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“ Message from President

Ho Chi Minh City Open University (HCMCOU) was founded in 1990 to meet the needs of educational transformation and improvement in educator’s knowledge and skills in Vietnam. HCMCOU has formally become a public university since 2006, which offers multidisciplinary programs across a wide range of subjects in both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Academic excellence and integrity in higher education have been the core value of our institution and will remain the guiding principle of our future development.



Prof. Dr. Nguyen Minh Ha
President

We have determined that HCMCOU will be a leading university in Vietnam, providing an excellent and collegial environment in learning and research, and thus innovative solutions to economic, social and technological challenges. Furthermore, we will focus on educational effectiveness, service quality, professional and creative standards. Towards these specific goals and as evidenced by our remarkable achievements and sustainable growth in the past, we are confident that we will continue to make a considerable and creative contribution to the prosperity and well-being of our nation.

HCMCOU is also one of the leading providers of distance education in Vietnam. We serve a broad range of professional needs of our national economy. We have built and maintained productive partnerships with domestically and internationally respected universities as well as other distance education associations. We remain fully committed to ensuring the strategic reform of learning outcomes and provisions of a variety of programs and courses. Our commitments to the educational opportunities are further reflected by the combination of theory and practical applications, promotion of flexible learning and development of up-to-date learning materials.

As Vietnam continues to integrate into the world economy and trading system, so does HCMCOU’s focus of lifelong learning aim at global partnership formation by its students and faculty members. We are a dynamic University with a bright future ahead. HCMCOU has and will continue an exciting journey for discovery and innovations advancing humankind’s knowledge. Our doors are always open to everyone irrespective of one’s background and that whether your interests are to pursue a degree or to participate in continuing education.

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HCMCOU Mission Vision Core Value



Mission

Ho Chi Minh City Open University implements open education; creating equity for everyone in access to higher education; contributing to building a learning society, improving knowledge and workplace competences for learners in flexible, convenient and effective ways.

Vision

Ho Chi Minh City Open University strives to become a multiversity, focusing on open education, practice-oriented education, and advanced education.

Core Values

HCMCOU is committed to values as follows:

- Knowledge & Competence Enrichment
- Practice Orientation
- Community Engagement
- Professionalism, Effectiveness, and Creativity



INTRODUCTION

Ho Chi Minh City Open University (a.k.a. HCMCOU) is a public higher education institution founded in 1990. Our mission is to implement open education, to create equity for everyone in access to higher education, to contribute to building a learning society, and to improve knowledge and workplace competencies for learners in flexible, convenient, and effective ways. Our vision is to become a multiversity, focusing on open, practice-oriented, and advanced education. In 2020, we were honored to be among the 8 universities nominated for the "Times Higher Education Awards Asia" for the "Teaching and Learning Strategy of the Year", and in 2022, we ranked among the top 101-200 universities worldwide for Climate Action in THE (Times Higher Education) Impact Ranking.

We have 7 campuses with 33,000 undergraduate students, 1,500 graduate students, and 700 teaching staff. We were institutionally accredited by MOET (Vietnam Ministry of Education and Training) in 2017 and renewed in 2022. We are proud to be members of open education and quality assurance organizations such as ICDE (International Council for Open and Distance Education), QM (Quality Matters), AAOU (Asian Association of Open University), AUN (ASEAN University Network), SEAMEO-CED (Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization – Community Education Development). We also join various Erasmus+ projects (3 KA1 and 5 KA2).

We offer multidisciplinary programs at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels with diversified study modes: full-time learning, part-time learning, distance learning, and online learning. With 13 faculties and schools in business and economics, engineering and technology, social sciences and humanities, we offer 29 bachelor's programs, 11 bachelor's advanced programs, 16 online bachelor's programs, 12 master's programs, and 6 doctoral programs. Among them, 36 programs have been internationally and nationally accredited (13 by FIBAA, 4 by AUN-QA, and 19 by MOET). We also have various joint programs with international partners, including 6 bachelor's programs, 5 master's programs, 1 doctoral program, and 5 doctoral double-degree programs.

