

Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) Scheme in Accounting and Finance

Programme Requirement Document
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(For the cohort of students admitted in the 2023/24 academic year)

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1) GENERAL INFORMATION

Scheme Title:

Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) Scheme in Accounting and Finance
會計及金融(榮譽)工商管理學士組合課程

Programme Titles:

Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) in Accountancy
會計學(榮譽)工商管理學士學位

Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) in Accounting and Finance
會計及金融(榮譽)工商管理學士學位

Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) in Digital Finance and Investment
數碼金融及投資學(榮譽)工商管理學士學位

Programme Code	21453	21453-BAC	21453-BAF	21453-DFI	21453-XAA/XAB/XAD
Programme Title	BBA Scheme in Accounting and Finance (First common year)	BBA (Hons) in Accountancy	BBA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance	BBA (Hons) in Digital Finance and Investment	(With a Secondary Major in AI and Data Analytics (AIDA))
Credit Requirement					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic credits 	30	120	120	120	XAA : 135 XAB / XAD: 132
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training Credits for Work-Integrated Education (WIE) 	--	3	3	3	3

Mode of Attendance: Full-time

Normal Programme Duration: 4 years

Host Department:
School of Accounting and Finance (AF)

Final Awards:

BBA (Hons) in Accountancy

會計學(榮譽)工商管理學士學位

BBA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance

會計及金融(榮譽)工商管理學士學位

BBA (Hons) in Digital Finance and Investment

數碼金融及投資學(榮譽)工商管理學士學位

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Professional Recognition:

Programmes	Professional Recognition
BBA (Hons) in Accountancy ^ BBA (Hons) Accounting and Finance ^	The programme is accredited by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA) and the curriculum meets the exemption requirement of the Qualification Programme, if students have taken the relevant subjects. Subject to accreditation assessment, graduates are eligible to enter the CPA Programme of CPA Australia. They also receive maximum exemption of 9 papers from the professional examinations of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), if they have taken the relevant subjects.
BBA (Hons) in Digital Finance and Investment^	Subject to confirmation

^Recognition is subject to accreditation assessment.

2) AIMS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

BBA (Hons) in Accountancy, BBA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance and BBA (Hons) in Financial Services are part of the BBA (Hons) Scheme. The Learning Outcomes of the PolyU BBA are driven directly by the mission of the University and the Faculty of Business. The Learning Outcomes set out below therefore represent a balance between the continuing need for 'practicality' in programmes and the pressing need for 'whole person development' of students.

2.1 Programme Aims

BBA (Hons) in Accountancy

This programme provides students with a well-rounded business education and an opportunity to specialise in accounting. They are provided with an integrated academic foundation for careers as accountants with the required competencies, independence of mind, objectivity and ethical awareness.

BBA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance

The aim of this programme is to exploit the synergy between accounting and finance and prepare students to become competent accountants with a sound knowledge of finance.

The programme provides a well-rounded business education and an opportunity to specialise in accounting and finance. Students develop strong skills in accounting and finance, including accounting and financial analysis, control and risk management, corporate governance and ethics.

BBA (Hons) in Digital Finance and Investment

This programme aims to provide students with well-rounded business education and an opportunity to specialise in digital finance and investment management. This highly practical programme emphasizes the application of professional finance and investment knowledge, together with the hands-on knowledge in innovative financial technologies, to address the challenges faced by modern finance and investment professionals.

This programme provides a well-rounded business education and an opportunity to specialise in financial services. Students develop strong analytical skills and critical thinking, which are gained through rigorous training in finance and the associated disciplines.

2.2 Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes provide a broad description of the intellectual abilities, knowledge, skills and attributes to be developed in all students.

On graduating from the BBA programme, all students will be able to:

Learning Areas	Institutional Learning Outcomes / Graduate	Outcomes
Communication	Effective communicator	1. Comprehend and communicate effectively in English, and Chinese where appropriate, in professional and day-to-day contexts

Global Outlook	Socially responsible global citizen	2. Recognize and understand global economic integration, global trends and opportunities, and cultures in the national and global contexts
Critical Thinking	Critical thinker	3. Examine and critique the validity of information, arguments, and different viewpoints, and to reach sound judgments on the basis of credible evidence and logical reasoning
Innovative Problem Solving	Innovative problem solver	4. Identify and define problems in both professional and day-to-day contexts, and produce innovative solutions to solve problems
Entrepreneurship	Ethical leader; Innovative problem solver	5. Demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit and skills in their work, including creative thinking, discovery and use of opportunities, and experimentation with novel ideas
		6. Identify and analyze the means by which values are created in resources allocation and product/service provision
Technology Literacy	Competent professional	7. Demonstrate an understanding on the applications and implications of the latest technologies in practices in the professions
Accounting & Finance	Competent professional	8. Prepare and analyze financial reports for organizations
		9. Apply basic financial theories and understand the operations of financial markets
People and Organizational Management	Ethical leader; Socially responsible global citizen	10. Demonstrate self-leadership and apply both interpersonal and intrapersonal skills in organization management
		11. Analyze ethical issues and understand self and organizational responsibilities to society, own nation and the world
Operations Management	Competent professional	12. Apply models of operations management to guide decision making in different business settings
Lifelong Learning	Lifelong Learner	13. Recognize the need for continual learning and self-improvement, and be able to plan, manage and evaluate their own learning in pursuit of self-determined goals
Major-specific Learning Outcome	Competent professional	14. Have sufficient major-specific skills and knowledge to make an immediate contribution to the workplace, and to facilitate the process of continuous professional development

2.3 PolyU is committed to nurturing competent professionals who are also critical thinkers, effective communicators, innovative problem solvers, lifelong learners, ethical leaders and socially responsible global citizens. The institutional learning outcomes for acquiring these graduate attributes at UG level are appropriately addressed by the totality of the programme learning outcomes. In addition, some generic learning outcomes such as global outlook, sense of social and national responsibility, cultural appreciation and entrepreneurship are also addressed through co-curricular activities offered by faculties, departments and various teaching and learning support units of the University. Students are encouraged to take full use of such opportunities to achieve these learning outcomes.

3) ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION

3.1 Admission to the BBA (Hons) Scheme in Accounting and Finance

- This Scheme's minimum entrance requirements are the University's General Minimum Entrance Requirements for Bachelor's degree programmes. Please refer to the "General Minimum Entrance Requirements" section for Undergraduate Degree Programmes in the [Handbook on Academic Regulations for Taught Programmes \(Version for University Calendar\)](#) for details.
- Upon admission to the Scheme, students will only need to undertake the common courses of the Scheme in their first academic year. Students shall identify their area(s) of interest and career aspirations in the first year. They will then select their Major at the end of Year 1 study.
- The decision to admit a student to a Major programme will be made by the School based on the student's choice and overall GPA of Year One study. Students will be asked to rank their choices of Major programme (from the most preferred one to the least) during semester 2 of their Year One study for the School's consideration and approval.
- The number of students admitted to BBA (Hons) in Accountancy, BBA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance and BBA (Hons) in Digital Finance and Investment will be capped respectively at 60%, 40% and 40% of the number of students in the respective year.
- JUPAS applicants with a DSE score of 25.0 or above in their best 5 subjects are guaranteed to be admitted to their preferred Major programme.

Please refer to the following sections in the [Student Handbook](#) and the [Handbook on Academic Regulations for Taught Programmes \(Version for University Calendar\)](#) for the requirements of:

- Subject Exemption
- Credit Transfer
- Subject Registration and Withdrawal
- Duration for Completion of a Programme
- Deferral of Study

3.2 Study Load

For students following the progression pattern specified for their programme, they have to take the number of credits and subjects as specified in this Programme Requirement Document for each semester. Students cannot drop those subjects assigned by the Department unless prior approval has been given by the Department.

