

Double Major Programmes

(applicable to full-time undergraduate credit-unit based programmes)

The Senate of CUHK approved in its fourth meeting (2004-05) held on 8 June 2005 the proposal on double majors in credit-unit based programmes. A student who is admitted to the University in 2004-05 and thereafter can register for two major programmes with the permission of the department of his first major programme, and the department of the second major programme that he intends to register. The list of programmes that are available for students to declare as their second major is in Attachment.

Details of the arrangements for double major programmes are as follows:

Declaration of a Second Major

- With the approval of the departments of the first and second majors, a student may declare a second major at the start of his last term of attendance within the minimum study period. A student can make inquiries of the department of the second major, and to express in writing his intention of declaring the second major at least one term before his registration for the second major.
- Before he makes the declaration, the student must have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in all the courses taken before his last term of attendance.
- A student must have completed/registered for all course requirements for graduation purposes in the first major (including Faculty/University/College requirements) at the time the declaration of second major is made.

Course Requirements and Exemptions

- A student shall be required to satisfy all the requirements of his second major before he can graduate with a second major.
- Subject to the approval of the first and second major programmes, similar courses in the two majors may be mutually recognized and such courses and units shall be counted in the requirements of both majors. In fulfilling the overall units required for graduation, the units of those courses shall only be counted once.
- A student who has been granted credit transfer from other universities has to satisfy the requirements of his major programme (and second major programme) in accordance with the relevant regulations, i.e., at least two-thirds of the major requirements must be taken at CUHK, for the purpose of graduation at CUHK.

- A student with two majors shall follow the study schemes of the University/Faculty requirements (General Education, Physical Education, IT Proficiency Test, Intensive Programme in Putonghua, Cantonese and English and Faculty Language Requirement) for his first major only.
- A Secondary 6 entrant with two majors shall also satisfy the Foundation Requirement of his first and second majors except for overlapping courses.

Period of Study

- Students are normally expected to complete all programme requirements for graduation within the minimum period of study. However, those who have registered for two major programmes may apply for an extension of study period in order to pursue a second major. Students who take any extra units beyond the graduation requirements for a single major during the extension period, whether for double major or any other reasons, shall be charged by course unit at full marginal cost.

Graduation and Degree Classification

- A student with two majors shall be assessed for graduation under his first major only. If he fails to fulfil the requirements of his first major, he shall not be allowed to graduate even though he may have satisfied the requirements of his second major and all other conditions for graduation. He shall register for a further term or year or specific courses to make up the requirements of his first major, provided that he is not required to discontinue studies.
- To graduate with a second major, a student shall in addition satisfy the following requirements:
 - a. He shall have obtained a GPA of not lower than 1.5 in all courses of his second major taken which are at 2000 or above level (for STOT courses, at 0200 and above level); and
 - b. He shall have passed the graduation thesis/project or any other requirements as prescribed by the second major.
- A student who fails to fulfil the requirements of both first and second majors shall be asked to make up the requirements of his first major only. If at the same time he can successfully make up the requirements of his second major and/or minor(s), he may then graduate with the second major and/or minor(s). However, a student who has not declared a second major or minor(s) before assessment shall not be allowed to declare a second major or minor(s) during the make-up period.
- The degree classification of a student satisfying the requirements of his first and second majors shall be based on the GPA of his first major, overall GPA and result of the graduation thesis/project of his first major (if any).

Transcripts

- Upon graduation a student satisfying the requirements of two majors shall have the degree of his first major awarded and both majors shown on his transcript.

Programmes that are available for students to declare as their second major

(more programmes will be available in future)

Faculty of Arts:

Anthropology

Chinese Language and Literature

Chinese Studies

Cultural Studies

English

Fine Art

History

Japanese Studies

Linguistics

Music

Philosophy

Religious Studies

Theology

Translation

Faculty of Business Administration:

Insurance, Financial and Actuarial Analysis (restrictions apply, see note 1)

Integrated BBA Programme (restrictions apply, see note 2)

Professional Accountancy

Quantitative Finance (restrictions apply, see note 1)

Faculty of Engineering:

Computer Engineering

Computer Science

Electronic Engineering

Information Engineering

Mechanical and Automation Engineering

Systems Engineering and Engineering Management

Faculty of Science:

Biochemistry

Biology

Environment Science

Food and Nutritional Sciences

Mathematics

Risk Management Science

Statistics

Faculty of Social Sciences:

Economics

Geography and Resource Management

Government and Public Administration

Sociology

Notes:

- (1) Students of the Insurance, Financial and Actuarial Analysis programme and the Quantitative Finance programme who wish to claim Integrated BBA programme as second major must choose a concentration area other than the three finance-related concentrations (i.e. General Finance, Financial Engineering, Insurance and Risk Management). Double majors in IFA and QFN will also be forbidden.
- (2) Students of the Integrated BBA Programme with finance-related concentration areas (i.e. General Finance, Financial Engineering, Insurance and Risk Management) will not be allowed to declare IFA and QFN programmes as second major.

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