

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE**

**Master of Economics**

Credit Unit Statement

The Master of Economics (MEcon) curriculum consists of two different types of courses which are taught using mixed learning modes. All courses, except two 3-credit courses and the 12-credit dissertation course, are 6 credits. The majority of the courses are assessed by a combination of coursework (40-60%) and examination (40-60%). The two categories of MEcon courses may be summarized as follows:

Survey Courses (3 and 6 credits)

These courses are taught predominantly by lectures (18 hours for 3-credit courses or 36 hours for 6-credit courses), supplemented by class discussion. The contact hours, student learning activities, and output requirements for each course will vary by instructor and learning models employed.

Learning activities include the following: lectures, individual consultations, case studies, class discussion, individual assignments and group projects. Learning hours (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activities) range from 60 to 75 hours for a 3-credit course and 120 to 150 hours for a 6-credit course.

Methods of assessment differ between courses but consist of class participation, individual assignments, group projects, individual and group presentations, quizzes, and examinations, depending on the nature of the course. Course instructors select the appropriate mix of delivery and assessments for students to achieve the learning outcomes. The number of words for written output is normally no more than 5,000 words (applicable to both 3-credit and 6-credit courses).

Research Courses (6 and 12 credits)

These courses aim at providing students with an opportunity to conduct research individually or in groups under the guidance/supervision of faculty members. Contact hours are minimal (6-12 hours for a 6-credit course and 12-24 hours for 12-credit courses) because students spend much of their time on individual research and writing. Assessment is through a single piece of work, normally a research report (no more than 15,000 words) for 6-credit courses or a dissertation (no more than 30,000 words) for 12-credit courses. Learning hours (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activities) range from 120 to 150 hours for a 6-credit course and 240 to 300 hours for a 12-credit course.