The normal study load is 15 credits in a semester for full-time study. The maximum study load to be taken by a student in a semester is 21 credits, unless exceptional approval is given by the Head of the programme offering department. For such cases, students should be reminded that the study load should be taken as grounds for academic appeal.

Please refer to the "Study Load" section in the [Handbook on Academic Regulations for Taught Programmes \(Version for University Calendar\)](#) for other details.

4) CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

Curriculum Structure –

Major, Major plus Secondary Major, Major / Minor and Major / Minor plus Secondary Major

The curriculum structure varies by study option.

Study Option	Major	Major plus Secondary Major in Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics (AIDA)	Major / Minor	Major / Minor plus Secondary Major in Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics (AIDA)
Minimum Credit Requirements	At least 120 credits + 3 training credits	At least <u>Accountancy (XAA):</u> 135 credits + 3 training credits <u>Accounting & Finance (XAB) / Digital Finance & Investment (XAD):</u> 132 credits + 3 training credits	At least 123 credits + 3 training credits	At least <u>Accountancy (XAA):</u> 147 credits + 3 training credits <u>Accounting & Finance (XAB) / Digital Finance & Investment (XAD):</u> 144 credits + 3 training credits
Curriculum Structure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General University Requirements (30 credits) 2. Work-Integrated Education (3 training credits) 			
	3. Discipline-Specific Requirements (90 credits) ^(a)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 i) Accountancy: Discipline-Specific Requirements (At least 90 credits) ^(a) 3 ii) Accounting & Finance / Digital Finance & Investment: Discipline-Specific Requirements (At least 87 credits) ^(a) 4. Secondary Major Requirements (36 credits) ^{(c)(d)} 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Discipline-Specific Requirements (90 credits) ^(a) 4. Minor Requirements (18 credits) ^(b) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 i) Accountancy: Discipline-Specific Requirements (At least 90 credits) ^(a) 3 ii) Accounting & Finance / Digital Finance & Investment: Discipline-Specific Requirements (At least 87 credits) ^(a) 4. Minor Requirements (18 credits) ^(b) 5. Secondary Major Requirements (36 credits) ^(c)

Remarks:

- (a) 9 credits of General University Requirements (GUR) subjects can be fulfilled by Discipline-Specific Requirements (DSR) subjects (DSR-GUR double fulfillment subjects).
- (b) Subject to approval by the Minor-offering Department, students may count up to 6 credits of their Major/GUR subjects towards their chosen Minor.
- (c) 6 credits of Secondary Major Requirements (SMR) subjects can be fulfilled by Discipline-Specific Requirements (DSR) subjects (DSR-SMR double fulfillment subjects).
- (d) Students may count up to 12 credits of their Major/GUR subjects towards the Secondary Major.

4.1 General University Requirements (GUR) (30 credits)

The General University Requirements are as follows:

Areas	Credits
Language & Communication Requirements (LCR) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ English▪ Chinese	9 (6) (3)
Cluster-Area Requirements (CAR) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 3 credits from each of the following 4 cluster areas:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(A) Human Nature, Relations and Development(D) Science, Technology and Environment(M): Chinese History and Culture(N): Cultures, Organisations, Societies and Globalisation and of which <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Students must also fulfil the Reading and Writing requirements in English and Chinese	12 (3) (3) (3) (3)
Other Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Leadership Education and Development (LEAD)▪ Service-Learning▪ Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics requirement (AIDA)▪ Innovation and Entrepreneurship requirement (IE)▪ Healthy Lifestyle (non-credit bearing)	3 3 2 1 0
Total GUR credits	30

Details of GUR for 4-year degree students is available at:
<https://www.polyu.edu.hk/ous/GURSubjects/>

4.2 Work-Integrated Education (3 training credits)

AF3002 Work-Integrated Education WIE (3 training credits) is a mandatory component of the curriculum. It is “work-based learning experiences which take place in an organizational context relevant to a student’s future profession, or the development of generic skills that will be valuable in that profession”. An essential and compulsory component in the Faculty’s BBA education, WIE facilitates the Integration of knowledge, skills, and competences between the classroom and the real-world, thus equipping students with valuable work experience as well as practical readiness for full-time employment upon graduation.

Students are required to obtain a “Pass” in the subject AF3002 Work-Integrated Education upon graduation, i.e. successfully complete at least 100 hours of placement in one organization.

Other WIE details are listed in [Section 6](#).

4.3 Discipline-Specific Requirements (90 credits)

4.3.1 Major and Major / Minor Study Options

[Common for all BBA Majors]

a) Core Subjects (57 credits)

	Subject Code	Subject Title	Credits
1.	AF1605*#	Introduction to Economics	3
2.	AF2108#	Financial Accounting	3
3.	AF2110	Management Accounting 1	3
4.	AF3313	Business Finance	3
5.	AF3513	Business Law	3
6.	AF3627	Global Economic Environment	3
7.	AF4513	Corporate Social Responsibility	3
8.	AMA1501#	Introduction to Statistics for Business	3
9.	APSS111*#	Introduction to Psychology	3
10.	CLC3221P	Chinese Language Communication for Business	3
11.	ELC3221	Workplace English for Business Students I	3
12.	ELC3222	Workplace English for Business Students II	3
13.	LGT2106*	Principles of Operations Management	3
14.	LGT/MM3425^	Business Analytics	3
15.	MM1051*#	Tango! Managing Self & Leading Others	3
16.	MM2021	Management & Organisation	3
17.	MM2711*	Introduction to Marketing	3
18.	MM3422#	Business Information Systems	3
19.	MM4311	Strategic Management	3

* GUR-DSR double-fulfilment subjects # Common Year 1 curriculum

^ Accountancy students should take MM3425 whereas Accounting & Finance & Digital Finance & Investment students should take LGT3425

GUR-DSR double-fulfilment subjects in this Programme are listed below:

DSR subjects	GUR
1. APSS111 Introduction to Psychology	CAR(A): Human Nature, Relations and Development
2. AF1605 Introduction to Economics 3. LGT2106 Principles of Operations Management 4. MM2711 Introduction to Marketing	CAR(N): Cultures, Organisation, Societies and Globalisation
5. MM1051 Tango! Managing Self & Leading Others	Leadership Education and Development

Students who complete a DSR-GUR subject (except remedial subjects) do not have to fulfill the relevant GUR requirement. If the total no. of credits attained from GUR and DSR subjects are less than 120, students will be required to take at least 9 credits of Free Elective Subjects.

b) Specialist Subjects (33 credits)

BBA (Hons) in Accountancy

Specialist Compulsory Subjects (10 subjects / 33 credits)

	Subject Code	Subject Title	Credits
1.	AF3110	Intermediate Accounting 1	3
2.	AF3111	Intermediate Accounting 2	3
3.	AF3112	Management Accounting 2	3
4.	AF3210	Hong Kong Tax Framework	3
5.	AF3211	Accounting Information Systems	3
6.	AF3507	Company Law	3
7.	AF4106	Advanced Financial Accounting	3
8.	AF4228	Auditing and Assurance	3
9.	AF4320	Corporate Finance	3
10.	AF4912	Capstone Project	6

Suggested Elective Subjects relevant to the programme

	Subject Code	Subject Title	Credits
1.	AF3212	Fintech Applications for Accounting and Finance Professionals	3
2.	AF3213	Business Analytics in Accounting and Finance	3
3.	AF3214	Python Programming for Accounting and Finance	3
4.	AF4229	Tax Planning and China Tax	3

BBA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance

Specialist Compulsory Subjects (9 subjects / 30 credits)