Apart from teaching, HCMCOU also has a solid research capacity. For several recent years, MOET has enlisted us among the top 10 universities for research publications in WoS (Web of Science). By SCImago Institutions Ranking in 2024, we ranked 19 in Vietnam, belong to Q1 in Vietnam and Asiatic region. Specifically, in Economics, Econometrics, and Finance, we are 2nd in Vietnam, 105th in Asiatic Region, and 210th in the World. We are also one of 13 universities in Vietnam joining the THE Impact Ranking and ranked 201-300 in Climate Action. By THE World University Ranking 2025, we are 1201-1500 in the World and in the top 5 in Vietnam; and by QS Asia Ranking 2025, we are 701-750 and ranked 119 in South-Eastern Asia.

We are among the first universities to implement the LMS (Learning Management System) since the early 2000s. In 2015, we initiated the first steps to build our online learning ecosystem in all areas, such as research, software, and the development of teaching and learning content suitable for online and blended learning. In 2019, we were granted the national research project on e-learning. When the COVID-19 pandemic broke out in early 2020, within 2 weeks, all our classes went online with almost no disruption. With our bold leap toward quality digital education, in 2023, we are QM's first-ever member institution in Vietnam to receive the "Making a Difference for Students Award" as the recognition of our commitment to improvements in course design and delivery. More than 14,000 online learners are following our 16 bachelor's programs in 13 majors, and online learning has been integrated into most of our full-time courses.

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Campus 2

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Campus 3

Nhon Duc Residential Quarter, Nha Be District, Ho Chi Minh City

Campus 4

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Campus 5

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FACULTY OF ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING

Majors

Accounting (AUN-QA accreditation)

Auditing (FIBAA accreditation)

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Faculty of Accounting and Auditing

The Faculty of Accounting and Auditing, established in 2003 with the Accounting major, is one of the largest faculty in the Ho Chi Minh City Open University. Currently, there are over 3,000 students registered in our faculty. Our vision is to provide a quality workforce in the area of accounting, finance, auditing, and consulting for both public and non-public sectors. In addition, we encourage doing empirical and academic research, which aims to contribute to the professional development of the industry.

The Faculty offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs such as full-time courses, second-degree courses, enhanced training courses, e-learning, and distance learning courses. These programs provide students with flexible choices to develop their career paths.

Our curriculum was designed to combine industry practices, and enhanced practical skills with necessary soft skills. We also focus on constantly improving the quality of our curriculums to meet the growing demand from the accounting industry. The curriculum is regularly updated to promote the proactivity of students by using many real-life situations, applying case study exercises, and discussing real-life situations in lectures. We also regularly invite external professional experts to participate in teaching and presenting trending topics throughout the learning process, which allows our students to have a better grasp of the current industry developments. In addition, gradually, the Faculty integrated many subjects provided by the ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, UK) into the curriculum to enhance the quality of our graduates. Recently, the faculty international accreditations from FIBAA for the Bachelor of Auditing and Masters of Accounting program and AUN-QA Bachelor for Accounting program.

Currently, the Faculty consists of 5 full-time lecturers and 9 adjunct lecturers, including 5 doctorates and 5 Ph.D. candidates. All lecturers are experienced professionals, who are self-motivated and passionate about teaching. More than 40% of our staff have their Master's or Doctorate's Degree from developed countries such as the US, the UK, Germany, and Australia. They also hold prestigious certifications and licenses from Certified Public Accountant Licenses, Chief Accountant Certificate (issued by the Ministry of Finance, Vietnam), Certified Auditor License (issued by Ministry of Finance, Vietnam). They also have many years of professional experience from various positions at many domestic or international companies before becoming lecturers. These allowed our lecturers to share their up-to-date professional knowledge and practical experiences with our students.

Majors

Biotechnology

(MOET accreditation)

Food Technology

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Faculty of Biotechnology

Since 1991, the Faculty of Biotechnology has offered higher education, conducted scientific research, and facilitated technology transfer in fields such as agriculture, microbiology, animal biotechnology, environmental biotechnology, medical and pharmaceutical sciences, and food science. The faculty strives to develop highly skilled professionals in Biotechnology and Food Technology by offering undergraduate and postgraduate (MSc and Ph.D) programs.

Faculty and staff resources: The Faculty is currently operated and contributed by 24 full-time academics and staff including 1 Professor, 3 Associate Professors, 12 PhDs, 7 MScs, 2 BSes, and 5 Ph.D. adjunct lecturers.

