

General Information

This programme has two streams: i) Finance and ii) Quantitative Finance and Risk Management. Both streams prepare students for key financial management positions in the industrial, commercial, financial and governmental sectors. Graduates possess the economics knowledge, quantitative tools, problem-solving skills and analytical ability to handle financial and investment decision-making for financial institutions and non-financial corporations.

Students who are mathematically-oriented and interested in programming may choose to pursue the Quantitative Finance and Risk Management (QFRM) stream. The QFRM stream involves a high degree of mathematical rigor and prepares students for specialized positions in financial risk modeling, derivatives trading and the development of new financial products.

Career Prospects

There is a great demand for graduates with expert finance knowledge in Hong Kong and Mainland China. Financial executives make key decisions on matters such as evaluating investments in Mainland China, raising capital, initial public offerings, valuing securities, managing risks for financial institutions and corporations, financial advising for wealthy clients, managing funds and portfolios, institutional sales of securities and performing Treasury functions. We expect the demand for financial executives for both financial and non-financial corporations will continue to grow in the years to come.

Career Options

- Commercial Banker
- Corporate Strategist
- Credit Analyst
- Institutional Sales of Securities
- Investment Banker
- Management Consultant
- Portfolio Manager
- Private Banker
- Risk Manager for financial institutions/non-financial corporations
- Securities Analyst (Debt and Equity)
- Treasury Department

Graduates of the QFRM stream may also pursue these careers (also open to Finance stream graduates with more quantitative training):

- Financial Products Developer
- Interest Rate Derivative Specialist
- Derivatives Structurer
- Valuer of Exotic Derivative Products

Resources to Support Teaching & Learning

Highly Qualified Teaching Staff

All our faculty members hold a PhD degree from North America or Europe. We have staff from world renowned institutions such as Stanford University, University of Rochester and Princeton University. In addition, several of our teachers have won the City University's Teaching Excellence Award.

Scholarships

Students who have excellent academic performance are also awarded with departmental scholarships. The amount ranges from HK\$4,000 to HK\$12,000. Each year, more than 100 EF students receive the awards.

Overseas Exchange Programme and Study Tours

The Department collaborates with universities in Europe, Canada, US and Mainland China. Our students can spend one semester in one of our partner universities as an exchange student. Those who have successfully completed the exchange programme may receive an Exchange Scholarship offered by the Department. In addition, we also arrange study tours for students to visit local and overseas companies and universities.

Internship Opportunities and Career Development

In collaboration with the business sector, the Department offers internship opportunities for students to have a head start in gaining experiences in the business world, thus enhancing their employability upon graduation. Training programmes and individual counseling are also offered to assist students' career development.

Databases

Our Department provides high-quality database resources on global financial and economic data. Examples include Bloomberg, Reuters, PACAP, Datastream, IMF, CEIC, EPRC. We also have professional databases specifically devoted to China, for example, the WIND and CSMAR financial databases.



BACHELOR of BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HONS)

Banking and Financial Services

Business Economics

Finance



Bachelor of Business Administration



About Us

The Department of Economics and Finance considers teaching and research our two top priorities. Besides, we provide extra resources in training our students to become professionals.

Our missions

- nurture the next generation of financial executives, economists, and business analysts that the business sector needs
- become a center of excellence in research and teaching to serve Hong Kong, Mainland China, and other Asia-Pacific economies

Teaching

The Department offers both taught and research programmes:

Undergraduate programmes

- Banking and Financial Services
- Business Economics
- Finance [Streams of i) Finance and ii) Quantitative Finance and Risk Management]

Postgraduate programmes

- Applied Economics
- Finance
- Financial Engineering
- Financial Services

Research degree programmes

- Economics
- Finance

Research

Our faculty members actively engage in research and teaching. Many of them have outstanding research publication records, with their research papers appearing regularly in reputable international refereed journals such as American Economic Review, Journal of Economic Theory and Journal of Finance. With regard to research publications, the Department is ranked among the top of all universities in the Asia-Pacific region. We are committed to research efforts particularly in the financial markets of Hong Kong, Mainland China, and other Asia-Pacific economies as well as studies related to the global economy and international trade.

Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons) in Banking & Financial Services

General Information

This programme prepares students for management positions in the banking and financial services sector. Students acquire proficiency in a variety of disciplines including banking, international finance, real estate finance, economics, insurance, and law, enabling them to have sound knowledge of internal operations and businesses of banks and other financial institutions. Graduates will possess strong mastery of the knowledge, skill set and ethics necessary for successful careers in the financial services industry.

Career Prospects

Hong Kong is one of the world's top financial centers. The financial services sector is one Hong Kong's pillar industries and contributes substantially to the economy in Hong Kong and Mainland China, particularly in the Southern China Pearl Delta region. Hong Kong is a vibrant center for fund raising, initial public offerings, private banking and wealth management services, fund management, insurance, commercial banking and trade finance. Graduates highly skilled in multiple aspects of financial services are very much needed to provide comprehensive advice and know-how on banking, credit analysis, real estate finance, insurance, capital markets, and foreign exchange services. Financial services professionals provide essential support services for the other sectors in Hong Kong's economy such as transportation, logistics, retail, building and construction, real estate, trading, and shipping, etc.

Career Options

- Bank Risk Manager
- Business Development Manager for Financial Institutions
- Commercial Banker
- Corporate Risk Manager
- Credit Analyst
- Institutional Sales for Debt and Equity Securities
- Insurance Risk Manager
- Investment Advisor
- Portfolio Managers
- Private Banker
- Real Estate Valuer
- Wealth Managers

Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons) in Business Economics

General Information

This programme aims to enable students to work as business economists. It provides students with solid foundation in micro- and macro-economics, quantitative and communication skills, as well as an understanding of the institutional settings in which firms operate in the Asia-Pacific region.

In addition to learning the basic economic theories and quantitative techniques, students can, depending on their interests and career goals, develop their expertise in the areas of (i) applied business economics, (ii) regional economic studies, (iii) international trade & finance, (iv) urban & property market analysis and (v) banking & financial markets.

Career Prospects

Business economics is playing an increasingly important role in managerial decision making in the business and government sectors. Today's job market requires people with excellent analytical ability and the versatility to take on many varied tasks in multiple settings. The broad-based education offered by this programme is a tremendous advantage for students. Firms are particularly interested in the fields of economic strategies, policy analysis, and forecasting. Graduates are employed to analyze economic data, produce economic and business reports, and to help in investment and business decision-making. Most business economists are employed in the fields of banking, finance, manufacturing, insurance, real estate, and retailing.

Career Options

- Economic Consultant
- Economic Researcher
- Management Consultant
- Corporate Manager
- Government Regulatory Agency
- Investment Advisor
- Private Banker
- Real Estate Analyst
- Securities and Market Analyst
- Economic Journalist