	Subject Code	Subject Title	Credits
1.	AF3110	Intermediate Accounting 1	3
2.	AF3111	Intermediate Accounting 2	3
3.	AF3112	Management Accounting 2	3
4.	AF3316	Investments	3
5.	AF3507	Company Law	3
6.	AF4317	Derivative Securities	3
7.	AF4320	Corporate Finance	3
8.	AF4331	Business Valuation	3
9.	AF4912	Capstone Project	6

Specialist Elective Subjects (choose any 1 subject / 3 credits)

	Subject Code	Subject Title	Credits
1.	AF3210	Hong Kong Tax Framework*	3
2.	AF3211	Accounting Information Systems*	3
3.	AF3212	Fintech Applications for Accounting and Finance Professionals	3
4.	AF3213	Business Analytics in Accounting and Finance	3
5.	AF3214	Python Programming for Accounting and Finance	3
6.	AF3317	Risk Management	3
7.	AF4106	Advanced Financial Accounting*	3
8.	AF4228	Auditing and Assurance*	3
9.	AF4322	Management of Financial Institutions	3
10.	AF4323	International Finance	3
11.	AF4326	Fixed Income Securities	3
12.	AF4328	Mergers and Acquisitions	3
13.	AMA1500	Foundation Mathematics for Accounting and Finance	3

* These are required subjects for HKICPA QP programme. Students are recommended to take these 4 elective subjects in order to fulfill the entrance requirement for the QP programme.

BBA (Hons) in Digital Finance and Investment

Specialist Compulsory Subjects (8 subjects / 27 credits)

	Subject Code	Subject Title	Credits
1.	AF3214	Python Programming for Accounting and Finance	3
2.	AF3323	Investments and Portfolio Management	3
3.	AF3324	Banking and Financial Institutions	3
4.	AF4331	Business Valuation	3
5.	AF4336	Private Banking and Wealth Management	3
6.	AF4232	FinTech in Banking and Capital Markets	3
7.	AF4231	Machine Learning and Finance Analytics	3
8.	AF4912	Capstone Project	6

Specialist Elective Subjects (choose any 2 subjects / 6 credits)

	Subject Code	Subject Title	Credits
1.	AF3212	Fintech Applications for Accounting and Finance Professionals	3
2.	AF3213	Business Analytics in Accounting and Finance	3
3.	AF3317	Risk Management	3
4.	AF4317	Derivative Securities	3
5.	AF4320	Corporate Finance	3
6.	AF4323	International Finance	3
7.	AF4326	Fixed Income Securities	3

c) Free Electives (9 credits)

Students are required to take 9 credits of free electives. Students may wish to consider making use of the 9 credits of free electives for pursuing a Minor. The credit requirement for a Minor is 18, at least 9 credits of which should be at Level 3 or above. Subject to approval by the Minor-offering department, students may count up to 6 credits from their Major/GUR (including LCR subjects at proficient level) towards their chosen Minor.

d) Work-Integrated Education (please refer to Section 6 for details)

Subject Code	Subject Title	Training Credit
AF3002	Work-Integrated Education	3

Student must acquire 3 training credits in addition to the minimum 120 academic credits to be eligible for graduation.

4.3.2 **Major plus Secondary Major and Major / Minor plus Secondary Major Study Options (at least 87-90 credits)**

a) Core Subjects (57 credits)

	Subject Code	Subject Title	Credits
1.	AF1605*#	Introduction to Economics	3
2.	AF2108#	Financial Accounting	3
3.	AF2110	Management Accounting 1	3
4.	AF3313	Business Finance	3
5.	AF3513	Business Law	3
6.	AF3627	Global Economic Environment	3
7.	AF4513	Corporate Social Responsibility	3
8.	AMA1501**#	Introduction to Statistics for Business	3
9.	APSS111*#	Introduction to Psychology	3
10.	CLC3221P	Chinese Language Communication for Business	3
11.	ELC3221	Workplace English for Business Students I	3
12.	ELC3222	Workplace English for Business Students II	3
13.	LGT2106*	Principles of Operations Management	3
14.	LGT/MM3425**^	Business Analytics	3
15.	MM1051*#	Tango! Managing Self & Leading Others	3
16.	MM2021	Management & Organisation	3
17.	MM2711*	Introduction to Marketing	3
18.	MM3422#	Business Information Systems	3
19.	MM4311	Strategic Management	3

* DSR-GUR double-fulfillment subjects

** DSR-SMR double-fulfillment subjects #

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^ Accountancy students should take MM3425 whereas Accounting & Finance & Digital Finance & Investment students should take LGT3425

b) Specialist Subjects (33 credits)

BBA (Hons) in Accountancy

Specialist Compulsory Subjects (10 subjects / 33 credits)

	Subject Code	Subject Title	Credits
1.	AF3110	Intermediate Accounting 1	3
2.	AF3111	Intermediate Accounting 2	3
3.	AF3112	Management Accounting 2	3
4.	AF3210	Hong Kong Tax Framework	3
5.	AF3211	Accounting Information Systems	3
6.	AF3507	Company Law	3
7.	AF4106	Advanced Financial Accounting	3
8.	AF4228	Auditing and Assurance	3
9.	AF4320	Corporate Finance	3
10.	AF4913	Integrated Capstone Project	6

BBA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance

Specialist Compulsory Subjects (9 subjects / 30 credits)

	Subject Code	Subject Title	Credits
1.	AF3110	Intermediate Accounting 1	3
2.	AF3111	Intermediate Accounting 2	3
3.	AF3112	Management Accounting 2	3
4.	AF3316	Investments	3
5.	AF3507	Company Law	3
6.	AF4317	Derivative Securities	3
7.	AF4320	Corporate Finance	3
8.	AF4331	Business Valuation	3
9.	AF4913	Integrated Capstone Project	6

BBA (Hons) in Digital Finance and Investment

Specialist Compulsory Subjects (8 subjects / 27 credits)

	Subject Code	Subject Title	Credits
1.	AF3214	Python Programming for Accounting and Finance	3
2.	AF3323	Investments and Portfolio Management	3
3.	AF3324	Banking and Financial Institutions	3
4.	AF4331	Business Valuation	3
5.	AF4336	Private Banking and Wealth Management	3
6.	AF4232	FinTech in Banking and Capital Markets	3
7.	AF4231	Machine Learning and Finance Analytics	3
8.	AF4913	Integrated Capstone Project	6

Specialist Elective Subjects (choose any 1 subject / 3 credits)

	Subject Code	Subject Title	Credits
1.	AF3212	Fintech Applications for Accounting and Finance Professionals	3
2.	AF3213	Business Analytics in Accounting and Finance	3
3.	AF3317	Risk Management	3
4.	AF4317	Derivative Securities	3
5.	AF4320	Corporate Finance	3
6.	AF4323	International Finance	3
7.	AF4326	Fixed Income Securities	3

c) Secondary Major in AI and Data Analytics (AIDA) Requirements (SMR) (36 credits)

Please refer to <https://www.polyu.edu.hk/comp/study/ug-programmes/aida/> for details of Secondary Major in AIDA.

