This is a condensed and edited list of the most common queries asked during our online webinars:

**Course Planning/Subject Selection**

- How do I go about choosing my subjects?
  - Usually in first year, you undertake the compulsory subjects. You must complete 50 points of level 1 subjects. If you look at the B-COM planner, it will help guide you through this process.

- Do we enrol for subjects in semester 1 and 2 together or do we wait until mid-year to enrol in semester 2?
  - You should enrol in both semester now. You can change your enrolment up to two weeks into semester, meaning you can change your enrolment from now until week 2, semester 2, for semester 2 subjects.

- Do we enrol in subject for year 2? Or just year 1?
  - As the moment you are just enrolling in the subjects you will take for 2019.

- Are these subjects, Introductory Microeconomics, Introductory Macroeconomics, Accounting Reports and Analysis, Principles of Finance and Quantitative Methods 1, compulsory regardless of major being completed?
  - Yes.

- Do we have to take Organisational Behaviour (core subject) in the first year?
  - Organisational Behaviour is a level 2 subject. All students must complete at least 50 points at level 1 before progressing on to level 2, so the earliest you could take this subject is in semester two of your first year. However most people take it in their second year.

- Is it possible to do a level 2 breadth or elective subject our first year?
  - All students must complete at least 50 points at level 1 before progressing on to level 2. You could opt to take a level-2 subject in second semester if you complete 50 points in semester 1.

- Is it possible to do some level-3 subjects in year 2?
  - All students must complete at least 50 points at level 1 before progressing on to level 3. So it might be possible do level 3 in your second year of semester 2. Don’t be too rush though, you must complete 7 level 1 subjects, and a minimum of 5 level 2 so there is plenty of time to get to the level 3 subjects.

- Can level 1 subjects be taken in second year as well? For example, could I undertake BUAW10001 in second year?
  - Yes, that’s fine.

- Can I enrol in course planner page there is a section headed breadth and free choice subject. Does it mean I can select a breadth or a commerce elective?
  - You need to consult the handbook or speak to an advisor. The system won’t check this requirement for you.

- Are there any prerequisites for level 3 subjects, if so where do I find them?
  - You can view the pre-reqs for a subject by selecting the subject entry in the Handbook and looking at the eligibility link on the left hand side of the page.

- Can we take more than 50 points (4 subjects of 12.5 points) per semester?
  - Normal full-time study is 50 points. Students can overload if they meet certain strict requirements outlined here: https://students.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/policies/student-load-criteria.

- Can we overload in semester 2 of our first year?
  - One of the criteria for overloading is a weighted average of at least 70% in your previous semester of study.

**Course Rules and Progression**

- Is there a way to plan our timetable before the class registrations start?

- Are websites such as these: https://rohyl.io/lookahead/ accurate? They claim to be able to generate your timetables?
  - Yes. They are fairly accurate. However, it would be a pretty full on two days of attending classes. Not much time to think between them and absorb what you’re learning. I would advise that as a minimum you should be stretching it over three days.

- What is the difference between the Economics stream and the General stream?
  - If you plan on majoring in Economics within your Bachelor of Commerce you will need to select the Economics Stream - even if you plan on doing a second major that’s not Economics. However you plan on majoring in a different discipline you can select General.

- Which stream do we select if we want to complete a double major in Economics and Finance?
  - If you select the Economics stream, then decide I want to change my major, can I then change my stream?
  - No, you can change your stream. We suggest doing this no later than after 2 semesters of study. You can change by submitting an enrolment variation form to stop

- If I select the Actuarial Stream, is it possible to instead pursue a major in Economics and Finance after the first year?
  - Yes, but we would recommend you make this decision no later than after 2 semester of study. You can change by submitting an enrolment variation form to stop

- Where can I find more information on ‘Streams’ to help my study planning?
  - Visit our ‘Getting Started - BCom Streams’ video.

**Timetabling**

- When is the best time we can enrol into our subjects?
  - The course planner page there is a section headed breadth and free choice subject. Does it mean I can select a breadth or a commerce elective?

- Does the order of our classes (tutorial and lectures) matter when it comes to timetabling?
  - Yes. The system will not let you schedule yourself into a tutorial before the lecture. If they’re not linked then it doesn’t matter if you enrol the tutorial first (and the system will let you select this).

