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1. UNIVERSITY VISION AND MISSION

Vision

- Xiamen University Malaysia aspires to become a university with a distinct global outlook, featuring first-class teaching and research, and embracing cultural diversity.

Mission

- To nurture young talents with dignity and wisdom, turning them into fine citizens of the region who will contribute to the prosperity of the people and social progress of Malaysia, China and Southeast Asia.

2. PROGRAMME AIMS

The programme aims to equip students with knowledge of theoretical and practical issues in finance and enable students to apply it in the financial market. It also aims to develop students' ability to use sufficient problem-solving techniques (mathematics, model, etc.) and good analytical skills, as well as to enhance the students' insight into the development of the world economy and finance, including the development of the Chinese economic and financial system.

3. PROGRAMME EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES (PEO)

The PEOs are to produce graduates who are:

PEO1

To possess a broad and integrated knowledge and understanding of finance, economic and business environment including banking, investments as well as financial management.

PEO2

To demonstrate analytical and problem-solving skills in financial decision-making and managing financial resources.

PEO3

To display functional work skills (practical, interpersonal, communication, digital, numeracy and leadership skills) which are useful and applicable in career development.

PEO4

To inculcate the spirit of independent lifelong learning and entrepreneurship.

PEO5

To display awareness and understanding of ethical, legal, and social issues as well as respect for professionalism.

4. PROGRAMME LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLO)

At the end of the programme, graduates will be able to:

PLO1	Knowledge and Understanding	Comprehend concepts, issues, theoretical and technical knowledge in finance and its related field in business and economics.
PLO2	Cognitive Skills	Demonstrate ability in applying critical, analytical or quantitative skills in the field of finance and financial decision making.
PLO3	Practical Skills	Apply a range of essential techniques, methods or procedures to solving a broad range of finance-related problems.
PLO4	Interpersonal Skills	Demonstrate ability to work together with different people in diverse learning and working communities.
PLO5	Communication Skills	Display verbal and written communication skills, including the ability to present and evaluate arguments in a form appropriate to the audience.
PLO6	Digital Skills	Use a broad range of information, media or technology applications to support study and work.
PLO7	Numeracy Skills	Use a combination of numerical and graphical/visual data for study and work.
PLO8	Leadership, Autonomy and Responsibility	Demonstrate leadership and professionalism in managing responsibilities within broad organizational parameters.
PLO9	Personal Skills	Apply the skills and principles of lifelong learning in their academic and career development.
PLO10	Entrepreneurial Skills	Display financial and entrepreneurial competency in managing business.
PLO11	Ethics and Professionalism	Identify ethical issues, make decision ethically and act professionally within the varied social and professional environment and practice.

5. EXPECTED AREAS OF GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT

Banks, securities companies, insurance companies, other financial institutions, government departments, academic research, etc.

6. CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

The minimum requirement for graduation will be **124** credits, with all the components meeting the minimum credit values specified in Table 1.

Table 1: Components of the Programme and its Value

	Course Classification	Credit Value	Percentage (%)
1	Compulsory courses:		
	• Mata Pelajaran Umum (MPU)	12	9.7%
	• General Elective	13	10.5%
2	Core/ Major/ Concentration:		
	• Common Core	44	35.5%
	• Major Core	40	32.3%
3	Elective Courses	12	9.7%
4	Industrial Training	3	2.4%
	Total Credit Value	124	100.0%

Compulsory Courses

Compulsory Courses refer to *Mata Pelajaran Pengajian Umum (MPU)*, or General Studies, which is a compulsory component of undergraduate education in Malaysia as mandated by the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE), as shown in Table 2a below.

MPU aims to develop well-rounded graduates by complementing academic studies with broader knowledge, essential skills, ethical values, and social responsibility. Through courses that promote critical thinking, effective communication, integrity, and community engagement, MPU prepares students to become responsible citizens and lifelong learners in an increasingly interconnected world.