	Credits
Compulsory subjects: 3 credits from each of the following areas:	
▪ Mathematics I for AIDA*	3
▪ Mathematics II for AIDA	3
▪ Programming I: Programming Fundamentals	3
▪ Programming II: Data Structures and Algorithms	3
▪ Fundamentals of Data Analytics*	3
▪ Machine Learning	3
▪ Artificial Intelligence	3
▪ DSR-AIDA Bridging Subjects	3
Integrated Capstone Project*	6
Elective subjects	6

Subject List for AIDA:

Subject code	Subject title	Offering Dept	Level	Credits	Core (C) / Elective (E)
Mathematics I for AIDA (3 credits)					
AMA1501	Introduction to Statistics for Business	AMA	1	3	C
Mathematics II for AIDA (3 credits)					
AMA1751	Linear Algebra	AMA	1	3	C
Programming I: Programming Fundamentals (3 credits)					
LGT3109	Introduction to Coding for Business with Python	LMS	3	3	C
Programming II: Data Structures and Algorithms (3 credits)					
COMP2013	Data Structures and Algorithms (Pre-requisite: AMA1501 & LGT3109)	COMP	2	3	C
Fundamentals of Data Analytics (3 credits)					
LGT/MM3425	Business Analytics (Exclusion: LGT/MM2425 & LGT/MM3425)	LMS/ MM	3	3	C

Machine Learning (3 credits)					
COMP4432	Machine Learning	COMP	4	3	C
Artificial Intelligence (3 credits)					
COMP4431	Artificial Intelligence (Pre-requisite: COMP1012 / COMP2011 / ENG2002/ LGT3109)	COMP	4	3	C
DSR-AIDA Bridging Subject(s) (3 credits)					
AF3213	Business Analytics in Accounting and Finance (Pre-requisite: LGT/MM2425 or LGT/MM3425)	AF	3	3	C
Integrated Capstone Project (6 credits)					
AF4913	Integrated Capstone Project (Exclusion: Any other equivalent capstone project)	AF	4	6	C
Elective subject (any 6 credits) (please refer to the subject list in https://www.polyu.edu.hk/comp/study/ug-programmes/aida/curriculum/)					E

Remarks

The quota for the Secondary Major in AIDA will be determined by the University/School on a yearly basis. The School may impose selection criteria for admission such as student's GPA during the first year of study.

4.4 Minor Study (18 credits)

A Minor Programme is a collection of subjects totalling 18 credits with at least 50% (9 credits) of the subjects at Level 3 or above. In order to fulfil the requirements of a Minor award, students are required to select subjects as specified by the Minor Department.

Students interested in a Minor programme of study must submit their applications via the Major Programme Offering Department (i.e. Major Department) and obtain approval from the Minor Programme Offering Department (i.e. Minor Department), at the start of the second year of study during the designated application period, unless the Major is so designed as to preclude the possibility of a further Minor study. No late application will be considered. To be eligible for enrolment in a Minor, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above at the time of application for Minor enrolment. The Minor Department may set a quota and additional admission requirements apart from the above GPA requirement.

Students opted for a Minor may be allowed to count up to 6 credits from their Major programmes (including GUR subjects but excluding 'Free Elective' subjects, if any) towards the Minor subject requirements. Please check the curricula of both the Major and Minor programmes. If the Major subjects taken are the same as the Minor compulsory subjects, they must apply to count these subjects towards the compulsory Minor subject requirements for graduation. Students are required to submit the [Form AR147a](#) to the Minor Department and obtain its approval as soon as possible and not later than their application for graduation.

Students are expected to complete their approved Minor as part of their graduation requirements. Students who wish to withdraw from a Minor need to apply for approval officially from the Minor Department before the end of the add/drop period of the last semester of study.

Students are required to obtain a GPA of at least 1.70 in order to satisfy the requirement for graduation with a Major plus a Minor.

For more details, please refer to [Major/Minor Study for 4-year Undergraduate Degree Programmes](#) on homepage of Academic Registry.

5) INDICATIVE PROGRESSION PATTERN

(Remarks: The progression patterns of the Major/Minor and Major/Minor plus Secondary Major study options vary by the Minor programme taken by the students.)

The indicative progression patterns for the Major study option are shown below. Please note the following points:

- The progression patterns vary by study options.
- The maximum study load that a student can take in a semester is 21 credits.
- For students following the progression pattern specified for their study options, they have to take the number of credits and subjects as specified for each semester. Students cannot drop those subjects assigned by the Department unless prior approval has been given by the Department.
- Subjects which are in particularly high demand may be offered more than once per year, which would give students additional flexibility in determining their own pattern of progression.
- **Students are not allowed to drop any subjects after the add/drop period. Applications for subject withdrawal after the add / drop period will only be considered if you have a genuine need with strong justifications and documentary evidence. Poor performance in mid-term tests / continuous assessments and heavy workload are not considered valid reasons for subject withdrawal.**

Indicative Progression Pattern for the Major Study Option

5.1 Common Year One curriculum in BBA Scheme in Accounting and Finance (21453)

Year 1 students in AF BBA Scheme will take common subjects in the first year (Semesters 1 and 2). Students will be invited to opt a Major in Accountancy, Accounting and Finance or Digital Finance in Year 1 Semester 2, and progress to the respective Major in Year 2 Semester 1.

Suggested Semester	Code	Subject	Credits
Year 1 (Semester 1)			
1	AF1605	Introduction to Economics *	3
1	APSS111	Introduction to Psychology *	3
1		LCR-English 1	3
1		LCR-Chinese 1	3
1	MM1051	Tango! Managing Self & Leading Others *	3
			15
Year 1 (Semester 2)			
2	AF2108	Financial Accounting	3
2	AMA1501	Introduction to Statistics for Business	3
2		LCR-English 2	3
2	LGT1041	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Data	2
2	MM1031	Introduction to Innovation and Entrepreneurship (GUR-IE)	1
2	MM3422	Business Information Systems	3
2		Healthy Lifestyle	0
			15

* DSR and GUR double-fulfilment subjects

5.2 Progression Patterns in Year 2 to Year 4

a) BBA (Hons) in Accountancy (21453-BAC)

Year 2 onwards

Suggested Semester	Code	Subject	Credits
Year 2 (Semester 1)			
1	AF2110	Management Accounting 1	3
1	AF3110	Intermediate Accounting 1	3
1	AF3513	Business Law	3
1	AF3627	Global Economic Environment	3
1	MM2021	Management and Organisation	3
1		CAR M	3
			18
Year 2 (Semester 2)			
2	AF3111	Intermediate Accounting 2	3
2	AF3112	Management Accounting 2	3
2	ELC3221	Workplace English for Business Students I	3
2	MM2711	Introduction to Marketing *	3
2	MM3425	Business Analytics	3
			15
Year 3 (Semester 1)			
1	AF3210	Hong Kong Tax Framework	3
1	AF3211	Accounting Information Systems	3
1	AF3313	Business Finance	3
1	ELC3222	Workplace English for Business Students II	3
1 or 2		Service-Learning	3
			15
Year 3 (Semester 2)			
2	AF3507	Company Law	3
2	AF4228	Auditing and Assurance	3
2	CLC3221P	Chinese Language Communication for Business	3
2	LGT2106	Principles of Operations Management *	3
2		Free Elective 1	3
			15
Year 4 (Semester 1)			
1	AF4106	Advanced Financial Accounting	3
1	AF4320	Corporate Finance	3
1	AF4513	Corporate Social Responsibility	3
1	AF4912	Capstone Project	-
1		CAR D	3
			12
Year 4 (Semester 2)			
2	AF4912	Capstone Project (cont.)	6
2	MM4311	Strategic Management	3
2		Free Elective 2	3
2		Free Elective 3	3
			15
Total minimum academic credits: 120			
Plus			
Training credits in WIE (AF3002): 3			