Research facility: 10 laboratories (Laboratory of Molecular Biology; Laboratory of Microbial Technology 1; Laboratory of Microbial Technology 2; Laboratory of Zoology; Laboratory of Cell Biotechnology; Laboratory of Food Technology 1; Laboratory of Food Technology 2; Laboratory of Chemistry – Environment; Laboratory of Biochemistry; Laboratory of Applied Biotechnology) and 1 net-house located at the Binh Duong campus. Our research facilities play a key role in experimental education as well as facilitate the scientific activities of all faculty members and students.

Research capacity and outputs: In addition to the high quality of education, the Faculty is also reputed for its competitive research capacity and outputs. Our faculty members are working diligently for both teaching and research. Importantly, many faculty members are leading different projects supported by various research funders including the University, Government departments, private enterprises as well as recognized international organizations. Over the last five years, the faculty members and students have published more than 200 peer-reviewed papers in various recognized scientific journals (indexed by SCIE, Scopus, and ESCI). Besides, numerous undergraduate students have taken part in many research projects and conferred different student awards.

Some of our Partnerships:

- University: Kasetsart University (Thailand); Rangsit University (Thailand); Universitas Muhammadiyah Malang (Indonesia).
- Research Institute: Institut Pasteur in Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam); BIOTEC (Thailand); Biotechnology Center of Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam).
- Enterprise: GC Food (Vietnam); Mylan Group (Vietnam); Tan Loc Phat Seeds Company (Vietnam).

FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Majors

Business Administration (FIBAA accreditation)

Human Resource Management

International Business

Logistic and Supply Chain Management

Marketing

Tourism

Professional Bachelor in International Trade

*(Joint program between HCMC Open University and
University of Rouen Normandy, France)*

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Faculty of Business Administration

Established in 1990 as one of the first faculties offering undergraduate programs in business administration in Vietnam, the Faculty of Business Administration is currently providing study programs in business administration at all levels (bachelor, master, and Ph.D.) and in various areas such as international business, marketing, human resource management, tourism management, and logistics and supply chain management at bachelor's level.

- Mission: To broaden and enhance business administration knowledge through flexible and modern education methods, to provide opportunities for learners to serve the community and promote learning societies.
- Vision: Becoming one of the prestigious faculties that educate human resources in business administration, is trusted by the business community, and continuously improves the quality of its programs.
- Values: Integrity - Commitment - Engagement - Dynamic - Creative - Teamwork

The Faculty has 50 full-time faculty members with solid professional knowledge and practical work experience. About 56% of full-time faculty members graduated from reputable international universities in England, France, the United States, Australia, and New Zealand ... In addition, the Faculty has approximately 40 visiting lecturers working for prestigious universities and companies across the country, and more than 70% are senior executives of companies.

The Faculty presently has around 3,000 on-site students and 5,000 distance learning students. Currently, there are nine student clubs, which help develop not only students' professions, but also enrich their personal life:

- + Start-up Club (business administration)
- + Open Marketing Group – OMG (marketing)
- + Future Entrepreneur Club (international business)
- + Young Human Resources Club (human resource)
- + Travel Club (tourism management)
- + Logistics Club (logistics and supply chain)
- + Books and Friends Club (skills development)
- + Happy U Club (volunteer and community activities)
- + BEAT Club (music and dance)

FACULTY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

Majors

Architecture

Civil Engineering (MOET accreditation)

Construction Management (MOET accreditation)

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Faculty of Civil Engineering

The Faculty of Civil Engineering was established in 1992. Up to now, the faculty has been lasting for 30 years of development, with the focus on orienting strongly both education and research developments. The Faculty strives to be one of the educational sectors that provide construction human resources with high quality; to be a strong faculty in construction research and technology transfer in Ho Chi Minh City and the South of Vietnam contribute toward the development of the construction industry and the trademark of the Ho Chi Minh City Open University.

At present, the number of academic staff is 30; including five associate full professors, 13 doctors, and seven lecturers that are doctoral students in the universities in the foreign countries and Vietnam.

The Faculty has a strong research capacity, which focuses on the publication in the high-quality journal in Scopus/ISI database. Our focus area of research:

- + Reinforced concrete and steel structures
- + Stability of soft ground under embankments in short and long terms
- + Structural stability & dynamics, computational mechanics
- + High-rise building structure, foundation, and tunnel structure
- + Construction management and risk analysis
- + Structural optimization

The Faculty offers various programs: undergraduate, master's, and doctor, with full-time and part-time education types for the undergraduate degree. Currently, the number of students enrolled in the faculty is about 1700 undergraduate students, including 1200 full-time students and 500-part-time part-time & distance learning students. In addition, there are 80 students registered at master level and 18 doctoral students.

