

BUS 7180 Client-Based Research Methods (2,3,0)

This course aims to give students the necessary methodological and statistical tools in order to carry out the client-based MBA Project Report. Emphasis is on introducing students to qualitative and quantitative methods/techniques for making business decisions. Students learn to develop questionnaires and solve business problems by applying qualitative and quantitative methods, using software packages (EXCEL, SPSS), and interpreting generated solutions for decision-making scenarios.

BUS 7190 Operations and Supply Chain Management (2,3,0)

This course will introduce the fundamental concepts of operations management, including the formulation of logistics policy, performance measures, and constraint management. In particular, the following concepts will be covered: forecasting and order management, global transportation planning, inventory management, material handling systems, and warehousing and packaging management.

BUS 7221-3 MBA Project Report (1,0,*)

The MBA project may be one of two forms: (1) a client-based project—this involves the comprehensive description and evaluation of a profit-seeking or non-profit, large or small, entrepreneurial or mature, service or manufacturing, domestic or international organization, together with appropriate recommendations for improved performance; or (2) a new business plan.

The main purpose of the project is for students to develop a thorough understanding of the environment, markets, technology and operations of a real organization (or, in the case of a new business plan, a proposed organization). Students apply and integrate knowledge and skills acquired through the MBA curriculum and further develop their skills in the area of strategy, and working productively in a team. Students are expected to work in groups of four to six on this project.

The learning objectives for the new business plan project are the same as for a client-based project. The new business plan is equally as “real” as a client based project.

Students taking the MBA project will gain a first-class learning experience to complement and extend classroom learning. The MBA project becomes a laboratory for applying ideas, tools and concepts to real-world problems. It is an exercise in managing task-focused relationships among team members, client managers and the faculty supervisors. It gives students a chance to define issues, gather relevant data from a variety of sources, do insightful analysis, and develop creative solutions. It also provides opportunities to learn about a company, an industry, and/or a field of management that is of long-term interest to the members of the project team.

BUS 7300 China Marketing and Foreign Investment Issues (2,3,0)

This is an Advanced MBA elective course that aims to examine a number of critical foreign investment and marketing issues in China business, including marketing environment and practical issues in China, and the new developments in foreign direct investment to China. Scope of study will cover not just the environment and the system, but also practices and current issues as far as possible.

BUS 7310 Executive Performance Management and Compensation (2,2,0)

The modern corporations rely on the principle of separation of ownership and control to operate their businesses. The success or failure of these corporations depends, to a large extent, on the quality of the executives' decisions on the operations of the corporations. However, these executives may have objectives in mind different from those of the owners to whom they serve. Besides monitoring, it is important for owners to motivate these executives to act in the interests of the corporations and thus their owners through designing appropriate incentive contracts. These contracts specify the performance evaluation criteria and

how executives' compensation is determined. The objective of this course to enable students to have a better understanding of the methods commonly used in practice to measure and reward executives' performance. It also discusses the potential consequences of using particular performance measures on executives' behaviour, in particular their corporate financial policies. This course further highlights the determinants and consequences of adopting different executives' compensation means.

BUS 7320 Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility (3,3,0)

In all areas of business, ethical dilemmas are encountered frequently. Some of these dilemmas are small and easy to resolve. The majority, however, are complex and an obvious solution is often difficult to determine. By providing a foundation in ethical theories and a framework for analysing ethical dilemmas, this course aims to sensitize students to ethical dilemmas and to help them develop some codes or guidelines of ethics for making decisions. It will further discuss the roles of business in society and corporate social responsibility, and analyse why socially responsible corporations are good and sustainable. The major issues currently faced by the preparers and users of corporate social reports will be discussed.

BUS 7330 Entrepreneurship Development (2,3,0)

The scope of this course would be mostly on Venture Design: the stages from idea creation to the formation of a startup company, with successful venture capital funding and management team in place. The perspective should be that of a potential entrepreneur wanting to start up a company, or start up entrepreneurial activities within a large company. Special attention will be put into topics on people who make decisions, handle deals, analyse problems, allocate and mobilize scarce resources and succeed in a local and international context. Some Asian and China cases are carefully chosen to reflect the special situation of starting businesses in Asia/China.

BUS 7340 Business Creativity (2,3,0)

The course Business Creativity emphasizes the importance of creativity and innovation as key drivers of growth in a rapidly changing business environment and focuses on teaching the students to reliably develop ideas using a systematic thinking process. Central topics discussed are individual and organizational factors of creativity, the creative process, serious business thinking tools and creativity techniques, among others. At the end of the course, students will personally experience on real cases the power of creativity techniques and serious thinking tools applied in a systematic way to achieve instant innovations in business.

BUS 7350 Participation in External Competitions (2,0,3)

There are several international and perhaps local competitions in which students will have the opportunity to represent the University. Examples of such competitions include, but are not limited to, the *Molson MBA Case Competition* and the *Moot Corp*[®] Competition for business plans. In order to participate in such events, and get the university credits, students must undergo a stringent selection process in which the best candidates are chosen. The participants in such events gain valuable training in analysis and presentation skills, depending on the nature of the competition. In addition, participants may be required to write a paper, analyse a case, etc. and may have the opportunity to travel abroad, which will provide further valuable experience. Enrolment in this course is by selection, i.e. interested students will have to go through a selection process to be admitted to this course.

BUS 7360 MBA Seminars and Workshops (2,3,0)

MBA seminars deal with contemporary issues in the business community. Speakers include senior business practitioners, visiting academics and faculty members. As the School offers MBA classes in Hong Kong and selected mainland cities, seminars

are to be organized in all these locations. Instead of a single-speaker seminar, some of these seminars may involve several speakers, in different presentation modes, and may be with a duration of half-day, one-day or even residential seminar of more than one day on a specific theme area. Besides, overseas study tours may be organized and students may choose to participate in such tours.