* DSR and GUR double-fulfilment subjects

b) **BBA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance (21453-BAF)**

Year 2 onwards

Suggested Semester	Code	Subject	Credits
Year 2 (Semester 1)			
1	AF2110	Management Accounting 1	3
1	AF3110	Intermediate Accounting 1	3
1	AF3513	Business Law	3
1	AF3627	Global Economic Environment	3
1	MM2021	Management and Organisation	3
1		CAR M	3
			18
Year 2 (Semester 2)			
2	AF3111	Intermediate Accounting 2	3
2	AF3112	Management Accounting 2	3
2	ELC3221	Workplace English for Business Students I	3
2	MM2711	Introduction to Marketing *	3
2		Free Elective 1	3
			15
Year 3 (Semester 1)			
1	AF3313	Business Finance	3
1	AFxxxx	Specialist Elective	3
1	ELC3222	Workplace English for Business Students II	3
1	LGT3425	Business Analytics	3
1 or 2		Service-Learning	3
			15
Year 3 (Semester 2)			
2	AF3316	Investments	3
2	AF3507	Company Law	3
2	AF4320	Corporate Finance	3
2	CLC3221P	Chinese Language Communication for Business	3
2	LGT2106	Principles of Operations Management *	3
			15
Year 4 (Semester 1)			
1	AF4331	Business Valuation	3
1	AF4513	Corporate Social Responsibility	3
1	AF4912	Capstone Project	-
1		CAR D	3
1		Free Elective 2	3
			12
Year 4 (Semester 2)			
2	AF4317	Derivative Securities	3
2	AF4912	Capstone Project (cont.)	6
2	MM4311	Strategic Management	3
2		Free Elective 3	3
			15
Total minimum academic credits: 120			
Plus			
Training credits in WIE (AF3002): 3			

* DSR and GUR double-fulfilment subjects

c) **BBA (Hons) in Digital Finance and Investment (21453-DFI)**

Year 2 onwards

Suggested Semester	Code	Subject	Credits
Year 2 (Semester 1)			
1	AF2110	Management Accounting 1	3
1	AF3513	Business Law	3
1	AF3627	Global Economic Environment	3
1	MM2021	Management and Organisation	3
1		CAR M	3
			15
Year 2 (Semester 2)			
2	AF3313	Business Finance	3
2	ELC3221	Workplace English for Business Students I	3
2	MM2711	Introduction to Marketing*	3
2		Free Elective 1	3
2		CAR D	3
			15
Year 3 (Semester 1)			
1	AF3323	Investments and Portfolio Management	3
1	AF3324	Banking and Financial Institutions	3
1	ELC3222	Workplace English for Business Students II	3
1	LGT3425	Business Analytics	3
1 or 2		Service-Learning	3
			15
Year 3 (Semester 2)			
2	AF3214	Python Programming for Accounting and Finance	3
2	AF4232	FinTech in Banking and Capital Markets	3
2	AFxxxx	Specialist Elective 1	3
2	CLC3221P	Chinese Language Communication for Business	3
2	LGT2106	Principles of Operations Management*	3
2		Free Elective 2	3
			18
Year 4 (Semester 1)			
1	AF4331	Business Valuation	3
1	AF4513	Corporate Social Responsibility	3
1	AF4912	Capstone Project	-
1	AFxxxx	Specialist Elective 2	3
1		Free elective 3	3
			12
Year 4 (Semester 2)			
2	AF4912	Capstone Project (cont.)	6
2	AF4336	Private Banking and Wealth Management	3
2	AF4231	Machine Learning and Finance Analytics	3
2	MM4311	Strategic Management	3
			15
Total minimum academic credits: 120			
Plus			
Training credits in WIE (AF3002): 3			

* DSR and GUR double-fulfilment subjects

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5.3 Progression Patterns for

a) BBA (Hons) in Accountancy with Secondary Major in Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics (21453-XAA)

Suggested Semester	Code	Subject	Credits
Year 1 (Semester 1)			
1	AF1605	Introduction to Economics *	3
1	APSS111	Introduction to Psychology *	3
1		LCR-English 1	3
1		LCR-Chinese 1	3
1	MM1051	Tango! Managing Self & Leading Others *	3
1		Healthy Lifestyle	0
			15
Year 1 (Semester 2)			
2		LCR-English 2	3
2	AF2108	Financial Accounting	3
2	AMA1501	Introduction to Statistics for Business (Mathematics I for AIDA) #	3
2	LGT1041	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Data	2
2	MM1031	Introduction to Innovation and Entrepreneurship (GUR-IE)	1
2	MM3422	Business Information Systems	3
			15
Year 2 (Semester 1)			
1	AF2110	Management Accounting 1	3
1	AF3110	Intermediate Accounting 1	3
1	AF3513	Business Law	3
1	AF3627	Global Economic Environment	3
1	AMA1751	Linear Algebra (Mathematics II for AIDA) # (Sem 1 only in 2023/24)	3
1	MM2021	Management and Organisation	3
1		CAR M	3
			21
Year 2 (Semester 2)			
2	AF3111	Intermediate Accounting 2	3
2	AF3112	Management Accounting 2	3
2	ELC3221	Workplace English for Business Students I	3
2	LGT3109	Introduction to Coding for Business with Python (Programming I: Programming Fundamentals) # (Sem 2 only in 2023/24)	3
2	MM2711	Introduction to Marketing *	3
2	MM3425	Business Analytics (Fundamentals of Data Analytics) #	3
			18

Year 3 (Semester 1)			
1	AF3210	Hong Kong Tax Framework	3
1	AF3211	Accounting Information Systems	3
1	AF3313	Business Finance	3
1	COMP2013	Data Structures and Algorithms (Programming II: Data Structures and Algorithms) #	3
1	ELC3222	Workplace English for Business Students II	3
1 or 2		Service-Learning	3
			18
Year 3 (Semester 2)			
2	AF3507	Company Law	3
2	AF4228	Auditing and Assurance	3
2	CLC3221P	Chinese Language Communication for Business	3
2	COMP4431	Artificial Intelligence (Artificial Intelligence) #	3
2	COMP4432	Machine Learning (Machine Learning) # (Sem 2 only)	3
2	LGT2106	Principles of Operations Management *	3
			18
Year 4 (Semester 1)			
1	AF4106	Advanced Financial Accounting	3
1	AF4320	Corporate Finance	3
1	AF4513	Corporate Social Responsibility	3
1	AF3213	Business Analytics in Accounting and Finance (DSR-AIDA Bridging Subject) # (Sem 1 only)	3
1	AF4913	Integrated Capstone Project #	-
1		CAR D	3
			15
Year 4 (Semester 2)			
2	AF4913	Integrated Capstone Project (cont.) #	6
2	MM4311	Strategic Management	3
2		AIDA Elective Subject 1 #	3
2		AIDA Elective Subject 2 #	3
			15
Total minimum academic credits: 135			
Plus			
Training credits in WIE (AF3002): 3			

* DSR and GUR double-fulfilment subjects

Subjects for AIDA

b) BBA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance with Secondary Major in Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics (21453-XAB)

Suggested Semester	Code	Subject	Credits
Year 1 (Semester 1)			
1	AF1605	Introduction to Economics *	3
1	APSS111	Introduction to Psychology *	3
1		LCR-English 1	3
1		LCR-Chinese 1	3
1	MM1051	Tango! Managing Self & Leading Others *	3
1		Healthy Lifestyle	0
			15
Year 1 (Semester 2)			
2		LCR-English 2	3
2	AF2108	Financial Accounting	3
2	AMA1501	Introduction to Statistics for Business (Mathematics I for AIDA) #	3

