

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 Sem 2 subjects.
	Do we enrol in subject for Year 2? Or just Year 1?	At the moment you are just enrolling in the subjects you will take for 2019.
	Is there any disadvantage if we didn't complete subjects in accounting, economics or finance in VCE or equivalent?	No. Our level 1 compulsory subjects in those areas are set-up so that no prior knowledge is required.
	Is it too heavy to carry 3 compulsory subject in one semester: finance, acc and macro?	No, that will be fine. Your first year will be comprised of mostly compulsory subjects
	Other than additional knowledge, is there any benefit to completing more than the min points at level 1?	Most level 1 subjects act as prerequisites to the level 2 subjects which are in turn prerequisites for the level 3 major subjects. Often student who complete more than the minimum level 1 requirements are doing so to ensure they leave their level 2 and 3 subject options as open as possible.
	What do we do with the additional slots we have for subjects when course planning?	These will usually be your remaining elective or breadth subjects. Course advisors at Stop 1 will be able to assist you further.
	Does level 2 mean a year 2 subject?	Yes.
	Is it stressful for students to take 4 subjects per semester? If I take 3 subjects per semester, does that mean it will take me 4 years to complete the degree?	If you're an international student you are required to complete 4 subjects as a visa requirement. If you're a domestic student you can reduce your study load to 3 subjects but yes it will extend your completion date, unless you pick up subjects in summer or winter semester
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.	
Course Rules and Progression	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 2nd year?	All students must complete at least 50 points at level 2 before progressing on to level 3. So it might be possible do level 3 in your second semester of year 2. Don't be in a 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 BLAW10001 in second year	Yes, that's fine.
	In 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?	Yes.
	What is a good way to ensure that we are not locking ourselves out of level 2 and 3 subjects because we don't meet the pre-requisites for the subject other than consulting the handbook and speaking to an advisor?	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 visiting the subject entry in the Handbook and looking at the eligibility link on the left hand side of the page.
Overloading	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://ask.unimelb.edu.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1015/ . There are also some intensive subjects available in Summer and Winter
	Can we overload in semester 1 of our first year?	No. One of the criteria for overloading is a weighted average of at least 70% in your previous semester of study.
Timetabling	Is there a way to plan our timetable before the class registrations start?	Yes. A step-by-step guide is available here: https://students.unimelb.edu.au/admin/step-by-step-guide-planning-your-timetable
	Are websites such as these: https://rohyl.io/lookahead/ accurate? they claim to be able to generate your timetable	You should only refer to university of Melbourne webpages in regards to creating your timetable
	How and when can we begin to create a timetable?	Refer to this website on class registration: https://students.unimelb.edu.au/admin/class-registration . Registration for first year undergraduate subjects opens on January 31.
	When we register for our classes, how difficult is it to get the timeslots you want?	The compulsory subjects have many tutorial times available. However it will also depend on when you register for your classes
	When class registration opens on Jan 31st, do we select classes for both semester one and semester two?	You will only register for semester one classes. Registration for semester two will open in July
	When is the latest time we can enrol into or swap our subjects?	You have until the end of week 2 of the semester to finalise your enrolment. Late class registration may mean you might not get your first preference for classes but there will be classes available. The only exception to this is any subject that has a quota.
	Is it possible (and advisable) to fit all classes, including lectures and tutorials, into two days?	Hi William, It may be possible but 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.
	Does the order of our classes (tutorials and lectures) matter when it comes to timetabling?	If the lecture and tutorial are linked, 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 attend the tutorial first (and the system will let you select this).
Streams	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. If 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	You need to select the Economics stream. You can only undertake an Economics major in the Economics stream. The general stream is for all other majors (including double majors) except actuarial and economics.
	If I select the Economics stream, but then decide I want to change my major, can I then change my stream?	Yes, 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 1.
	If we select the General stream and then decide to major in Economics, can we change to the Economics stream?	Yes, but we would recommend you make this decision no later than after two semester of study. You can change by submitting an enrolment variation form to Stop 1.
	If I initially select the Actuarial Stream, is it possible to instead pursue a major in Economics and/or Finance after the first year?	You can change to the general or economics stream after the first year. It's best not to leave it much later as it can cause issues with your study plan as you need to make sure there is enough room for your new major/s.
	Where can I find more information on 'Streams' to help my study planning?	Watch our 'Getting Started - BCom Streams' video.
Quantitative Requirement	If we want to choose the Accounting major, can we also complete the mathematics pathway for our quantitative requirement?	No. You will need to do the standard pathway as ECON10005 Quantitative Methods 1 is required for accounting accreditation.
	If I choose to follow the mathematics pathway, will the maths subjects count as breadth?	Yes, that's correct.
	If we plan to major in economics and finance should we take the mathematics quantitative path or the standard path?	In terms of completing your BCom, there is no advantage to taking the mathematics pathway over the standard pathway. The mathematics pathway is good for student who enjoy maths, are good at it, and want to extend their skills. However the majority of students complete the standard pathway. Some Grad Schools here and overseas do recommend that Economics and Finance students should have a strong background in maths. If you have a particular grad destination in mind now, you really should be investigating what they require so you can make an informed decision now about your B Com study.
	Is ECON10005 Quantitative Methods 1 still compulsory if you choose the maths pathway opposed to the standard one?	No. Instead of completing QM1 you will meet the compulsory quantitative requirement through your level 2 maths subjects.
	How am I meant to enrol in accelerated maths if I don't know my results of the advanced placement test yet?	Enrol into MAST10006 and MAST10007 temporarily. You can then change your enrolment once you have your APT results.

