Any publication based on work approved for a higher degree should contain a reference to the effect that the work was submitted to The University of Hong Kong for the award of the degree.

The degree of Master of Science (MSc) in Electronic Commerce and Internet Computing is a postgraduate degree awarded for the satisfactory completion of a course of study in the Faculty of Engineering. The programme is offered in part-time and full-time mode.

**EC1 Admission requirements**

To be eligible for admission to the courses leading to the degree of Master of Science in Electronic Commerce and Internet Computing, a candidate shall

(a) comply with the General Regulations;

(b) hold a Bachelor's degree in business, computer science, engineering, information systems (or in other fields which the Admission Committee consider having the necessary background needed for this degree programme) or an equivalent qualification from an institution recognized by this University; and

(c) satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.

**EC2 Qualifying examination**

(a) A qualifying examination may be set to test the candidate's formal academic ability or his ability to follow the courses of study prescribed. It shall consist of one or more written papers or their equivalent and may include a project report.

(b) A candidate who is required to satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination shall not be permitted to register until he has satisfied the examiners in the examination.

**EC3 Award of degree**

(a) To be eligible for the award of the degree of Master of Science in Electronic Commerce and Internet Computing, a candidate shall

(i) comply with the General Regulations; and

(ii) complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.

(b) A candidate who has completed eight modules but has not satisfied the examiners for the award of the degree of Master of Science in Electronic Commerce and Internet Computing may be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Science (Electronic Commerce and Internet Computing) [PDipSc(ECom&IComp)] subject to approval of the Faculty Board.

**EC4 Length of curriculum**

For the part-time mode of study, the curriculum shall normally extend over not less than two and not more than three academic years of study. For the full-time mode, the curriculum shall extend over not less than one and not more than two academic years of study. In both cases, a minimum of 300 hours of prescribed work are required.
EC5  Completion of curriculum

(a) To complete the curriculum a candidate shall, within the prescribed maximum period of study stipulated in Regulation EC4 above:
   (i) follow courses of instruction and complete satisfactorily all prescribed practical / laboratory work; and
   (ii) satisfy the examiners in all forms of assessment as may be required in either
       (1) twelve modules which may include a project report or dissertation of four modules; or
       (2) at least nine modules successfully completed at this University (which may include a project report or dissertation of four modules) and not more than three modules successfully completed at this or another university before admission to the Master of Science in Electronic Commerce and Internet Computing and approved by the Faculty Board.

(b) A candidate who fails to fulfill the requirements within the specified (i) three years for the part-time mode of study or (ii) two years for the full-time mode shall be recommended for discontinuation under the provisions of General Regulation G12, except that a candidate, who is unable because of illness or circumstances beyond his control to complete the requirements within the prescribed maximum period of study, may apply for permission to extend his period of studies. Any such application shall be made within two weeks of the first day of the examination paper in question.

EC6  Course selection

(a) Selection of study patterns shall be made in consultation with and be subject to the approval of the Programme Director.

(b) Subject to the approval of the MSc(ECom&IComp) Programme Director and the Head or Course Co-ordinator of the departments concerned, a student may in exceptional circumstances be permitted to select at most two modules from the syllabuses for the degree of MSc(Eng) and/or that for the degree of MSc(CompSc).

(c) Subject to the approval of the Faculty Higher Degrees Committee on the recommendation of the Programme Director, a candidate may in exceptional circumstances be permitted to select an additional module.

EC7  Project report or dissertation

(a) For part-time mode of study, a candidate shall submit the title of his project report or dissertation by a date specified by the Board of Examiners. A candidate may submit his completed project report or dissertation after the successful completion of four modules but shall not submit it later than the end of August of the third academic year of his studies unless special permission is granted for this period to be extended.

(b) For the full-time mode of study, a candidate shall submit the title of his project or dissertation by a date specified by the Board of Examiners. A candidate must submit the completed project report or dissertation not later than the end of August of the second academic year of his studies unless special permission is granted for this period to be extended.

(c) All candidates enrolled in any mode of study shall submit a statement that the project report or dissertation represents his own work (or in the case of conjoint work, a statement countersigned by his co-worker, which shows his share of the work) undertaken after the registration as a candidate for the degree.
EC8 Examinations

(a) The written examination for each module shall be held after the completion of the prescribed course of study for that module, and not later than January, May or August immediately following the completion of the course of study for that module.

(b) A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in a module or modules may be permitted to present himself either for re-examination in the module or modules of failure or for examination in the same number of new modules when the examination is next held. To proceed to the following year of the curriculum, a candidate must satisfy the examiners in a minimum of two modules of study in each academic year. A candidate who passes in less than two modules of study in an academic year may be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12.

(c) A candidate who has presented an unsatisfactory project report or dissertation may be required to submit a revised project report or dissertation on the same subject within a specified period.

(d) A candidate who has presented an unsatisfactory project report or dissertation for a second time shall be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12.

(e) A candidate who has failed to submit a satisfactory project report or dissertation within the prescribed maximum period of study, including any extension, shall be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12.

EC9 Examination results

At the conclusion of the examination and after presentation of the project reports or dissertations, a pass list shall be published. A candidate who has shown exceptional merit or merit at the whole examination may be awarded a mark of distinction or credit, as appropriate, and this mark shall be recorded on the candidate's degree diploma.