2	LGT1041	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Data	2
2	MM1031	Introduction to Innovation and Entrepreneurship (GUR-IE)	1
2	MM3422	Business Information Systems	3
			15
Year 2 (Semester 1)			
1	AF2110	Management Accounting 1	3
1	AF3110	Intermediate Accounting 1	3
1	AF3513	Business Law	3
1	AF3627	Global Economic Environment	3
1	AMA1751	Linear Algebra (Mathematics II for AIDA) # (Sem 1 only in 2023/24)	3
1	MM2021	Management and Organisation	3
			18
Year 2 (Semester 2)			
2	AF3111	Intermediate Accounting 2	3
2	AF3112	Management Accounting 2	3
2	ELC3221	Workplace English for Business Students I	3
2	LGT3109	Introduction to Coding for Business with Python (Programming I: Programming Fundamentals) # (Sem 2 only in 2023/24)	3
2	MM2711	Introduction to Marketing *	3
2		CAR M	3
			18
Year 3 (Semester 1)			
1	AF3313	Business Finance	3
1	COMP2013	Data Structures and Algorithms (Programming II: Data Structures and Algorithms) #	3
1	ELC3222	Workplace English for Business Students II	3
1	LGT3425	Business Analytics (Fundamentals of Data Analytics) #	3
1 or 2		Service-Learning	3
			15
Year 3 (Semester 2)			
2	AF3316	Investments	3
2	AF3507	Company Law	3
2	AF4320	Corporate Finance	3
2	CLC3221P	Chinese Language Communication for Business	3
2	COMP4431	Artificial Intelligence (Artificial Intelligence) #	3
2	COMP4432	Machine Learning (Machine Learning) # (Sem 2 only)	3
2	LGT2106	Principles of Operations Management *	3
			21
Year 4 (Semester 1)			
1	AF3213	Business Analytics in Accounting and Finance (DSR-AIDA Bridging Subject) # (Sem 1 only)	3
1	AF4331	Business Valuation	3
1	AF4513	Corporate Social Responsibility	3
1	AF4913	Integrated Capstone Project #	-
1		AIDA Elective Subject 1 #	3
1		CAR D	3
			15

Year 4 (Semester 2)			
2	AF4317	Derivative Securities	3
2	AF4913	Integrated Capstone Project (cont.) #	6
2	MM4311	Strategic Management	3
2		AIDA Elective Subject 2 #	3
			15
Total minimum academic credits: 132 Plus Training credits in WIE (AF3002): 3			

* DSR and GUR double-fulfilment subjects

Subjects for AIDA

c) **BBA (Hons) in Digital Finance and Investment with Secondary Major in Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics (21453-XAD)**

Suggested Semester	Code	Subject	Credits
Year 1 (Semester 1)			
1	AF1605	Introduction to Economics *	3
1	APSS111	Introduction to Psychology *	3
1		LCR-English 1	3
1		LCR-Chinese 1	3
1	MM1051	Tango! Managing Self & Leading Others *	3
1		Healthy Lifestyle	0
			15
Year 1 (Semester 2)			
2		LCR-English 2	3
2	AF2108	Financial Accounting	3
2	AMA1501	Introduction to Statistics for Business (Mathematics I for AIDA) #	3
2	LGT1041	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Data	2
2	MM1031	Introduction to Innovation and Entrepreneurship (GUR-IE)	1
2	MM3422	Business Information Systems	3
			15
Year 2 (Semester 1)			
1	AF2110	Management Accounting 1	3
1	AF3513	Business Law	3
1	AF3627	Global Economic Environment	3
1	MM2021	Management and Organisation	3
1	AMA1751	Linear Algebra (Mathematics II for AIDA) # (Sem 1 only in 2023/24)	3
1		CAR M	3
			18
Year 2 (Semester 2)			
2	AF3313	Business Finance	3
2	ELC3221	Workplace English for Business Students I	3
2	LGT3109	Introduction to Coding for Business with Python (Programming I: Programming Fundamentals) # (Sem 2 only in 2023/24)	3
2	MM2711	Introduction to Marketing *	3
2		CAR D	3
			15

Year 3 (Semester 1)			
1	AF3323	Investments and Portfolio Management	3
1	AF3324	Banking and Financial Institutions	3
1	COMP2013	Data Structures and Algorithms (Programming II: Data Structures and Algorithms) #	3
1	ELC3222	Workplace English for Business Students II	3
1	LGT3425	Business Analytics (Fundamentals of Data Analytics) #	3
1 or 2		Service-Learning	3
			18
Year 3 (Semester 2)			
2	AF3214	Python Programming for Accounting and Finance	3
2	AF4232	FinTech in Banking and Capital Markets	3
2	AFxxxx	Specialist Elective 1	3
2	CLC3221P	Chinese Language Communication for Business	3
2	COMP4431	Artificial Intelligence (Artificial Intelligence) #	3
2	COMP4432	Machine Learning (Machine Learning) # (Sem 2 only)	3
2	LGT2106	Principles of Operations Management *	3
			21
Year 4 (Semester 1)			
1	AF4331	Business Valuation	3
1	AF4513	Corporate Social Responsibility	3
1	AF4913	Integrated Capstone Project #	-
1	AF3213	Business Analytics in Accounting and Finance (DSR-AIDA Bridging Subject) # (Sem 1 only)	3
1		AIDA Elective Subject 1 #	3
			12
Year 4 (Semester 2)			
2	AF4336	Private Banking and Wealth Management	3
2	AF4231	Machine Learning and Finance Analytics	3
2	AF4913	Integrated Capstone Project (cont.) #	6
2	MM4311	Strategic Management	3
2		AIDA Elective Subject 2 #	3
			18
Total minimum academic credits:132			
Plus			
Training credits in WIE (AF3002): 3			

* DSR and GUR double-fulfilment subjects

Subjects for AIDA

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6) WORK-INTEGRATED EDUCATION (WIE)

6.1 Learning Objectives of WIE

At the end of WIE, the student should be able to:

Areas of Personal Development

- a. Appreciate his/her own learning style and determine the best approach to enhancing his/her learning;
- b. Appreciate his/her own learning and development needs and chart his/her learning and development plan for the next 3-5 years;
- c. Make informed choices/preferences for his/her career and formulate a suitable plan for achieving it;

Areas of Workplace Appreciation

- a. Understand the issues involved in the practical application of the skills, knowledge and information acquired in the University environment;
- b. Appreciate the requirements and demands of the real-world work environment, especially in the industry/sector where WIE was done so as to facilitate the smooth transition to full-time employment after graduation;
- c. Identify factors in organizational culture that influence sustainable competitive advantage, excellence, and progress.

Areas of Key Skills

- a. Develop strategic approaches to anticipate and handle challenges;
- b. Analyze problems and strategize solutions;
- c. Appreciate the computing skills he/she has acquired, determine areas that require further development, and make plans to achieve them;
- d. Communicate effectively and confidently;
- e. Work effectively individually as well as in teams;

6.2 WIE Requirements

- 6.2.1 Students must acquire at least 3 'WIE credits' (classified as training credits) in addition to the required academic credits to be eligible for graduation and are highly recommended to complete the requirement before promotion to the final year of study.
- 6.2.2 Students may choose to fulfil the minimum 100-hour requirement through placement in one organization.
- 6.2.3 Students can undertake more than one WIE placement, but each WIE placement should preferably be at least 100 hours to make it more meaningful.
- 6.2.4 All work for WIE credits must be structured and measurable, where structured means that objectives are set for the work experience before it begins and measurable means that the attainment of those objectives is monitored and attested to by a person other than the student, usually the internship supervisor at the organization where the work is done.

- 6.2.5 All work for WIE credits must take place in an organizational context relevant to the degree programme for which the student is enrolled, OR must demonstrate that it develops generic transferable skills relevant to that programme.
- 6.2.6 WIE credits can be achieved through full-time, part-time, or project work done locally or overseas.
- 6.2.7 Students may participate in internship secured by themselves and/or the Faculty, Department and the [Student Affairs Office – Careers and Placement Section \(CPS\)](#). Internship placements secured by students must be approved by their Departmental WIE Coordinator in order for the hours to be counted towards achieving their WIE credits.
- 6.2.8 In general, it is recommended that students start their WIE internships after two semesters of studies at PolyU.
- 6.2.9 Students are encouraged to prepare for their WIE placements through a series of workshops and seminars organized by the University. Up to ten (10) hours of approved WIE training can be counted towards WIE work hours.
- 6.2.10 Students can also accumulate up to ten (10) hours of required WIE work hours from taking on a leadership role in a recognized student association, e.g. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Students' Union, Faculty of Business Students' Association, or Accounting and Finance Society.