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**Streams**

- Is it possible to do Accelerated maths if I don’t know my results of the advanced placement test yet?
  - Yes, if you don’t know your results yet then you can enrol in accelerated maths instead.
What exactly is breadth? A breadth subject is a subject from a different area of study to the degree that you are enrolled in. It allows you to expand your knowledge, meet other students, and prepare for graduate or career pathways.

What’s the difference between a breadth subject and a breadth track? A breadth subject is a subject from a different area of study to the degree that you are enrolled in. It allows you to expand your knowledge, meet other students, and prepare for graduate or career pathways. A breadth track is a track of three or more breadth subjects which build on a particular theme or topic. Students can elect to follow a breadth track, or just complete individual breadth subjects.

If I want to follow the accredited major in Accounting, how many breadth subjects do I need to take? You will need to complete 50 points of each level before you can enrol in the next level so there is the opportunity to come this hurdle.

Are there any breadth subjects that we need to take for accreditation if we major in economics and finance? No breadth is required for accreditation within these two majors.

What are your thoughts on GM 2 and Econometrics 1? I have to make a choice between the two as I would like to pursue the Finance major. You will need to carefully read the subject description and make your own decision regarding subject selection. However, if you wish to go on to do Honours in Finance, you will need to complete Econometrics 2, both GM and Econometrics 1 are prerequisites for this subject.

If I choose to do a double major, will I do less commerce electives? No, rather than doing general commerce electives in your third year, you will use these spaces for 3 more major subjects.

If I choose a double major, will I do less breadth? 40 points of the breadth can be cross-credited back into the BCom as breadth - but only if you have space (i.e. you haven’t had to fill-up your breadth spots with subjects required for accreditation etc.).

Double Majors

What are the benefits of completing a double major and how do they work? A double major allows you to have two areas of expertise. Completing a double major means that you will be enrolling in at least 3 major subjects, rather than just three level-3 major subjects and other commerce electives.

How can I study a concurrent diploma? All the information you’ll need in order to apply for a concurrent diploma can be found here: https://students.unimelb.edu.au/diplomas/concurrent-diplomas

Do you recommend completing a concurrent diploma? Completing a concurrent diploma will depend on your interests and your career goals. It is a personal decision.

Will we need to start planning our exchange from the beginning of first year or is it something that can be left to the beginning of second year? You need to start planning your exchange as early as possible. Please check the Study Overseas website for application deadlines. You can wait until second year to start planning, but then you wouldn’t be able to go on exchange until your third year.

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Do you recommend choosing a concurrent diploma? Yes! But it requires careful planning. You can find all the information you need here: https://students.unimelb.edu.au/diplomas/concurrent-diplomas

How can I apply for a concurrent diploma? You can apply for a concurrent diploma at any time prior to the last semester of study in your main degree. Generally students do not apply for a Diploma in their first year of study. Instead, you will take what you intend to be your Diploma subjects as breadth, and then cross-credit them into the Diploma once you have applied and been accepted.

Do you recommend going on exchange? Yes! But you must apply for a concurrent diploma. The other option is to do an alternate study abroad program during summer or winter semester.

Do I need to apply for the concurrent diploma in the same semester as the BCom? No. BCom students can only complete one Concurrent Diploma and may apply to complete two majors in commerce. The concurrent diploma requires the completion of specific breadth subjects.

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What are the requirements for enrolling in business subjects? In order to complete the set of business subjects in the BCom plan, you must complete the sequence of subjects as outlined in the BCom plan. However, you can only complete 48 points of breadth subjects, which can include 32 points of subjects outside the Faculty of Business and Economics. The remaining 16 points can be completed from subjects outside the Faculty of Business and Economics.

Will I be able to enrol in a subject if it’s not offered in my degree year? No, you will not be able to enrol in a subject if it’s not offered in your degree year. However, you may be able to enrol in a subject if it is offered in a later degree year.

If I’m enrolled in a double major, what are the requirements for completing subjects outside the degree? For students enrolled in a double major, there are no additional requirements beyond those for students enrolled in a single degree program. However, students enrolled in a double major may need to complete additional subjects to meet the requirements for their double major.

How many breadth subjects can I complete if I choose to enrol in a double major? You may complete up to 32 points of breadth subjects if you are enrolled in a double major. However, you must complete at least 24 points of breadth subjects if you are enrolled in a single degree program.