Table 2a: Components of the **Compulsory** Courses and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value	International	Malaysian
U1 (3 courses @ 2 credits per course) Philosophy, Values & History Appreciation					
1	Bahasa Melayu Komunikasi 2	MPU1012	2	√	-
2	Integriti dan Antirasuah (Integrity and Anti-Corruption)	MPU1022	2	√	√
3	Aspirasi Negara Bangsa (Malaysian Nation-State Aspiration)	MPU1032	2	-	√
4	Falsafah dan Cabaran Semasa	MPU1042	2	-	√
5	Citra Malaysia (Malaysian Citra)	MPU1052	2	√	-
U2 (1 course @ 2 credits) Soft Skills					
6	Bahasa Kebangsaan A	MPU2012	2	-	1. Fail Bahasa Melayu SPM OR 2. Scored below C/ without credit in Bahasa Melayu SPM
7	Writing for Professional Purposes	MPU2022	2	√	1. Malaysian students with a credit in BM at SPM OR 2. Took and Passed Bahasa Kebangsaan A in diploma level MUST take Writing for Professional Purposes.
U3 (1 course @ 2 credits) Knowledge About Malaysia					
8	Artificial Intelligence and Malaysia's Digital Economy	MPU3012	2	√	√
U4 (1 course @ 2 credits) Practical Course (Community Service, Motivational, Co-curriculum)					
9	Community Service	MPU4012	2	√	√
Total Credit Value (Compulsory Courses)			12		

General Elective Courses

General Elective Courses refer to courses designed to give students options beyond their major-related courses in order to diversify their scope of knowledge.

Students in Business field can choose courses they are interested in from Group I (Art), Group III (Science) and Group IV (Artificial Intelligence) as shown in Table 2b. Students in Finance shall achieve at least a total of 13 credits with each group meets the minimum requirement of 1 course.

Table 2b: Components of the **General Elective** Courses and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value	Remarks
Group I (Arts)				
	Group I comprises general elective courses in the field of Arts such as <i>Art Appreciation, Basic Korean Language, and Communication Skills for Job Search.</i>	G01XX/ G1XXX		Minimum 1 course
Group III (Science)				
	Group III comprises general elective courses in the field of Science such as <i>Environmental Problems and Environmental Awareness, A Brief History of Astronomy, and Introduction to Chinese Medicine.</i>	G03XX		Minimum 1 course
Group IV (Artificial Intelligence)				
	Group IV comprises general elective courses in the field of Artificial Intelligence , comprising: • Discipline-based (Compulsory) • General (Optional)	G04XX		Minimum 1 course
Total Credit Value (General Elective Courses)			13	

*Note: The courses listed are provided as examples for reference only. The actual general elective courses offered may vary each semester. Students should refer to the **General Elective Course Library** for the list of general elective courses available in a particular semester.*

Common Core Courses

Common Core Courses refer to essential courses offered for students in different majors but in the same field according to disciplinary development rules.

Table 2c: Components of the **Common Core** Courses and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value
1	Microeconomics	SEM107	4
2	Quantitative Methods and Data Analysis I	SEM102	4
3	Principles of Finance	SEM202	4
4	Macroeconomics	SEM108	4
5	Quantitative Methods and Data Analysis II	SEM105	4
6	Principles of Management	SEM106	4
7	Principles of Accounting	SEM103	4
8	Statistics for Business	SEM206	4
9	International Economics	SEM203	4
10	Basic Econometrics	SEM207*	4
11	Research Methodology	SEM208	4
Total Credit Value (Common Core Courses)			44

Note: It is compulsory to take all of the above courses in Table 2c.

Major Core Courses

Major Core Courses refer to courses designed to meet the core educational objectives; each major has its own features.

Table 2d: Components of the **Major Core** Courses and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value
1	Commercial Banking	FIN204	4
2	Investments	FIN206	4
3	Investment Banking	FIN207	4
4	Corporate Finance	FIN208	4
5	Monetary Policy and Financial Supervision	FIN209	4
6	Analysis of Financial Statements	FIN301	4
7	Risk Management	FIN303	4
8	Financial Engineering	FIN304	4
9	Portfolio Management	FIN305	4
10	Thesis	FIN311	4
Total Credit Value (Major Core Courses)			40

Table 2e: Components of the **Industrial Training** and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value
1	Industrial Training	FIN210	3
Total Credit Value (Industrial Training)			3

Major Elective Courses (courses marked with asterisk*)

Major Elective Courses refer to courses designed to help students to identify their interested field or direction within the major, which enable them to be better prepared for their career's pathways.