Breadth	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 offered outside the Faculty of Business and Economics. 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 take all 6 of my breadth subjects in the one area, is this equivalent to a double major?	No - BCom students can only major in our Commerce disciplines. Graduate schools/employers may take these breadth studies into account in your future endeavours, but we are not in a position to make any definitive comment on this.
	If I take all 6 of my breadth subjects in the one area, is this equivalent to a minor?	No - there are no minors awarded in the BCom. Graduate schools/employers may take these breadth studies into account in your future endeavours, but we are not in a position to make any definitive comment on this.
	Are there any majors that require us to enrol in specific breadth subjects?	Yes. The accredited majors in Accounting and Actuarial Studies requires the completion of specific breadth subjects.
	I would like to choose subjects in property as my breadth. Are there any property requirements that I need to be aware of?	Students still need to meet any prerequisites for their breadth subjects. Always check the Handbook for information regarding these.
	Would the first component of a language subject (e.g., Spanish 1) be too great a workload to properly complement first year commerce subjects.	No. A level 1 language subject is the same workload and requires the same time commitment as other level 1 subjects.

Majors	If I want to follow the accredited major in Accounting, how many breadth subjects do I need to take?	You'll still need to complete between 50 and 75 points of breadth, however to meet the accounting accreditation 3 of these need to be law breadth subjects. There is more information in the BCom planner.
	What are the requirements for majoring in business?	A major in business comprises 75 level-3 points from three or more areas of study within the BCom. Check out the handbook and the BCom planner for info about major requirement
	After majoring in Actuarial Studies, what further qualifications can be gained?	There is some great information available on this website https://fbe.unimelb.edu.au/economics/ACT/courses/current_students
	What's the difference between a minor and a major?	At the Faculty of Business and Economics we do not offer Minors. Only completed Majors will be listed on a students transcript
	If I want to major in economics and finance, will I find that is very maths based?	Hi, you'll be able to see what both disciplines are like in year one when you complete the compulsory subjects Intro Micro, Intro Macro and Principles of Finance. You can ask your tutor or lecturer about how much Maths is in each area as you progress towards completing a major.
	Is Accelerated Mathematics required to complete a major in Actuarial studies?	No it's not a specific requirement. If you've achieved a high score in VCE specialist maths (or equivalent) it's strongly recommended that you take accelerated maths. Actuarial is all about maths so if you're eligible you should enrol in accelerated maths.
	If I want to apply for a master degree at Melbourne Business School in the future, do I have any limitations on my course selection in the BCom?	You will need to look at the masters program you're interested in to determine what the entry requirements are. If you complete an accounting major you would not be eligible for the Master of Management (Accounting) for example, so you need to work backwards to determine what content you need to complete in your BCom to be eligible for the masters program you're interested in.
	If I major in Accounting and Finance, is it possible to then do an honours year in Actuarial Studies?	Check out the handbook for entry requirements into BCom Honours. For the actuarial stream, students need to have completed an actuarial major.
	If I choose to major in accounting and finance during my 3 years and then decide to choose to do honours in accounting in the 4th year, what then happens to my finance?	You will still have a major in Finance. Completing Honours in Accounting can lead to further study in Accounting, say our PhD programs. Having a major in Finance, without Honours, can lead to further advanced study in Finance too. Your major in Finance can also lead to employment in the finance industry too.
	Are there any breadth subjects we need to take for accreditation if we major in economics and finance?	No breadth is required for accreditation within these two majors.
	Is it possible to major in three areas, for example, economics, finance and marketing	No. You can only complete two majors.
	What are your thoughts on QM 2 and Econometrics 1. I have to make a choice between the two as I would like to pursue the Finance Major.	You'll 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 have completed Econometrics 2. Both QM2 and Econometrics 1 are the prerequisites for this subject.
	If students wish to take the actuarial studies major, but did not complete VCE specialist mathematics what subjects are required to over come this hurdle	You will need to enrol into MAST10005 Calculus 1 in the first instance. You will also need to contact Stop 1 about an Enrolment Variation to your breadth requirements.
Do I have we have to undertake the advanced placement test if we want to major in Actuarial Studies?	No. You can pursue the actuarial major with MAST10006 Calculus 2 and MAST10007 Linear Algebra.	

