

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The 40-credit hour Master of Economics (MEc.) is offered by coursework, coursework and dissertation, and by full research.

(A) Coursework

Students are required to complete at least 40 credit hours which comprise the following:

CORE COURSE (19 CREDIT HOURS)

SEEB 5013	Advanced Microeconomics
SEEB 5023	Advanced Macroeconomics
SEEB 5033	Advanced Econometrics
SEEQ 5123	Advanced Mathematical Economics
SEEQ 5113	Applied Econometrics
SZRZ 6014	Research Methodology

SPECIALIZATION (12 CREDIT HOURS)

Choose any four (4) courses from two (2) specializations as listed below:

A) DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

SEED 5123	Current Issues in Development Economics
SEED 5133	Development, Distribution and Institution

B) BANKING AND FINANCIAL ECONOMICS

SEEM 5113	Financial Theory and Policy
SEEM 5123	Banking and Financial Economics

C) INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

SEET 5113	International Trade Theory
SEET 5123	Current Developments in Global Trade

D) PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMICS

SEEP 5113	Advanced Public Finance
SEEP 5123	Taxation and Public Policy

E) INDUSTRIAL ECONOMICS

SEEI 5113	Industrial Organization
SEEI 5123	Economics of Regulation

F) HUMAN RESOURCE ECONOMICS

SEEI 5133	Human Resource Economics
SEEI 5143	Current Labor Issues

G) ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE ECONOMICS

SEEE 5113	Environmental Economics
SEEE 5123	Natural Resource Economics

ELECTIVE COURSE (3 CREDIT HOURS)

Choose one (1) course from courses listed below or any courses at master's level under the economics programme or courses offered by the College. If the course is not offered, students can apply to the Head of the Economics Department for approval.

SEEB 5043	Philosophy of Economics Thoughts
SEED 5113	Malaysian Economic Management

PROJECT PAPER (6 CREDIT HOURS)

SEEZ 6996	Project Paper
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(B) Coursework and Dissertation

Students are required to complete at least 40 credit hours which comprise the following:

CORE COURSE (19 CREDIT HOURS)

SEEB 5013	Advanced Microeconomics
SEEB 5023	Advanced Macroeconomics
SEEB 5033	Advanced Econometrics
SEEQ 5123	Advanced Mathematical Economics
SEEQ 5113	Applied Econometrics
SZRZ 6014	Research Methodology

DISSERTATION (21 CREDIT HOURS)

SEEZ 69921	Dissertation
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(C) Research

Students are required to:

1. Attend a series of research training programmes during the first semester of enrolment on the following ten (10) topics:
 - a. Introduction: Introduction to Research in COB
 - b. The Philosophy of Social Science Research: Epistemology and Research Paradigms
 - c. Planning and Managing a Research and Working with Supervisors
 - d. Identifying Research Topic and Research Gap
 - e. Introduction to Quantitative Research
 - f. Introduction to Qualitative Research
 - g. Carrying Out a Literature Review
 - h. Questionnaire Design
 - i. Modelling and Analyzing Data Using SPSS
 - j. Proposal Writing/ Thesis Writing

2. Defend their proposal to a Committee, which comprises a chairperson and at least one examiner appointed by the College/Graduate School, as per requirement below:
 - a. Students must submit two (2) copies of their research proposal to the College/Graduate School at least 2 weeks prior to the proposal defence session;
 - b. The examiner(s) should provide written comments and recommend the status of the proposal at the end of the session;
 - c. Students are required to make amendments based on the comments and suggestions given by the examiner(s); and
 - d. The research proposal should comprise the following chapters:
 - Chapter 1 : Background of the study, problem statement, research questions, research objectives, scope of the study, and significance of the study.
 - Chapter 2 : Literature review
 - Chapter 3 : Research methodology
 - a. Research framework
 - b. Hypotheses/ propositions development

3. Attend a viva session (oral examination) to defend their thesis, per requirement below:
 - a. Upon approval from their supervisor(s), students should fill in "The Intent to Submit Form (ITS)" and submit it to the College/Graduate School together with two (2) copies of the thesis;
 - b. Students will be informed of the viva session by the College/Graduate School;
 - c. Students have to pay the viva fee before the viva session takes place.

4. Submit the final thesis:

- a. Students should make corrections with guidance from the supervisor(s) based on comments and suggestions given during the viva session by the examiners.
- b. Before binding the final thesis, students should obtain approval (or signature) from the College/Graduate School for certification of the thesis.
- c. The thesis should be prepared in three (3) copies (two in hard cover and one in loose copy), all of which are to be submitted to the College/Graduate School.

Students pursuing a masters' programme by full research are required to take one (1) pre-requisite course, i.e. **BDMR 8013 Business Research and Methodology**, before they can pursue their research work.