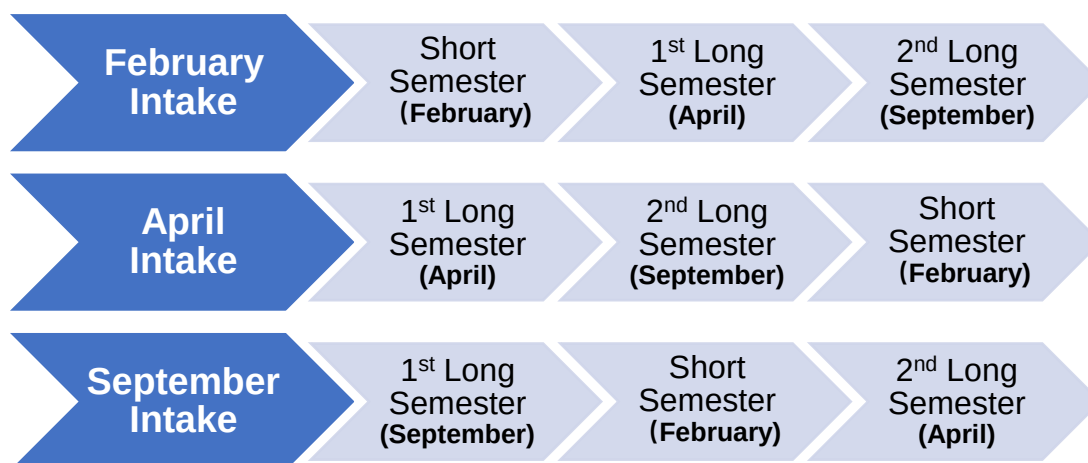
For major elective courses, students are required to choose designated courses based on table below:

Table 2f: Components of the **Major Elective** Courses and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value	Remarks
1	Insurance	FIN306*	4	Choose 3 out of 7 (12 credits)
2	Financial Econometrics	FIN308*	4	
3	International Finance Management	FIN309*	4	
4	Chinese Financial System	FIN302*	4	
5	Islamic Banking	FIN312*	4	
6	Financial Technology	FIN313*	4	
7	Business Analytics and Data Mining	ECM301*	4	
Total Credit Value (Major Elective Courses)			12	

7. LIST OF COURSES OFFERED FOR EACH ACADEMIC YEAR

There are three (3) semesters in each academic year: two (2) long semesters and one (1) short semester. The sequence of course registration varies according to the intake:



Students should be aware that the total number of credits shall not exceed **20** for long semester and **7** for a short semester.

It is important to note that the arrangement of courses for each academic year listed below is subject to change based on programme needs or institutional requirements.

Year	Semester	Course Name	Course Code	Classification	Credit
Year 1	1 st Long Semester	Microeconomics	SEM107	Common Core	4
		Quantitative Methods and Data Analysis I	SEM102	Common Core	4
		Principles of Finance	SEM202	Common Core	4
		Bahasa Melayu Komunikasi 2 / Aspirasi Negara Bangsa	MPU1012 / MPU1032	Compulsory	2
		Falsafah dan Cabaran Semasa / Citra Malaysia	MPU1042 / MPU1052	Compulsory	2
		Select from Table 2b	Gxxxx	General Elective	2
		Total Credit Value			18
	2 nd Long Semester	Macroeconomics	SEM108	Common Core	4
		Quantitative Methods and Data Analysis II	SEM105	Common Core	4
		Principles of Management	SEM106	Common Core	4
		Principles of Accounting	SEM103	Common Core	4
		Select from Table 2b	Gxxxx	General Elective	2
		Integrity and Anti-corruption	MPU1022	Compulsory	2
		Total Credit Value			20
	Short Semester	Select from Table 2b	Gxxxx	General Elective	4
		Select from Table 2b - Group IV	Gxxxx	General Elective	3
		Total Credit Value			7