6.3 Compensation and Regulatory Matters

WIE does not necessarily have to be paid. In general, the University will make no payment to students for WIE, and any payment by employers will be at the employers' discretion.

- 6.3.1 If there is an employment relationship between the student and the WIE offering organization, both the Minimum Wage Ordinance (<https://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/news/mwo.htm>) and the MPF Ordinance (<https://www.mpfa.org.hk/en/mpf-system/mandatory-contributions/employees>) should be applied. However, these are subject to Employment Ordinance (<https://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/legislat/content2.htm>) that may apply during the internship period.
- 6.3.2 The University covers all students under the Group Personal Accident Insurance scheme which is applied world-wide. Students going on internship placements outside Hong Kong are encouraged to take up additional travel insurance.
- 6.3.3 Students going on internship placements on the Chinese Mainland or at international locations may apply for the University's Offshore WIE Sponsorship (OWS), offered via the [Student Affairs Office – Careers and Placement Section \(CPS\)](#).
- 6.3.4 Non-local students are not exempted from WIE. However, they are required to obtain a valid "No Objection Letter" (NOL) issued by the Hong Kong Immigration Department (IMMD) before any engagement in a university recognized internship in Hong Kong.
- 6.3.5 The WIE requirements do not apply to students on exchange in the University.

6.4 **WIE Placement Procedures** [[Students' Corner | School of Accounting and Finance \(polyu.edu.hk\)](#)]

Before internship

- Complete and submit the [AF WIE internship application e-form](#) with the following documents:
- Employment contract / Appointment confirmation with employment details.
- If students are unable to provide any of the above documents, (i) submit the **Confirmation of Internship Offer (AF WIE-1)** with employer's signature and company chop, (ii) attach a copy of the Business Registration (BR) Certificate and (iii) provide the contact person's business card with company details.
- Only for Non-local students working in Hong Kong: No objection Letter (NOL) issued by the [Immigration Department](#).
- Upon approval, students are required to complete the application on the [FB WIE Online System](#).

During internship

- Keep employment records for verification.

After internship

- Complete Self-Evaluation via the [FB WIE Online System](#).
- An Employer Feedback Form will be sent to the employer's official company email.

6.5 **WIE Assessments**

6.5.1 Assessment of WIE will be on a pass/fail basis, based upon:

- a. An initial statement from the student on the objectives and duration of the work; and
- b. A statement from the student's employer(s) confirming the duration of the work and satisfactory performance; and
- c. A Self-Evaluation/Reflection by the student.

These three requirements need to be met for every WIE activity.

6.5.2 As with every course of study in their degree programme, students should note that it is their responsibility to secure the necessary 3 training credits for graduation.

6.5.3 Students should take note that their termination of internships without valid reason(s) or their being terminated from their internships will render them to have failed the WIE activity.

6.6 **Information on WIE**

6.6.1 Further information and updates on WIE are available at departmental websites as well as through students' campus emails regularly.

6.6.2 Students should contact their Departmental WIE Coordinator for assistance should they have questions and queries.

7) EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT

This Programme is governed by the University's General Assessment Regulations (GAR). Please refer to the "General Assessment Regulations" in the [Handbook on Academic Regulations for Taught Programmes \(Version for University Calendar\)](#) for details. Programme-specific assessment regulations are further set out here.

7.1 Assessment Methods

- a) Students' performance in a subject shall be assessed by continuous assessment and/or examinations as deemed appropriate. Where both methods are used, the weighting of each in the overall subject grade is stated in relevant programme/subject documents.
- b) At the beginning of each semester, the subject teacher should inform students of the details of the methods of assessments to be used within the assessment framework as specified in relevant programme/subject documents.
- c) To ensure that students' English capabilities are better developed, every subject offered by FB Departments contains some significant elements of individual writing tasks in English.

7.2 Progression/Academic Probation/Deregistration

- 7.2.1 The Board of Examiners shall, at the end of each semester (except for Summer Term unless there are students who are eligible to graduate after completion of Summer Term subjects or the Summer Term study is mandatory for the programme), determine whether each student is
- (i) eligible for progression towards an award; or
 - (ii) eligible for an award; or
 - (iii) required to be de-registered from the programme.
- 7.2.2 When a student has a Grade Point Average (GPA) lower than 1.70, he/she will be put on academic probation in the following semester. If a student is able to pull his/her GPA up to 1.70 or above at the end of the semester, the status of "academic probation" will be lifted. The status of "academic probation" will be reflected in the assessment result notification but not in the transcript of studies.
- 7.2.3 A student will have 'progressing' status unless he/she falls within any one of the following categories which shall be regarded as grounds for deregistration from the programme:
- (i) the student has reached the final year of the normal period of registration for that programme, as specified in the Programme Requirement Document, unless approval has been given for extension; or
 - (ii) the student has reached the maximum number of retakes (i.e. two times) allowed for a failed compulsory subject; or
 - (iii) the student's GPA is lower than 1.70 for two consecutive semesters and his/her Semester GPA in the second semester is also lower than 1.70; or
 - (iv) the student's GPA is lower than 1.70 for three consecutive semesters.
- 7.2.4 When a student falls within any of the categories as stipulated above, except for category (i) with approval for extension, the Board of Examiners shall de-register the student from the programme without exception.

- 7.2.5 A student may be de-registered from the programme enrolled before the time frame specified in Sections 7.2.3 (iii) or 7.2.3 (iv) above if his/her academic performance is poor to the extent that the Board of Examiners deems that his/her chance of attaining a GPA of 1.70 at the end of the programme is slim or impossible.
- 7.2.6 Summer Term study is not mandatory for all students of the programme and constitutes a requirement for graduation, and is so specified in the Programme Requirement Document.
- 7.2.7 If the student is not satisfied with the de-registration decision of the Board of Examiners, he/she can lodge an appeal. All such appeal cases will be referred directly to the Academic Appeals Committee (AAC) for final decision. Views of Faculties/Schools/Departments will be sought and made available to AAC for reference.

7.3 Retaking of Subjects

- 7.3.1 Students may only retake a subject which they have failed (i.e. Grade F or S or U). Retaking of subjects is with the condition that the maximum study load of 21 credits per semester is not exceeded.
- 7.3.2 The number of retakes of a subject should be restricted to two, i.e. a maximum of three attempts for each subject is allowed.
- 7.3.3 In cases where a student takes another subject to replace a failed elective subject, the fail grade will be taken into account in the calculation of the GPA, despite the passing of the replacement subject. Likewise, undergraduate students who fail a Cluster Area Requirement (CAR) subject may need to take another subject from the same Cluster Area in order to fulfill this part of the GUR, since the original CAR subject may not be offered; in such cases, the fail grade for the first CAR subject will be taken into account in the calculation of the GPA, despite the passing of the second CAR subject.
- 7.3.4 Students need to submit a request to the Faculty/School Board for the second retake of a failed subject.
- 7.3.5 Students who have failed a compulsory subject after two retakes and have been de-registered can submit an appeal to the Academic Appeals Committee (AAC) for a third chance of retaking the subject.
- 7.3.6 In relation to 7.3.5 above, in case AAC does not approve further retakes of a failed compulsory subject or the taking of an equivalent subject with special approval from the Faculty, the student concerned would be de-registered and the decision of the AAC shall be final within the University.