BUS 7370 Business Field Study (2,0,0)

This field study of five to seven days' duration enables students to visit a location of timely business value. The location is to be decided by the Programme Director with due consultation with PMC members and student representatives. The location may be somewhere in Chinese mainland, Taiwan, or any city/country in the world. Provided with detailed information about the chosen location, its business environment, and background of the firms/organizations to be visited, participating students are required to produce both group and individual reports.

BUS 7710 Advanced Chinese Business Law (3,3,0)

This course prepares MPhil and PhD students for in-depth research into selected topics in business law of the People's Republic of China (PRC). Topics will include: sources of PRC law, general principles of civil law, opinions of the Supreme People's Court, law reports, economic contracts and joint ventures, business vehicles, corporate governance, listing, intellectual property, and dispute resolution.

BUS 7720 Advanced Research Methods for Business (3,3,0)

This course is designed for MPhil/PhD students in business. It aims to build an in-depth understanding of how to conduct academic research and to equip students with the skills required to work on their theses, including the creative development of concepts, selection of appropriate data collection methods, techniques of analysis, and communicating (perhaps publishing) results.

BUS 7730 Advanced Multivariate Data Analysis (3,3,0)

This course aims to provide sound understanding of advanced quantitative methods and analytical techniques, and equip students with competent capability of performing quantitative analysis for empirical research in wider managerial disciplines. The course will highly address methodologies and techniques related to modeling and hypothesis testing, and use statistics software such as PASW (prior SPSS) and AMOS to conduct quantitative analysis. In particular, the course will concentrate on multivariate data analytical skills, such as ANOVA, ANCOVA, MANOVA, and MACOVA, hierarchical regression analysis, analysis of mediating and moderating effects, exploratory factor analysis (EFA), confirmatory factor analysis (CFA) and structural equation modeling (SEM) analysis.

BUS 7800 Strategy Generation (2,*,0)

This course is designed to provide students with tools and techniques to develop innovative strategies, to explore personal creativity, management practices that enhance or suppress creativity, and the innovation process in an organization. The course is built around the different activities needed to generate innovative strategies in a company.

BUS 7810 Strategic Analysis and Decision Making (2,*,0)

The thrust of this course is general management and the integration of functional areas. Students will learn to use diverse knowledge and skills to analyse broad, organization-wide problems and will become adept at examining the environment in which organizations operate and in identifying the strategic implications of the environment. This course moves from strategy formulation to strategy implementation considerations, recognizing the need for organizations to align their resources, values and strategies with the environment.

BUS 7820 Leading Organizational Change (3,*,0)

Organizations today operate in more volatile and bewildering conditions than ever before, and continuous change has become the norm. The major purpose of this course is to help students respond effectively to the rapid environmental and organizational changes that are occurring in all sectors and industries. Emphasis will be placed on explaining why and how organizations change and on the role of leaders as change agents. The means for implementing organizational change efforts will also be highlighted.

BUS 7830 Corporate Governance and Ethics (3,*,0)

This course provides an understanding of the key issues of modern corporate governance and ethical operation, the basic roles and responsibilities of shareholders, directors and management, and the roles of business in society and corporate social responsibility. Student will be trained to analyse and solve corporate governance and ethical issues and be familiar with the legal, social, economic, moral, and psychological issues that they may confront in the ordinary course of serving on boards. In addition, by providing a foundation in ethical theories and a framework for analysing ethical dilemmas, students will sensitize to ethical dilemmas and be able to develop some codes or guidelines for making ethical decisions.

BUS 7900 Business Research Methods (3,*,0)

The purpose of this course is to provide the fundamental knowledge and skills of applied business research. Conducting research involves making numerous choices—choices about strategy, designs, operations, and analyses. In this course, the strengths and weaknesses associated with the various choices are identified. Students will learn that there are many external constraints placed on researchers and that there is no one best method for answering a research question. Instead, knowledge is the result of a triangulation of methods. As a result of this subject, student will become better consumers of research and they will learn how to critically read research articles.

BUS 7910 Advanced Statistics and Data Analysis (3,*,0)

This course provides students with a sound understanding of statistical and quantitative techniques and their application in analysing and making decisions about various organizational issues. Issues for testing hypotheses with empirical data will be addressed. In particular, the subject will concentrate on the development, measurement, and analysis of "real-world" data involving natural co-variation between variables. On completing this course, students will acquire the data analytic skills—e.g. ANOVA, MANOVA, hierarchical regression analysis, EFA, CFA and SEM, needed to competently complete a quantitatively based DBA thesis.

BUS 7920 Qualitative Approaches to Research (3,*,0)

This course is intended to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to do qualitative research at a doctoral level. Qualitative research focuses on understanding, rather than predicting or controlling, phenomena. It is usually contrasted with traditional experimental and statistical research. Included in this course will be the discussion and application of five principle qualitative methodologies: case study, ethnography, phenomenology, narrative, and grounded theory. Participants will also learn the associated skills of interviewing and observation. The main objective of the course is for students to learn the practicalities, scope and nature of qualitative research and to appreciate its rigour and procedures.

BUS 7980 Professional Development Workshops (5,*,0)

The Professional Development Workshops provide forums for dialogue among academics, practitioners and students on current issues relevant to today's organizations. International and local academics who are involved in current programs at HKBU and who have expertise in a particular area will be invited to conduct the workshops in conjunction with local business leaders. Topics related to the core areas of change, strategy and