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

Majors

Economics (FIBAA accreditation)

Economics Investment

International Economics

Public Management

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Faculty of Economics and Public Management

The Faculty was established according to Decision No. 30/QĐ - ĐHM on January 17, 2007 by the Principal of Ho Chi Minh City Open University. In 2010, the Faculty of Economics - Business Administration was separated into the Faculty of Economics and Public Management and the Faculty of Business Administration.

The Faculty currently has 28 lecturers; including 1 Professor, 1 Associate Professor, 7 Ph.D. and 19 Masters (7 masters are studying Ph.D.). Besides, the Faculty has 2 administrative staffs (1 educational assistant, 1 student service assistant). Most lecturers of the Faculty are trained abroad (Netherlands, Germany, England, Australia, and the United States) or in Associate Programs with foreign countries (Vietnam-Netherlands Program, Fulbright Program in Vietnam, Vietnam- Belgium Program).

There are two majors (Economics and Public Management) and four academic divisions in the Faculty. They are Economics, Investment Economics, International Economics and Public Management.

In every academic years, the Faculty provides three levels of education including bachelor, master and doctoral level.

In addition to traditional teaching methods, the Faculty applies innovative teaching ones such as inviting practical experts to report to students, organizing practical journeys for students, applying case study in teaching, teaching using English in some subjects.

Every academic year, students of the Faculty participate in activities and programs to support community according to the scale of class, department and university such as International Children's Day 1/6; Green Summer volunteer campaign, Mid-Autumn festival, Spring volunteer campaign; Saturday volunteering activities, Green Sunday; voluntary blood donation, collecting books, old clothes...

FACULTY OF FINANCE AND BANKING

Majors

Finance – Banking (AUN-QA accreditation)

Corporate Finance

Investment

Banking

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Insurance

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Faculty of Finance and Banking

The distinct mission of the faculty is to educate high-quality human resources with sound knowledge of social economics and the major to meet the demand of businesses in the field.

The Faculty of Banking and Finance provides opportunities to junior students (1st and 2nd-year students) to know more about realistic working environments via field trips to businesses/firms; and organizes events and seminars regularly which are presented by business people, alumni from the faculty, and experts in the field. Guest speakers share their in-depth knowledge of the industry and soft skills that students need to prepare before graduating. The curriculum is designed with practice-oriented and the faculty has a simulation center (OU-Bank) and other simulation programs (Cesim for finance and investment disciplines) to support students to practice. Students at the faculty could opt to study one of the three majors: Corporate Finance, Investment, and Banking in the 2nd year.

The Faculty also hosts many extra-curricular activities such as sports competitions, singing contests as well as volunteering activities, etc. These will help to build a full maturity in students' physical and mental health. The faculty has been leading the university's student extra-curricular activities for many years.

The Faculty of Banking and Finance has been continually committed to enhancing education quality and educating knowledgeable students with good social responsibilities. All of the teaching staff was educated from prestigious universities overseas, such as Australia, England, Italy, etc., and leading institutions in Vietnam. Lecturers having both hands-on experience in the corporate world and years of experience in lecturing will be helpful in the teaching process. The Faculty is currently having 44 lecturers and researchers, including 20 Ph.D. holders, and 24 Master's holders.

The Faculty is providing Bachelor, Master, and Ph.D. programs in 5 modes of education, such as full-time undergraduate courses, second-degree courses, distance learning courses, part-time, and online courses. We give prominence to the quality of education, modernizing the course syllabus, and applying student-center training methods. Besides skills required by the fields, the faculty also focuses on training professional attitudes and ethics for students. The core values of social responsibilities, life-long learning, and practical orientation are also embedded in the teaching.

- The mission: Promote a society with active learning by offering diversified teaching methods to learners with up-to-date knowledge in the financial and banking sector.

- The vision: Being one of the leading faculties of Banking and Finance in the South of Vietnam.

- Core values: Professionalism – Effectiveness – Integrity – Innovation.