Do I need to enrol in a breadth subject if I choose to enrol in a double major? Yes, you must enrol in a breadth subject if you choose to enrol in a double major. However, you may elect to enrol in a breadth subject that is not required for your double major.

If I want to enrol in a breadth subject, what are the requirements? You will need to enrol in a breadth subject that is not required for your double major. However, you may elect to enrol in a breadth subject that is not required for your double major.

If I want to enrol in a subject that is not required for my double major, can I enrol in it? Yes, you may enrol in a subject that is not required for your double major. However, you may elect to enrol in a breadth subject that is not required for your double major.

Is it possible to enrol in a double major in my final year? Yes, you may enrol in a double major in your final year. However, you may elect to enrol in a breadth subject that is not required for your double major.

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### Exchange

**What is the recommended semester(s) to go on exchange?**
We recommend Semester 2 in second year or Semester 1 in third year. Exchange results can take up to 6 months to get back to the University so we don’t recommend taking it in your last semester as it can delay your graduation.

**When planning for going on exchange what subjects do you need to do at UniMelb and not overseas?**
We strongly recommend students use breadth and elective spaces on their study plan for exchange or study abroad subjects rather than the subjects required for a major or for accreditation.

**If I want to go on an exchange and complete just breadth subjects, is it possible to complete 4 commerce subjects per semester in Melbourne first to free up space?**
Yes, as long as the subjects are available, you can spend a semester studying all commerce subjects or all breadth subjects.

**Can you go on exchange if you want to do a double major?**
Yes, you can go on exchange and still do a double major. You just need to plan carefully. Our advice is to make an appointment with a course adviser at Stop 1.

**Is it possible to go on exchange in the 1st semester of 2nd year?**
Yes, however the deadline for your application would be 2 June 2019. So you would need to start planning as soon as possible.

**Do subjects completed on exchange count to your WAM at UoM?**
You’ll receive credit for subjects done overseas but they won’t count toward your UniMelb WAM. The results that you receive for subjects completed on exchange also will not appear on your official transcript.

**Can we attend subjects at other universities during our summer/winter break?**
Yes, but it needs to be pre-approved before you go. There are short-term programs available overseas for credit on the Study Overseas website. Under certain conditions students can also study cross-institutionally at another Australian university. Have a look at https://students.unimelb.edu.au/skills/cross-institutional

**What does it mean when a Summer or Winter subjects is called 'intensive'?**
A semester is 12 weeks, a summer subject could be 2, 4, 6, weeks. You receive the same content but you’re studying in a shorter period of time.

**When is a summer subject taught?**
January and/or February. Specific dates will be listed in the Handbook.

**What requirements do I need to meet in order to receive funding to study abroad?**
Check out this link https://students.unimelb.edu.au/study-overseas/finances/funding-options

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### Summer/Winter Subjects

**Can an international student take classes during the winter/summer term?**
Yes international students can take Summer/Winter subjects.

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### Graduate Law

**In planning to pursue law in the future. Should I do accounting and finance or economics or finance?**
There is no specific major required, you just need to complete your course with the required overall course weighted average.

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### Graduate Engineering

**Are there any compulsory elective or breadth subjects if I want to apply for the Master of Engineering?**
Yes, you will need to do some maths and science breadth subjects. Please read the info on our website at https://fbe.unimelb.edu.au/students/current-students/studies-in-engineering

**Do students in Engineering GDP have to complete 10 level 1 subjects (4 compulsory, 2 quantitative requirement, 2 maths and 2 science)?**
Yes, if you are in the Engineering GDP, or if you wish to apply for the Master of Engineering, you’ll do 10 level 1 subjects.

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### Miscellaneous

**For many subjects in first year, the Handbook does not show the Textbooks that are required for the subjects.**
Information in relation to the reading and required textbooks will be available via the Learning Management System (LMS) once you have successfully enrolled into your subjects.

**Are the different electives in BCom weighted differently in terms of our overall average?**
You will be sent an invoice that will let you know how much you owe. If you want an estimate on how much you will be charged please go to the uni fee website which will outline how much each faculty charges per subject.

**Have heard there is a Commerce Camp which I have been recommended to attend by previous students. Do you have any details?**
It’s run by the Commerce Student Society. They have info on their Facebook page to take a look.