

ST. FRANCIS METHODIST SCHOOL
COURSE DETAILS (London A) - SCHEDULE 1

1) Course entry requirement(s)

- a. Completed Ausmat Grade 10 level with results calculated on the basis of average score of the best 4 subjects with a minimum TER/ATAR score of 50 and at least a 'C' grade in English or
- b. Minimum 3 passes in Singapore-Cambridge GCE "O" level or IGCSE London;
- c. Foreign equivalent education level and subjected to passing admission test if required

2) Course learning outcome(s)

London A course curriculum is based on modular. The modular system allows candidates the flexibility of when to take the modules of their choice.

Candidates have an opportunity to re-take any module in which they think they can perform better. The better results will count towards to the final award. Once the candidate completes the required combination of AS and A2 modules, only the best grades within 4 year time frame, in the combinations are taken into account in the final award.

3) Module synopses

Modules Offered in St. Francis Academy

Subjects Offered	AS Level	Ad Level
General Studies	✓	
Accounting	✓	✓
Economics	✓	✓
Mathematics	✓	✓
Business Studies	✓	✓

To satisfy the Mother Tongue requirement for admissions into Singapore Universities, students can take Mother Tongue offered by the Singapore-Cambridge Board. (i.e. Chinese / Malay / Tamil)

The minimum entry requirement into the local Universities is passes in 2 AS and 3 A2 modules. A candidate in St Francis Academy will have to complete all the AS modules in Year One, and choose any 3 or 4 A2 modules in Year Two. This is to fulfill the requirement that a candidate must have a combination of all the subjects reflected. As an example, if the candidate chooses to do 2AS modules in Year One i.e. General Studies, Mathematics; he / she will have to do the 3A2 units in the other modules of Accounting, Economics and Business Studies in Year Two.

4) Course schedule with modules and/or subjects

Course: ICGSE 'A' Level

Subject: General Studies

Subject code:

Complete Syllabus:

Course Objective:

This course encourages students to debate, to enquire and to test assumptions, and is based on an investigation into culture, science and society. These three key areas of the contemporary world are integrated into a 2-unit structure with overlapping themes. It prepares candidates for both employment and higher education, where a range of problems and conflicting perspectives have to be considered and reconciled. Through this process students develop highly-valued study and communication skills and gain a broader picture of the world, connecting ideas and information from different disciplines.

Scheme of Work:

AS Unit 1: Challenges for Society

Unit code: 6GS01

Weightage: 50% of the total AS marks

This unit explores the challenges facing society, whether they are scientific, technological or moral. It looks at such issues as nuclear power, genetics, climate change and global warming and asks what makes a humane society. The assessment of this unit is through a 1 hour and 30 minute examination paper, in three sections, set and marked by Edexcel.

There are three sections A, B and C. All sections must be completed.

Section A: Multiple-choice questions — 20 marks

Section B: Data response questions — 30 marks

Section C: Short essay questions — 40 marks

AS Unit 2: The Individual in Society

Unit code: 6GS02

Weightage: 50% of the total AS marks

This unit explores the individual in society and asks what influences behaviour and where values and opinions come from. It looks at such issues as developments in travel and new communication systems, peer groups, multi-culturalism, media influences, bloggers.

The assessment of this unit is through a 1 hour and 30 minute examination paper, in three sections, set and marked by Edexcel. All sections must be completed

Section A: Multiple-choice questions — 20 marks

Section B: Data response questions — 30 marks

Section C: Short essay questions — 40 marks

Course: London GCE A-level

Subject: Economics

Subject code: 8EC01, 9EC01

Course Objective: The aims of the Advanced GCE in Economics are to:

- develop an interest in and enthusiasm for the study of the subject;
- appreciate the contribution of economics to the understanding of the wider economic and social environment;
- develop an understanding of a range of concepts and an ability to use these concepts in a variety of different contexts;
- help students to use an enquiring, critical and thoughtful approach to the study of economics and an ability to think as an economist
- and develop in students the skills, qualities and attitudes which will equip them for the challenges, opportunities and responsibilities of adult and working life.

Assessment: To obtain an Advanced GCE qualification in Economics, students must complete 8EC01 (Unit 1 and Unit 2) and 9EC01 (Unit 3 and Unit 4).