FACULTY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Majors

English Language (AUN-QA accreditation)

English Language Teaching Methodology

Business English

Translation and Interpretation

Chinese Language (MOET accreditation)

Translation and Interpretation

Japanese Language (MOET accreditation)

Translation and Interpretation

Korean Language

Translation and Interpretation

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Faculty of Foreign Languages

Faculty of Foreign Languages (FFL), which was founded in 1990, is one of the first three faculties at Ho Chi Minh City Open University providing “opening learning” and applying innovative teaching methods to the learners. Its mission is to improve learners’ knowledge and practical skills and to enhance learners’ potential strengths in educational goals. We believe that:

Learning is open to all.

Learning is learner-centered.

Learning is a lifelong process.

Learning is built on existing knowledge and skills, student experience and active participation in and outside the classroom.

Learning is collaborative and teachers and students are collaborators in class.

Learning can be achieved through distance and online education.

With 41 full-time and 35 adjunct lecturers (including 20 Ph.D. holders, and 56 Master’s degree holders), FFL makes a great effort to establish a positive learning environment and builds a good rapport between learners and lecturers. We are proud of our enthusiastic, talented, and devoted lecturers who have been contributing positively to students’ academic and spiritual growth and achievement. This is the basis for the Faculty success and development.

We connect our training programs to society expectations preparing our graduates in Bachelor and Master programs for the changes in workplace practice. Graduates from the Faculty of Foreign Languages of Ho Chi Minh City Open University can pursue their career in education, in diplomatic field domestically or abroad, in international or joint-venture companies. All graduates receive guidance and encouragement if they wish to go on for postgraduate studies.

Professional Development and Academic Exchange:

1. The OpenTESOL International Conference (2012 - present)
2. AsiaCALL 2012, 2017

FACULTY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Majors

Artificial Intelligence

Computer Science (AUN-QA accreditation)

Data Science (collaborated with the Faculty of Fundamental Science)

Management Information System (MOET accreditation)

Information Technology (MOET accreditation)

Software Engineering

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Faculty of Information Technology

Faculty of Information Technology - Ho Chi Minh City Open University proudly stands as one of the foundational pillars of the university, established in September 1990. Over nearly 35 years of growth and development, we have built an exceptional team of experienced, dedicated lecturers, along with renowned visiting lecturers from top universities and institutes in Ho Chi Minh City. With nearly 5,500 graduates in IT-related disciplines, including Computer Science, Informatics, and Management Information Systems, and thousands of non-regular graduates, the Faculty has played a vital role in supplying highly skilled professionals to the IT sector with Bachelor, Master, and Ph.D. levels.

Our faculty boasts a team of over 60 lecturers, many of whom have earned advanced degrees from prestigious institutions in countries such as the USA, France, South Korea, and Norway. This highly qualified team, combined with our commitment to excellence, ensures that our students are not only equipped with robust theoretical knowledge but also with the practical skills and adaptability necessary to thrive in the fast-evolving IT industry. With a post-graduation employment rate of 90%, and nearly 55% of students securing jobs during internships, our graduates confidently step into the workforce as developers, lecturers, and leaders in top companies and institutions.

We take immense pride in our emphasis on scientific research, where both students and lecturers have achieved outstanding success. From 2020 until now, our students have consistently won top national awards, including third place in the Vietnamese National Student Olympiad in Informatics 2022, multiple prizes in the Open Source Software category, and the First Prize for Ministry-level Scientific Research in 2021. Additionally, our faculty has made steady progress in international research, with many publications in reputable Q1 and Q2 journals and conferences indexed by Scopus and Web of Science, reflecting our growing contributions to the global academic community.

Our corporate collaborations have expanded significantly in recent years, with numerous partnerships established annually with top companies such as TMA, DEK, and AGEST. Additionally, we have developed international collaborations with institutions such as SSRU in Thailand, UPV in Spain, Victoria University in New Zealand, Sejong University in Korea, and ULCO in France. We are also a member of ASEAN IVO. These partnerships not only create exciting career opportunities for our students but also foster strong connections between the university and both domestic and international institutions, enriching the learning experience through internships, mentorships, and various support programs.

In line with our forward-thinking vision, the Faculty has made significant investments in infrastructure, including the development of a cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence Laboratory. This AI Lab serves as an innovation hub, nurturing young talents to participate in prestigious competitions and advancing the next generation of IT professionals.

