**Updates on**

**Sale of HKU Theses on Amazon and other online sellers**

Since March 2017, the Libraries regularly monitor the status of HKU theses on Amazon and other online sellers.

1. **Schedule of data collection**

Initially, we monitored the status daily. But as the changes are not as rapid, we gradually scaled down the frequency. The schedule is summarized as follows:

* March to May 2017: Daily
* June to July 2017: 3 times/ week
* August 2017: 2 times/ week
* September 2017 to current: Once per week
* April 2018 to current: Quarterly status report

1. **Amazon**
2. **Current status**: Almost all titles are now “Out of stock”.
3. **Changes over the past years:** Please see Table 1 for monthly snapshot for Amazon (US and UK) showing changes over the past years.
4. **Amazon sites (other than US and UK)**: Please see Table 2 for the latest figures captured on 26 March 2019 in these sites.
5. **Other online sellers**
6. **Current status**: As of 29 March 2019, five (5) online sellers carry HKU theses (mostly in stock). Please see Table 3 for the list of sellers and the number of HKU theses titles found.
7. **Changes over the past years**: Please see Table 4 for the monthly snapshot.

Table 1: Monthly snapshot of HKU etheses for Amazon (US and UK)

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|  | **Amazon US** | | | **Amazon UK** | | |
| **Date** | **In stock** | **Out of stock** | **Total** | **In stock** | **Out of stock** | **Total** |
| 20170327 | 22,742 | 0 | 22,742 | 22,758 | 0 | 22,758 |
| 20170427 | 6 | 22658 | 22664 | 55 | 15704 | 15759 |
| 20170526 | 7 | 22612 | 22619 | 55 | 15989 | 16044 |
| 20170628 | 4 | 22571 | 22575 | 53 | 16397 | 16450 |
| 20170728 | 10 | 22517 | 22527 | 50 | 16680 | 16730 |
| 20170829 | 17 | 22477 | 22494 | 58 | 16949 | 17007 |
| 20170926 | 11 | 22478 | 22489 | 51 | 16992 | 17043 |
| 20171024 | 12 | 22450 | 22462 | 52 | 17130 | 17182 |
| 20171128 | 19 | 22422 | 22441 | 52 | 16930 | 16982 |
| 20171228 | 27 | 22404 | 22431 | 2 | 479 | 481 |
| 20180130 | 28 | 19972 | 20000 | 2 | 529 | 531 |
| 20180227 | 17 | 19983 | 20000 | 2 | 533 | 535 |
| 20180327 | 21 | 19979 | 20000 | 2 | 533 | 535 |
| 20180424 | 26 | 19974 | 20000 | 2 | 534 | 536 |
| 20180531 | 22 | 6978 | 7000 | 3 | 537 | 540 |
| 20180628 | 29 | 6971 | 7000 | 2 | 539 | 541 |
| 20180731 | 23 | 5977 | 6000 | 2 | 541 | 543 |
| 20180828 | 26 | 5974 | 6000 | 2 | 554 | 576 |
| 20180927 | 24 | 5976 | 6000 | 2 | 573 | 575 |
| 20181023 | 26 | 5974 | 6000 | 2 | 573 | 575 |
| 20181127 | 27 | 5973 | 6000 | 2 | 573 | 575 |
| 20181223 | 31 | 5969 | 6000 | 2 | 573 | 575 |
| 20190129 | 33 | 5967 | 6000 | 2 | 573 | 575 |
| 20190227 | 30 | 5970 | 6000 | 1 | 574 | 575 |
| 20190326 | 29 | 5971 | 6000 | 0 | 575 | 575 |

Table 2: Latest figures in Amazon sites on 26 March 2019

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **​Amazon sites** | **No. of HKU etheses** | | |
| **In stock** | **Out of stock** | **Total** |
| Australia | 0 | 20000 | 20000 |
| Brazil | 0 | 20000 | 20000 |
| Canada | 14 | 986 | 1000 |
| China | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| France | 80 | 19920 | 20000 |
| Germany | 80 | 19920 | 20000 |
| India | 5 | 19995 | 20000 |
| Italy | 66 | 19934 | 20000 |
| Japan | 96 | 6904 | 7000 |
| Mexico | 0 | 3000 | 3000 |
| Netherlands | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Spain | 23 | 977 | 1000 |
| US | 29 | 5971 | 6000 |
| UK | 0 | 575 | 575 |

Table 3: Latest list of online sellers (other than Amazon) on 29 March 2019

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **No.** | **Retailer name** | **Total no. of results (descending order)** |
| 1 | Wisepress.com | 9778 |
| 2 | Scribd | 210 |
| 3 | Ubuy | 3 |
| 4 | ABE-IPS | 3 |
| 5 | Adlibris | 1 |

Table 4: Monthly snapshot of HKU theses for online sellers other than Amazon

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Date** | **No. of sites checked** | **No. of sellers with HKU etheses in stock** |
| 20170421 | 52 | 21 |
| 20170522 | 52 | 13 |
| 20170621 | 50 | 12 |
| 20170720 | 50 | 10 |
| 20170822 | 50 | 10 |
| 20170921 | 51 | 10 |
| 20171019 | 51 | 11 |
| 20171123 | 36 | 11 |
| 20171221 | 36 | 10 |
| 20180124 | 38 | 10 |
| 20180222 | 38 | 10 |
| 20180322 | 38 | 8 |
| 20180424 | 39 | 8 |
| 20180530 | 36 | 6 |
| 20180628 | 38 | 6 |
| 20180726 | 40 | 7 |
| 20180830 | 39 | 8 |
| 20180928 | 41 | 10 |
| 20181025 | 33 | 6 |
| 20181123 | 34 | 6 |
| 20181223 | 34 | 6 |
| 20190125 | 34 | 6 |
| 20190228 | 37 | 6 |
| 20190329 | 37 | 5 |

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