Unit No. & Unit Title	Level	Mode of Assessment	No. of marks allocated in the unit	Weighting	Length
Unit 1: Competitive Markets-How They Work and Why They Fail	AS	<u>Section A</u> Supported multiple-choice questions where students write a short justification of why they chose that answer and/or why the other answers are incorrect. Worth 32 marks. <u>Section B</u> One data response question out of a choice of two questions. Worth 48 marks.	80 marks	25%	1 hour 30 minutes
Unit 2: Managing the Economy	AS	<u>Section A</u> One data response question out of a choice of two questions. Worth 50 marks. <u>Section B</u> Last question of data response will be open ended. Worth 30 marks.	80 marks	25%	1 hour 30 minutes
Unit 3: Business Economics and Economic Efficiency	A2	<u>Section A</u> Supported multiple-choice questions where students write a short justification of why they chose that answer and/or why the other	72 marks	20%	1 hour 30 minutes

		<p>answers are incorrect. Worth 32 marks.</p> <p><u>Section B</u> One data response question out of a choice of two questions. Worth 40 marks.</p>			
Unit 4: The Global Economy	A2	<p><u>Section A</u> One essay question with two parts from a choice of three topic areas. Worth 50 marks.</p> <p><u>Section B:</u> One data response question out of a choice of two questions. Worth 50 marks.</p>	100 marks	30%	2 hours

Course: London GCE A-level

Subject: Business Studies

Subject code: Edexcel Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Business Studies (8BS01)

Edexcel Advanced GCE in Business Studies (9BS01)

Complete Syllabus:

Course Objective:

The Edexcel Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced GCE in Business specification aims to encourage students to:

- develop an interest in and enthusiasm for the study of business
- gain a holistic understanding of business
- develop a critical understanding of organisations and their ability to meet society's needs and wants
- understand that business behaviour can be studied from a range of perspectives
- generate enterprising and creative solutions to business problems and issues
- be aware of the ethical dilemmas and responsibilities faced by organisations and individuals

- acquire a range of relevant business and generic skills, including decision making, problem solving, the challenging of assumptions and the quantification and management of information.

Assessment:

- To gain an Advanced GCE qualification in Business Studies, students must complete Unit 1, Unit 2a, Unit 3 and Unit 4a.

Unit No. & Unit Title	Level	Mode of Assessment	No. of marks allocated in the unit	Weighting	Length
Unit 1: Developing New Business Ideas	AS	<u>Section A:</u> supported MCQ questions where students write short justification on why they chose that answer and/or why the other answers are incorrect. Worth 32 marks. <u>Section B:</u> questions based on 'data'. Worth 38 marks.	70 marks	25%	1 hour 15 minutes
Unit 2: Managing the Business	AS	<u>Section A:</u> supported MCQ questions where students write short justification on why they chose that answer and/or why the other answers are incorrect. Worth 34 marks. <u>Section B:</u> questions based on 'data'. Worth 46 marks.	70 marks	25%	1 hour 15 minutes

Unit 3: International Business	A2	<p><u>Section A</u>: question based on 'data'. Worth 35 marks.</p> <p><u>Section B</u>: case study and questions. Worth 45 marks.</p>	80 marks	25%	1 hour 30 minutes	
Unit 4: Making Business Decision	A2	<p><u>Section A</u>: question based on 'data'. Worth 30 marks.</p> <p><u>Section B</u>: decision-making report and questions. Worth 50 marks. Context of decision-making report pre-released on www.edexcel.org.uk in June of the previous year.</p>	80 marks	25%	1 hour 30 minutes	

Course: London GCE A-level

Subject: Accounting

Subject code: Edexcel Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Accounting (6001)

Edexcel Advanced GCE in Accounting (6002)

Complete Syllabus:

Course Objective:

1. Develop an understanding of the concepts, principles and practices of accounting and the ability to apply them in a variety of business and personal situations;
2. Develop an understanding of the role of accounting as an information system for monitoring, problem-solving and decision making in changing economic, social and technological environments;

3. Develop a critical approach to analysing and evaluating accounting policies and practices;
4. Develop skills of communication, analysis, interpretation and presentation of both qualitative and quantitative accounting information.

Assessment:

- To gain an Advanced GCE qualification in Accounting, students must complete 6001 and 6002.

Unit No. & Unit Title	Level	Mode of Assessment	No. of marks allocated in the unit	Weighting	Length
6001 Accounting Paper 1	AS	<u>Section A:</u> Answer 2 question out of 3 questions.	104 marks	50%	3 hours
		<u>Section B:</u> Answer 2 question out of 3 questions.	96 marks		
6002: Accounting Paper 2	A	<u>Section A:</u> Answer 2 question out of 3 questions.	104 marks	50%	3 hours
		<u>Section B:</u> Answer 2 question out of 3 questions.	96 marks		

5) Scheduled holidays (public and school) and/or semester/term break for course

School Holidays:

13 March – 21 March

12 June – 27 June

4 September – 12 September

Other Holidays:

1 Jan New Year's Eve

14 – 17 Feb Chinese New Year Holiday

2 April Good Friday

4 November – 31 December

1 May Labour Day
28 May Vesak Day
9 August National Day
10 September Hari Raya Puasa
5 November Deepavali
17 November Hari Raya Haji
25 December Christmas

6) Examination and/or other assessment period

Internal Examinations and Assessments

Term1 Continual Assessment (4 Jan to 12 Mar)
May / June Mid Year Examination
Term 3 Continual Assessment (28 Jun to 3 Sep)
October Year End Examination

External written examinations are

Held twice yearly, in January and May/June.

7) Expected examination results release date

Internal Examinations

2nd week of June and
1st week of November

External Examinations

Mid of March and Mid August