

Examination Board of Hong Kong Statistical Society (HKSS) has recently approved that a number of the statistics/mathematics courses offered in the BSc (Hons) in Statistics and Operations Research degree programme by our Department are of a standard equivalent to some examination papers of the HKSS at the Graduate Diploma level in terms of both the syllabi and level of complexity. More specifically, the correspondences of the statistics/mathematics courses in the above degree programme and the Modules in the Graduate Diploma of the HKSS (hereafter referred to as Modules) are as follows:

- (i) STAT 1131, STAT 1132 and SCI 3210 together match the topics of Module 1 (Probability Distribution);
- (ii) STAT 3830, MATH 3660 plus either MATH 3980 or MATH 4080 together match most of the topics of Module 3 (Stochastic Process and Time Series); and
- (iii) STAT 2110, STAT 2120 and STAT 2810 together match most of the topics of Module 4 (Modelling Experimental Data).

It is therefore recommended that *partial exemption* can be granted to graduates in our BSc (Hons) in Statistics and Operations Research degree programme in respect of **Modules 1, 3, and 4** in the HKSS Graduate Diploma if they achieve satisfactory results in the statistics/mathematics courses listed in (i) – (iii) above. By satisfactory results it is meant that the candidates concerned should

- (a) obtain **C+ or above** in all the required courses; and
- (b) score an average **grade of B or above** for the courses concerned.

In other words, the candidate concerned will need to sit and pass only the examination papers of Modules 2 and 5 in the HKSS examination in order to be granted the professional qualification of a Graduate Statistician by the HKSS. As the candidate concerned may be aware, the HKSS and the Royal Statistical Society of the United Kingdom has mutual recognition agreement for the professional qualification of Graduate Statistician granted by the other side.

Students are encouraged to visit <http://www.hkss.org.hk/Exam/Exam.htm> for the detailed syllabi of the HKSS Graduate Diploma in modular format.