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 six level-3 major subjects, rather than just three level-3 major subjects and other commerce electives.
	Will a double major extend my degree?	No. You will be able to complete you degree in the same amount of time.
	Does a double major mean a heavier workload in my final year?	No. You will still be completing the same number of subjects. Students who complete one major will do more elective subjects whereas you will use you elective subjects for your second major.
	Will a double major restrict opportunities for work placements or internships etc.?	No.
	if I've decided to do double majors, should I plan this from my first year.	It's good to have an idea from your first year which areas you might want to major in, particularly if there is more than one. Both Accounting and Actuarial Studies have prerequisites you need to complete at level 1. It's recommended you take subjects in the majors you're interested in to determine if you'd like to continue with these in subsequent years.
	If we decide to do a double major, is there a way of enrolling in level-3 subjects in our second year so that we're not doing all six major subjects at once?	There is a course progression rule that states you must complete 50 points of each level before you can enrol in the next level so there is the opportunity to undertake level three subjects in your 2nd year if have completed 50 points of level 2. That way you can do some level 3 over two years rather than do all 6 in third year.
	If I choose to do a double major, will I do less commerce electives?	Yes. 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?	All students must complete between 50 and 75 points of breadth. Depending on the majors you choose you end up completing only 50 points of breadth and two commerce electives (e.g. major prerequisites). Stop 1 can help you course plan this.
	is there any difference between a first and second major?	No, they will both appear on your transcript.
Is there any disadvantage to majoring in 2 areas (other than less breadth subjects)?	No. A double major means you will have two areas of expertise, and will also mean your graduate options are more flexible.	

Concurrent Diplomas	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/skills/concurrent-diplomas
	When 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 semester 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.
	Is it possible to complete a concurrent diploma within the 3 years of the BCom?	No, it isn't. Undertaking a Diploma will add a minimum 6 months to your enrolment.
	Does completing a concurrent diploma allow you to take more subjects per year?	No. If you wish to overload, you must adhere to the same rules as overloading in your main degree. There is a strict criteria you need to meet and it cannot be in your first semester.
	Is there any way to avoid the extra time taken by a concurrent diploma? Such as taking extra classes in summer or winter?	Unlikely. Subject availability is usually such that you won't be able to find enough appropriate subjects to complete in Summer and Winter.
	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.
	Does a concurrent diploma replace my breadth subjects in my degree	Up to 50 points of a diploma 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.)

	Do you recommend going on exchange?	Yes! But it requires careful planning. You can find all the information you need here: https://students.unimelb.edu.au/study-overseas
	How long can I got on exchange for?	You can go for one semester or two. The other option is to do a shorter study abroad program during summer or winter semester.
	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.

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 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
Summer/Winter Subjects	Can an international student take classes during the winter/summer term?	Yes international students can take Summer/Winter subjects.
	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.
Graduate Law	I'm planning to pursue law in the future. Should I do accounting and finance or economics and finance?	To undertake graduate studies in Law, there is no specific major required, you just need to complete your course with the required overall course weighted average.
	Hi, I have the graduate degree package for law, and was wondering what major(s) you would suggest to do in my commerce degree to benefit future employability?	There isn't a preferred or recommended major. To discuss future employability we would recommend contacting our careers service: https://careers.unimelb.edu.au/students/planning-my-career
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/bcom/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.
	Do the two science breadth prerequisites have to be from a particular science area?	It will depend on what Engineering you wish to pursue. There will be an information session for both GDP and non-GDP students which will explain subject options.
	How would a student doing the Engineering GDP go about choosing subjects if they want to do a double major?	The same way as a student not doing the Engineering GDP. You just need to be aware that some of our majors require certain breadth to be completed, and as an Engineering GDP student some of your breadth will already be taken by the maths and science prerequisites. Stop 1 can help you course plan.
	Do we still need to meet the Master of Engineering prerequisites if we have a Graduate Degree Package?	Yes, if you have received a GDP offer you will still need to complete the necessary prerequisites in your BCom.
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 different electives within BCom weighted differently in terms of our overall average?	No, they all have the same weight.
	How do I calculate my fees depending on the subjects I choose?	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.
	I 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 so take a look.