2015/16 and before)
ECON4903 Economics in Practice (for students admitted in 2016/17 and thereafter)

Depending on the year of admission, ECON4902/ECON4903 is a required course for graduation and both will be offered in the 2nd term. Students who are going on exchange and cannot register these courses must contact Ms. Joanne Lau of Economics Department at economics@cuhk.edu.hk as soon as possible.

7. **Online Registration is not allowed for ECON4910 Senior Thesis Research I and ECON4920 Senior Thesis Research II**

ECON major students who wish to enroll in any of these courses should contact the Department Office during course registration period.

The content of the course will depend on the research plan of the student. The student must submit a thesis at the end of the course. ECON4910 Senior Thesis Research I and ECON4920 Senior Thesis Research II can be taken independently. For a student taking both courses consecutively, the paper submitted in the course

taken later can be: i) **a substantial extension of a paper submitted before, or ii) an entirely new paper on a different topic.**

8. Major Programme Requirement

To check your major programme requirement, please always refer to the study scheme under your admission year. If there is any inconsistency between the information on CUSIS and your study scheme, the study scheme shall prevail.

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