With a strong tradition of commitment to excellence, the Faculty of Information Technology at Ho Chi Minh City Open University continues to advance in IT education and research, contributing to the development of the industry and supporting students in their journey to become skilled professionals in the digital world.

FACULTY OF LAW

Majors

Business Law (MOET accreditation)

Law (MOET accreditation)

(Civil law or Administrative law)

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Faculty of Law

On 10 September 2015, the Faculty of Law was established on the basis of Decision No.1328/QĐ-ĐHM-2015 signed by the President of Ho Chi Minh City Open University, which split the Faculty of Economics and Law into two separate faculties: the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Economics and Public Management.

Since then, the Faculty of Law has offered undergraduate law courses specified in commercial law, civil law and administrative law. Approximately, four hundred on-campus students and five thousand distance-learning students enroll yearly. Since August 2016, the Faculty of Law has also offered postgraduate courses in commercial law with approximate fifty students enrolling yearly.

The Faculty of Law has four departments: Department of Civil Law; Department of Commercial law, Department of International law - International business law and Department of administrative law.

Teaching law at the Ho Chi Minh City Open University is intended to give a thorough grounding in the principles of law, technique, reasoning and explanation. Students have opportunities to study with academic lecturers and work with practical experts both at classroom and at work. Extra-curricula are also provided to help students to improve their soft skills by taking part in social activities, sport, events, academic contests, research...

LL.M program in commercial law is offered for master students. This two-year program is currently only offered for Vietnamese students since all the courses are taught in Vietnamese. Unlike undergraduate students, master students spend most of the time studying at classroom and library.

Research taken at the Faculty of Law may be various subjects depending on the expertise of the lecturers and emerging issues. The Law Faculty is looking for and welcoming international cooperation in undergraduate and postgraduate programs such as co-offering course programs, co-research programs, exchange students, exchange lecturers, workshops, conferences...

To obtain the BA degree, students have to complete at least the minimum credits required by the curriculum (125-126 credits), which usually takes three and half to four years of full time study. Students may also obtain two degrees if they can complete the required credits for graduation of the two curricula, which will take some more time. The curricula offer compulsory courses and optional courses.

FACULTY OF SOCIOLOGY - SOCIAL WORK - SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES

Majors

Psychology

Sociology (MOET accreditation)

Social Work (MOET accreditation)

Southeast Asian Studies (MOET accreditation)

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Faculty Of Sociology - Social Work - Southeast Asian Studies

The Faculty of Sociology - Social Work - Southeast Asian studies has offered graduate courses in Southeast Asian studies and Sociology since 1991 and 1992 respectively. Since 2004, the Faculty has officially had bachelor's degree in Social Work after the approval of the national curriculum by the Ministry of Education and Training. Thus, the Faculty of Sociology - Social Work - Southeast Asian studies of Ho Chi Minh City Open University (HCMCOU) becomes the first one that provides training on these three social fields. In 2023, the Faculty decided to establish the Psychology program.

Along with the Mission and Vision of HCMCOU, the Faculty of Sociology - Social Work - Southeast Asian studies aims at promoting community knowledge through the most flexible and obtainable methods of education. By providing training on Social Sciences and Humanities disciplines with practice-oriented education, knowledge promulgation and public engagement, the Faculty strives to contribute to the university's vision of being a leading public inter-disciplinary university in Vietnam.

Graduated from international universities in France, Belgium, the Philippines, England, Germany, Japan, Taiwan and Vietnam, the Faculty's lecturers have created a diversity of teaching styles. They have been participating in a variety of social research projects, social work and community development programs and psychological counseling. By applying active learning methods and information technology in various professional activities, the teaching staff have been enhancing students' soft skills such as teamwork skills, time management, conflict management, presentation skill.

The Faculty of Sociology - Social Work - Southeast Asian studies has a firm foundation with abundant reference books and applied research. Learning materials written by the staff members themselves are based on world's scientific knowledge in accordance with Vietnamese realities and learners' characteristics.

Many graduates are holding important positions at People's Committees at all levels, Women's Unions, Departments of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs, news agencies, radio stations, businesses sectors.

