

FBE Major and Minor Programmes (3-year Curriculum) **Frequently Asked Questions for non-FBE Students**

Declaration

1. When shall I declare my major/minor?

You can start declaring your major/minor starting from the pre-enrolment period in August of your 2nd year of study. You should finalize your major/minor options by the add/drop period of the 1st semester of your final year of study.

2. What is the purpose for declaring my major/minor in the SIS?

Your major/minor declaration in the SIS is to indicate what major/minor you intended to pursue during your study. The programme guide of the major/minor that you have declared will be shown in the SIS for your reference. Your major/minor declaration in the SIS may not imply your eligibility for pursuing the respective programme or will not guarantee you a place in courses required by the programme.

3. Can I take FBE major/minor programmes offered to students of the 4-year curriculum?

No, in view of the different duration of study and curriculum structure, there are separate lists of FBE major/minor programmes offered to non-FBE students in the 3-year and 4-year curricula. Please make sure you are referring to the correct programme document when you are considering your major/minor options.

4. Am I allowed to switch my major in Finance to minor in Finance at the end of my 2nd year of study?

Yes, you are allowed to switch your major in Finance to minor in Finance in the SIS during the pre-enrollment period in August or the add/drop period. You are required to finalize your major/minor options by the add/drop period of the 1st semester of your final year of study.

Requirements

5. Are there any requirements for declaring a major/minor offered by FBE?

Non-FBE students must obtain a Yearly GPA (YGPA) of 3.0 at the end of the 1st year of study in order to be eligible to declare any major/minor offered by FBE.

6. What is the arrangement if I do not fulfill the requirements for declaring an FBE major/minor?

For students who do not have a YGPA of 3.0 or above at the end of their 1st year of study, their declaration of the FBE major/minor in the SIS will be removed. Students will be notified of the arrangement by email.

- 7. I have obtained a YGPA of 2.99 at the end of the 1st year of study. Will you give special consideration to my major/minor declaration?**

No special consideration will be given to students who do not have a CGPA of 3.0 or above at the end of the 2nd year of study.

- 8. My CGPA at the end of my 1st year of study is below 3.0 but I have obtained a CGPA higher than 3.0 in my 2nd year of study. Will you re-consider my case and can I re-declare an FBE major/minor?**

We will only consider students' YGPA at the end of their 1st year of study as a cut-off point. Hence, re-consideration of students' eligibility to declare an FBE major/minor will NOT be given and the students concerned should not re-declare the FBE major/minor in the SIS.

- 9. Will my declaration be removed if my CGPA drops below 3.0 after the 2nd year of study?**

We will only scrutinize students' CGPA by the end of your 1st year of study. If any students fail to maintain a CGPA of 3.0 thereafter, we will not remove their declaration.

- 10. How will you consider my GPA performance if I have been granted advanced standing at the point of admission or I am admitted directly to senior year?**

We will give consideration on a case-by-case basis. Please send an email to the Faculty Office at fbe.undergrad@hku.hk together with your academic records.

Course enrolment

- 11. I have declared an FBE major/minor. Will I be guaranteed a place in the core courses of the major/minor programme?**

In view of the limited teaching resources, there is quota restriction on every class offered by FBE. Students' declaration of an FBE major/minor in the SIS will NOT guarantee them a place in the courses required by the programme.

- 12. I took some FBE courses in my 1st year of study to fulfill the requirements of an FBE major/minor, but my FBE major/minor declaration was removed from the SIS as I could not meet the YGPA requirement at the end of my 1st year of study. What shall I do?**

The FBE courses you took will be treated as free electives. You may discuss with the academic advisor in your home Faculty for your study plan.

- 13. Can I be waived from the pre-requisite requirement of a course?**

No, you are required to obtain a pass in the pre-requisite course before taking the subsequent courses. Students will normally not be granted waiver for pre-requisite requirement; and cannot take the pre-requisite course and subsequent course concurrently.

14. A course serves to fulfill the requirement of two different major/minor programmes. Can the course be double-counted?

No, double-counting is not allowed in FBE. Where a course applies to more than one major/minor programme, a disciplinary elective (advanced level) must be taken in lieu of the double-counted course.

15. I have taken a course in my home Faculty which is mutually exclusive with the required course of an FBE major/minor. What can I do?

Please send an email to the Faculty Office at fbe.undergrad@hku.hk. You are required to take a disciplinary elective (advanced level) in lieu of the mutually exclusive course.

16. I will take part in an exchange programme. Can I take a course in an overseas institution during my exchange to fulfill part of the requirements for FBE major/minor?

Yes, we allow credit transfer of equivalent courses from overseas institution to HKU during your exchange study. You should submit to your home Faculty an application for credit transfer together with the syllabuses of the courses you intend to take during your exchange before the specified deadline stipulated by your home Faculty. For the course equivalence information of successful credit transfer applications in the past, please visit our website at

<http://www.fbe.hku.hk/programme/undergraduate/enrichment/index.asp?doc=exchange>

17. Will I be notified by FBE what course(s) I lack to fulfill the requirements of the major/minor I declared?

Students are advised to check with their home Faculty that whether there are any remaining courses they have to enroll in to fulfill their major/minor requirements. Students are also advised to check on their own if they have fulfilled the requirements.