Year	Semester	Course Name	Course Code	Classification	Credit	
Year 2	1 st Long Semester	Statistics for Business	SEM206	Common Core	4	
		International Economics	SEM203	Common Core	4	
		Commercial Banking	FIN204	Major Core	4	
		Monetary Policy and Financial Supervision	FIN209	Major Core	4	
		Bahasa Kebangsaan A / Writing for Professional Purposes	MPU2012 / MPU2022	Compulsory	2	
		Total Credit Value				18
	2 nd Long Semester	Basic Econometrics	SEM207	Common Core	4	
		Investments	FIN206	Major Core	4	
		Corporate Finance	FIN208	Major Core	4	
		Investment Banking	FIN207	Major Core	4	
		Total Credit Value				16
	Short Semester	Community Service	MPU4012	Compulsory	2	
		Artificial Intelligence and Malaysia's Digital Economy	MPU3012	Compulsory	2	
		Select from Table 2b	Gxxxx	General Elective	2	
		Total Credit Value				6
Year 3	1 st Long Semester	Analysis of Financial Statements	FIN301	Major Core	4	
		Risk Management	FIN303	Major Core	4	
		Financial Engineering	FIN304	Major Core	4	
		Portfolio Management	FIN305	Major Core	4	
		Research Methodology	SEM208	Common Core	4	
		Total Credit Value				20
	2 nd Long Semester	Thesis	FIN311	Major Core	4	
		Student to choose 3 major electives below:				
		Chinese Financial System	FIN302*	Major Elective	4	
		Insurance	FIN306*	Major Elective	4	
		Financial Econometrics	FIN308*	Major Elective	4	
		International Finance Management	FIN309*	Major Elective	4	
		Islamic Banking	FIN312*	Major Elective	4	
		Financial Technology	FIN313*	Major Elective	4	
		Business Analytics and Data Mining	ECM301*	Major Elective	4	
	Total Credit Value				16	
	Short Semester	Industrial Training	FIN210	Industrial Training	3	
		Total Credit Value				3
Grand Total					124	

8. PREREQUISITE COURSES

A prerequisite is a course that must be completed before taking a more advanced course.

Course Code	Course Name	Prerequisites
SEM203	International Economics	SEM107 Microeconomics
SEM207*	Basic Econometrics	SEM102 Quantitative Methods and Data Analysis I
		SEM105 Quantitative Methods and Data Analysis II
		SEM206 Statistics for Business
SEM208	Research Methodology	SEM102 Quantitative Methods and Data Analysis I
		SEM105 Quantitative Methods and Data Analysis II
FIN204	Commercial Banking	SEM202 Principles of Finance
FIN206	Investment	SEM202 Principles of Finance
FIN207	Investment Banking	SEM202 Principles of Finance
FIN208	Corporate Finance	SEM202 Principles of Finance
FIN209	Monetary Policy and Financial Supervision	SEM202 Principles of Finance
FIN301	Analysis of Financial Statements	SEM103 Principles of Accounting
FIN302*	Chinese Financial System	SEM202 Principles of Finance
FIN303	Risk Management	SEM206 Statistics for Business
FIN304	Financial Engineering	FIN206 Investment
FIN305	Portfolio Management	FIN206 Investment
FIN306*	Insurance	SEM202 Principles of Finance
		SEM206 Statistics for Business
FIN308*	Financial Econometrics	SEM207 Basic Econometrics
FIN309*	International Finance Management	SEM202 Principles of Finance
		SEM203 International Economics
FIN311	Thesis	SEM208 Research Methodology
FIN312*	Islamic Banking	FIN204 Commercial Banking

9. IMPORTANT NOTE

Threshold Requirement

A grade threshold refers to the minimum number of marks that a student needs to obtain in a particular component of the course.

Finance students must obtain a threshold mark of 40 in all assessment components, including the final examination, and an overall mark of 55 or above to pass a core / major / elective course.

Note: The above information is subject to change as new information becomes available in accordance with the guiding standards and requirements set by relevant authorities.

Additional Requirement

China students of September 2017 intake and onward need to complete their 4-year studies for the following programmes:

- Bachelor of Economics in Finance (Honours)
- Bachelor of Management in Accounting (Honours)
- Bachelor of Management in International Business (Honours)
- Bachelor of Management in E-commerce (Honours)
- Bachelor of Management in Hospitality Management (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts in Advertising (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Studies (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English Language and Literature
- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics (Honours)