The Faculty offer various programs: full-time, part-time and distance learning in majors.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Majors

MASTER PROGRAMS

- **Accounting** (FIBAA accreditation)
- **Biotechnology** (MOET accreditation)
- **Business Administration** (FIBAA accreditation)
- **Business Law** (MOET accreditation)
- **Civil Engineering** (MOET accreditation)
- **Computer Science** (MOET accreditation)
- **Management Information System**
- **Construction Management** (MOET accreditation)
- **Economics** (FIBAA accreditation)
- **Finance - Banking** (FIBAA accreditation)
- **Fintech**
- **Sociology** (MOET accreditation)
- **Chinese Language** (MOET accreditation)
- **TESOL** (FIBAA accreditation)

PHD PROGRAMS

- **Accounting**
- **Biotechnology**
- **Business Administration**
- **Business Law**
- **Law**
- **Civil Engineering**
- **Computer Science**
- **Economics**
- **Finance - Banking**
- **TESOL**

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Graduate School

Graduate school, founded in 1992, is one of the longest-established faculties of the university. The Graduate school has 1,074 master students of the local programs, 126 students of the joint master programs and 121 PhD students.

The Graduate school has proved its reputation in academic activities, well informed studying pathways and individual student support. The programs are internationally designed, updated, and flexible with the two directions: research or practice. The teaching staff comprise of qualified Vietnamese and foreign professors with strong expertise and experience. Seminars and conferences are organized regularly in collaboration with local and foreign organizations and institutions for the research pursuit and academic exchange of students and staff.

The Graduate school has achieved its prestige and quality thanks to the following four key components:

1. The programs are updated, flexible, transferrable and practice-oriented. The program admin is effective with practical information and clear processes.
2. Academic and admin services to students are effective and handy.
3. Plentiful scholarships in various forms. Students have the same research financial supports as HCMCOU staff do.
4. A large network of alumni which helps promote experience sharing and professional development.

JOINT PROGRAMS:

1. Master of Education (TESOL) with Edith Cowan University, Australia
2. Master of Business Administration with Solvay Brussels School, Belgium
3. Master of Marketing and Communication Management with Solvay Brussels School, Belgium
4. Master of Business Quality and Performance Management with Solvay Brussels School, Belgium
5. Master of Business Administration (Strategic human resource management) with the University of Southern Queensland, Australia
6. Master of Business Administration with Fresenius University, Germany
7. PhD in Education (TESOL) with Edith Cowan University, Australia
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SCHOOL OF ADVANCED STUDY (SAS)

Majors

- Accounting

(FIBAA accreditation)

- Auditing

- Business Administration

(FIBAA accreditation)

- Human Resource Management

- International Business

- Marketing

- Economics

- Finance - Banking

(FIBAA accreditation)

- Biotechnology

- Civil Engineering

- Computer Science

- Information Technology

- Management Information System

- English Language

(FIBAA accreditation)

- Chinese Language

- Japanese Language

- Business Law

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School of Advanced Study (SAS)

SAS has been established since 2006 – the year HCMCOU has become a public university. At SAS, we deliver teaching & learning that is dynamic, applicable and socially engaged. Our commitment is to educate students to highest standards including English language proficiency, create and disseminate knowledge and engage with our community to address the major issues of our time.

We work across a wide field of the business, engineering, humanities and social sciences, positively impacting more than 3,500 students who are studying a range of undergraduate degrees at the main campus. We promote inter-disciplinary studies to give our students a unique experience that reflects our dynamic nation. Broad collaboration with industry, business and the professions shapes our teaching and allows us to create the highly educated graduates needed for today's world.

The SAS has a strong connection with international reputable partners such as Flinders University, Bond University, University of Southern Queensland (in Australia); University of South Wales (in United Kingdom), Shizuoka Sangyo University (Japan), Vincent Pol University in Lublin (Poland), etc. Our students will be provided excellent programs and academic knowledge that help them to continue their study at the international universities.

