

Department of Economics

Course Recommendation

2017-2018, Term 1

*Come and Find
Out What We Are
Offering!*

CLC9005 Finance and Politics: Public Interests and Private Manipulation CRN265

This course introduces students to the nature of financial institutions, corporate ownership structure and corporate governance through case studies, anecdotal evidence and academic papers. Students will be expected to develop practical perspectives on financial policies and government regulations, and be able to articulate implications for future financial development and practices in both Hong Kong and worldwide.

CLE9025 Understanding Life and Happiness: an interdisciplinary approach CRN335

This course applies an interdisciplinary approach to positive living, with a view to equipping students with the practical skills to make the most of their lives. It introduces students to the concepts of mental capital and mental goods, and shows how mental capital is shaped by habits and culture. Examples will be drawn from well-known personalities and companies, to show how people can be bogged down unnecessarily by “sunk costs and past glory” and how personal effort can make a huge difference to the “set range of happiness” and even circumstances, both of which are, over the long run, affected by consistent effort and voluntary choices.

ECO3214 Globalisation and Economic Integration CRN409

This course aims to familiarise students with the cause, pattern, and nature of the globalisation of production of goods and services, which is taking the form of greater division of labor, increasing specialisation, greater trade and capital flows, and keener international competition. Against this trend, however, is the emergence of trade blocs and regional economic entities. This course will look at the interaction between these two trends.

ECO3311 Economics of the Family CRN414

Based on economic theories, this course offers a way of looking at family that produces useful insights. It provides an introduction to the economic analysis of such socioeconomic behaviours as human capital investment, fertility, marriage, divorce, bequests, and old age support. This course is inter-discipline in nature, and is highly relevant to the issues of contemporary public and social policies.

SSC2113 Linear Algebra CRN753

This course focuses on basic Linear Algebra used in econometrics and in social research. It will cover some basic techniques of matrix arithmetic and algebra, and in particular matrix multiplication and solution of n linear equations.

COURSE RECOMMENDATION AY2017-18, TERM 1



ECO3214 GLOBALISATION AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION **CRN409**

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This course aims to equip the students with knowledge of some basic theories of international economics and the skills of applying the theories to analyse the problems of various aspects of globalisation and economic integration.

Prerequisite(s):

- (a) ECO2101 Introduction to Economics, or
- (b) Level 3 or above in HKDSE Economics, or
- (c) BUS2105 Microeconomics for Business and ECO3202 Intermediate Macroeconomics

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ECO3311 Economics of the Family

CRN414

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This course aims to provide students with knowledge of some important theories of the economics of the family. It also tries to train students to apply the theories to analyse real world problems, and to help analyse social issues and public policies.

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- (a) ECO2101 Introduction to Economics, or
- (b) Level 3 or above in HKDSE Economics, or
- (c) BUS2105 Microeconomics for Business



Course Recommendation (2017-2018, Term 1)

ECO4203 Applied Econometrics

CRN417

What is ...

Major
Elective

Why?

- **Because data is the new gold... and data analysts are the new gold miners**

The modern economy faces an impressive stream of data from which information of great economic and social value is extracted. The labor market offers excellent job opportunities for those with skills in finding, exploiting and analyzing raw data. Data analysis is not restricted to engineers. On the contrary, because they are equipped to guide research and interpret results, profiles that combine a curriculum in social sciences with some ability to process statistical data are highly prized. This course will give you the basics of econometrics and will teach you how to use statistical analysis software. Two valuable lines that you will be able to add to your resume.

- **Because social sciences make extensive usage of data analysis**

Do you plan to apply for a Master's or a PhD program after you get your BA or BS degree? If your answer is Yes, then this course is a must. Students with some undergraduate background in econometrics are completely different from those without. In all social sciences (economics, sociology, business, politics ...), empirical research is becoming increasingly important, and students who can combine theoretical knowledge with empirical analysis are most valued.

ECONOMETRICS

How?

How difficult is the course? The answer is not difficult at all if you don't hate computers because the high-powered computers help us dramatically in data sorting, compiling, and tabulating. Of course, good background in statistics, introductory quantitative method, or introduction to economics course could help you. But no specific background is required for this course. You just need to be comfortable with numbers and computers. I promise that learning by doing in this course would impress you more than learning by listening. We could discuss the best ways for assessments suitable to you and I'll listen to your suggestions very carefully. Please tell me everything you want to learn or you want to change from the course.

Course Prerequisite(s): http://www.ln.edu.hk/reg/course_descriptions4yr.php

COURSE RECOMMENDATION

AY2017-2018 (TERM 1 & 2)

➤ Term 1

➤ SSC2113 Linear Algebra

➤ CRN 753

➤ Course Description: This course focuses on basic Linear Algebra used in econometrics and in social research. It will cover some basic techniques of matrix arithmetic and algebra, and in particular matrix multiplication and solution of n linear equations.

➤ Aims: This course is designed to provide students with a basic knowledge and understanding of Linear Algebra that are used social sciences.

➤ Term 2

➤ SSC2114 Calculus

➤ CRN 718

➤ Course Description: The course covers both differential calculus and integral calculus. It will discuss basic derivatives and integration techniques with one variable as well that with more than one variable functions. Applications to economics, social sciences, managerial sciences, etc. will be covered.

➤ Aims: Students will have a clear comprehension of the concepts and theory of calculus, and be able to use calculus intelligently for solving a wide variety of mathematical problems.