7.4 Guidelines for Award Classification

- a) The guidelines for award classification are set out in this section. In using these guidelines, the Board of Examiners shall exercise its judgement in coming to its conclusions as to the award for each student, and where appropriate, may use other relevant information.
- b) The Weighted GPA will be used as a guide for helping to determine award classifications. Weighted GPA will be computed as follows:

$$\text{Weighted GPA} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \text{Subject Grade Point}_n \times \text{Subject Credit Value}_n \times W_n}{\sum_{n=1}^N \text{Subject Grade Value}_n \times W_n}$$

where W_n = weighting to be assigned according to the level of the subject

N = number of all subjects counted in GPA calculation as set out in "Guidelines for award classification" section in the Handbook on Academic Regulations for Taught Programmes (Version for University Calendar)

- c) The level weightings assigned will be applied across all subjects of the same level within a programme. The weighting of each level is a measure of the relevance of the level to the classification of the award. The weights applicable to this Programme are as follows:

Level 1 subjects	0.2
Level 2 subjects	0.2
Level 3 subjects	0.3
Level 4 subjects	0.3

The Weighted GPA ranges from 0.00 to 4.30.

- d) The Work-Integrated Education training credits will not be counted in the GPA calculation.

7.5 Student Appeals against Examination Results

Appeal may lead to a change in the subject grade, which may go upward as well as downward, upon completion of reviewing the appeal case.

8) ACADEMIC ADVISING

8.1 Aims of Academic Advising

Academic advising at PolyU aims to help students to make informed and intelligent academic decisions/choices about their study at PolyU that suit their intellectual, professional and personal goals. It is instrumental to promoting student success, and plays a vital role in enhancing students' overall learning experience at PolyU. The specific objectives are:

- To build up an early connection between the students and their home departments, and to promote their sense of affiliation to the department and the University,
- To provide students with accurate information about the academic regulations and requirements regarding their Major/programme, as well as the GUR,
- To assist students to explore their interests, abilities and values on academic pursuits, and formulate appropriate intellectual, professional and personal goals,
- To provide advice and guidance to students that enables them to develop and pursue a study plan for their 4 years of study appropriate for meeting their intellectual, professional and personal goals,
- To connect students to resources, opportunities and support within and outside the University to enhance their educational experiences and success.

8.2 Academic Advising in Department

8.2.1 Each student will be assigned to a full-time academic staff in his/her Department who will act as his/her Academic Advisor throughout his/her study at PolyU. The primary role of the Academic Advisor is to facilitate his/her choice of his/her Major study and Minor/Free electives, if applicable. Students are expected to take initiative to consult their Academic Advisors before subject registration when there is a need. If students take less than the minimum allowable credits or more than the maximum allowable credits in a semester, they will need the approval of their Programme Leaders via the Academic Advisors

8.2.2 Students are expected to meet with their Academic Advisors periodically (at least once a year individually or in group) to discuss their academic plans and aspirations. They are also encouraged to consult their Academic Advisors especially when they are on academic probation/ de-registration.

8.3 Roles and Responsibilities of Academic Advisees

Students/Academic Advisees are expected to:

- a) Take personal responsibility for their academic decisions, plans and outcomes.
- b) Be familiar with the academic advising policies, resources and infrastructure at PolyU.
- c) Understand their Major/Minor requirements and the General University Requirements and monitor their own progress with reference to the graduation requirements.
- d) Develop study plans which enable them to complete their undergraduate degrees at PolyU.
- e) Attend academic advising sessions offered by the Departments/Faculties.
- f) Be prepared for academic advising. Understand their academic progress before meeting their Academic Advisors.
- g) Raise any questions at the academic advising meetings if they encounter any difficulty with their academic studies.

- h) Have an open mind and be ready to seriously consider advice given by teachers, Academic Advisors and other staff.
- i) Read the e-mails and letters sent to them by their Academic Advisors in their Departments/Faculties and.
- j) Visit the Departmental academic advising website, and the websites of the Student Affairs Office (SAO), Office of Undergraduate Studies (OUS) at least once a semester for updates and new information.
- k) Seek help as early as possible. It is a sign of courage.
- l) Enjoy their academic advising experience at PolyU.

8.4 Useful Links

Academic Advising website in AF:

<https://www.polyu.edu.hk/af/experience-and-opportunities/academic-advising/>

Website of Student Affairs Office (SAO):

<https://www.polyu.edu.hk/sao/>

Website of Office of Undergraduate Studies (OUS):

<https://www.polyu.edu.hk/ous/>

9) CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS IN THE FACULTY OF BUSINESS

The University Student Handbook contains a comprehensive statement on Academic Integrity which every student should be aware of. In particular, every student should read, and act on, the sections related to plagiarism and bibliographic referencing.

9.1 Plagiarism

- 9.1.1 Plagiarism refers to the act of using the creative works of others (e.g. ideas, words, images or sound, etc.) in one's own work without proper acknowledgement of the sources.
- 9.1.2 Students are required to submit their original work and avoid any possible suggestion of plagiarism in the work they submit for grading or credit.
- 9.1.3 The University/Faculty views plagiarism, whether committed intentionally or because of ignorance or negligence, as a serious disciplinary offence. Excuses such as "not knowing what is required" or "not knowing how to do it" will not be accepted.
- 9.1.4 Depending on the seriousness of the plagiarism cases, they may be referred to the Student Discipline Committee for investigation and decision. If a student is found guilty of the alleged offence, penalties considered appropriate by the Committee may be imposed. These may include:
- suspension of studies for a specified period of time;
 - expulsion for a specified period or indefinitely; and
 - any other penalties as considered appropriate.

9.2 Classroom Behaviour

- 9.2.1 The expected classroom behaviour of students in the Faculty of Business are explained below. Students who consistently fail to meet these expectations may be excluded from classes or subject to disciplinary action.
- 9.2.2 It is GOOD MANNERS to:
- Be punctual for classes. If you are late for a good reason, apologize to the teacher. You have caused them inconvenience. You are also interfering with other students' learning.
 - Sit at the front in lecture theatres. It is rude to crowd at the back, leaving the lecturer talking to rows of empty seats at the front.
 - Respond to the lecturers when they ask questions
- 9.2.3 It is BAD MANNERS to:
- Talk in class when the lecturer is addressing you. It is rude to the lecturer and disturbing for others in the class.
 - Leave the class before it is completed. If you cannot stay for the complete class, do not come at all. It is insulting to staff, or to students giving presentations, to leave before they have finished.
 - Use your mobile phone in the classroom. Switch it off, or put it on "silent" and do not answer it in class.
 - Eat or drink in class. Note that University regulations forbid eating and drinking in teaching rooms.
- 9.2.4 Lecturers are entitled to ask individual students to leave the classroom if they persist in offending against this code of conduct.

9.2.5 Members of staff in the Faculty of Business expect students to follow this Code of Conduct. It is nothing more than simple politeness.

9.3 Use of PolyU E-mail Account

9.3.1 E-mail is an official communication channel among staff and students at PolyU. Students are strongly advised to check their PolyU student e-mails regularly. Missing important information contained in e-mails intentionally or unintentionally will not be accepted as a legitimate reason for their appeal against academic assessments.

9.3.2 Students should not use PolyU student e-mails in any ways which violate applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to:

- Conducting commercial functions, such as marketing or business transactions
- Sending irrelevant or chain mails to a large number of recipients
- Broadcasting messages which are likely to harass or offend other users
- Any communication which violates applicable laws and regulations.

9.3.3 Users should also observe that proper and courteous language should be used in e-mails, and sending e-mails in the name of another person and / or anonymous e-mail is unacceptable. The University's e-mail address lists are for internal use and may not be distributed to external entities for purpose of mass mailing.

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