International programs

OU- Flinders programs (Stage 1 in Vietnam and Stage 2 in Australia) in the following majors:

- International business
- Innovation and Enterprise
- Human Resources Management
- Marketing
- Finance
- Accounting
- Economics
- Languages

OU- Bond programs in the following majors:

- Management
- Tourism Management
- Big Data

OU- University of Southern Queensland programs:

- Human Resource Management
- Emergent Leadership
- Information System Management
- Marketing
- Finance

E-LEARNING CENTER OF HO CHI MINH CITY OPEN UNIVERSITY (ELO)

Majors

- Accounting
- Auditing
- Business Administration
- Human Resource Management
- International Business
- Marketing
- Tourism
- Finance – Banking
- Civil Engineering
- Construction Management
- Computer Science
- English Language
- Chinese Language
- Korean Language
- Business Law
- Sociology
- Southeast Asian Studies

VMOOCs

(Vietnam Massive Open Online Courses)

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eLearning Center of Ho Chi Minh City Open University (ELO)

We understand that the hectic pace of life makes it difficult for you to balance study time, family life and work. Therefore, we are honored to give you an opportunity to improve your knowledge through the most convenient and modern learning method. Modern online learning management system (LMS 3.5) along with the training program designed in accordance with the international quality standards of Quality Matters organization (USA) will help you pursue your aspirations anytime and anywhere.

Since its establishment in May 2016, our online program has always received tremendous support from society. We have been cooperating with many agencies, organizations and businesses, such as Hanoi Open University, Hanoi College of Trade and Tourism, College of Food Industry (Da Nang), Ca Mau Community College, Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam, Union District 4, Ho Chi Minh City, Viettel-CHT Company Limited, VNPT Business Center of Ho Chi Minh City and Lix Detergent Joint Stock Company. Currently, there are more than 18,000 students across the country studying the online Bachelor's Degree program. We have 15 majors, including Accounting, Auditing, Business Administration, Business Law, Chinese, Civil Engineering, Economic Law, English, Finance – Banking, Human Resource Management, International Business, Law, Marketing, Sociology, Tourism. Along with that, we will continue to implement short-term online courses, such as Korean Communication courses, Vietnamese Language for foreigners, to meet the increasingly diverse learning needs of society.

With the motto 'Foster student-centered Learning,' we always make a constant effort to enhance the quality of the program, along with improving Teachers, Specialists, Consultants, and Academic Officers. We believe that these values will help you fulfill your academic and career goals.

Aims

- Bring flexible learning opportunities to everyone anywhere and anytime.
- Carry out Bachelor's Degree Programs and confer certificates following the face-to-face education program.
- Invest in advanced technology and appropriate facilities in order to maximize support for learners.
- Enhance self-learning ability and use technological devices and the internet to study.

Functions

- Organize distance learning according to the regulation of applying information technology to managing online training.
- Suggest solutions to the application of communication technology to online training.
- Cooperate actively with educational institutions in Vietnam and overseas in order to exchange ideas and cooperate in online training.
- Implement training duties, scientific research and do other tasks assigned by the university board.

Majors

- Accounting
- Auditing
- Business Administration
- Human Resource Management
- International Business
- Marketing
- Tourism
- Economics
- Public Management
- Finance-Banking
- Biotechnology
- Food Technology
- Civil Engineering
- Construction Management
- Computer Science
- Management Information System
- English Language
- Korean Language
- Business Law
- Law
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Southeast Asian Studies

Ho Chi Minh City Open University (HCMCOU) is an institution of higher education offering a variety of programs ranging from distance learning, on-site, learning at satellite academic centers, aiming at meeting various learning needs of society and contributing to the enlargement of the human resources for the country.

Training is provided by HCMCOU with such kinds of training: full-time, part-time training course and distance education.

Since 1990s, Open and Distance Education (ODE) has been used to meet changing labor market needs and demand for higher education. The market economy has generated new motivation to learn, either for advancement in the workplace or for change of occupation. ODE has been also used by many students at traditional universities, who simultaneously enroll in Open University courses in order to add computing, language professional skills, etc. to their degree subjects, in preparation for a competition job on graduation. This time was marked by the establishment of Ho Chi Minh City Open University. Ho Chi Minh City Open University is “a university which is concerned with training and researching all modes of education including distance education, face-to-face education, etc. in order to meet the variable learning needs of the people contributing to increasing the scientific and technical potentiality of the country”, (The Prime Minister’s Decision 389/TTg on Establishing Ho Chi Minh City Open University).

Center for Distance Education was founded on November 20, 1996 according to the Decision No. 196/QĐ/TC-96 signed by the President of HCMCOU. Up to now Center for Distance Education owns about 27.000 students who come from everywhere ranging from Binh Dinh to Ca Mau in 40 training local centers. By August, 2016, it has had 40,000 graduates of Distance Education for all specialities.

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