



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Cambridge International O Level Commerce (7100)

When are the examinations available?

The syllabus is available for examination in June and November each year.

What examinations do I need to take?

Paper 1 is a multiple choice paper containing 40 questions. The paper will be worth 30% of the total for the syllabus and is 1 hour long.

Paper 2 consists of eight questions which are stimulus response questions (containing numerical, textual and visual information) and structured questions. Candidates will be required to answer four questions. Paper 2 is worth 70% of the marks for the syllabus and is 2 hours long.

Can I take O Level Commerce and O Level Commercial Studies in the same examination session?

No. Because of the similarities in the syllabus content, candidates cannot take both syllabuses in the same examination session.

How many hours contact time do you recommend?

O Level syllabuses are designed on the assumption that candidates have about 130 guided learning hours over the duration of the course. However this figure is for guidance only, and the number of hours required may vary according to local curricular practice and the candidates' requirements.

Is there a specific textbook for the syllabus?

No, but there are several textbooks on the resource list (in the syllabus) that you will find useful. However, we would encourage you to choose textbooks for class use which will be of interest to your students and will support your own teaching style. There is no specific requirement for you to use the textbooks on the resource list – they are just suggestions.

What support materials are available?

Syllabus
Question papers for the last five years.
Examiner reports for the last five years
Resource list