**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
* January 2022 to current: Once per month
* 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 22 December 2022 in these sites.
5. **Other online sellers**
6. **Current status**: As of 30 December 2022, two (2) 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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **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 |
| 20190430 | 29 | 5971 | 6000 | 0 | 575 | 575 |
| 20190528 | 31 | 5969 | 6000 | 0 | 575 | 575 |
| 20190625 | 27 | 5973 | 6000 | 0 | 575 | 575 |
| 20190730 | 28 | 5972 | 6000 | 0 | 575 | 575 |
| 20190827 | 25 | 5975 | 6000 | 0 | 576 | 576 |
| 20190924 | 27 | 5973 | 6000 | 0 | 576 | 576 |
| 20191030 | 28 | 5972 | 6000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20191126 | 22 | 5978 | 6000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20191223 | 27 | 25 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20200121 | 27 | 25 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20200226 | 27 | 22 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20200331 | 23 | 25 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20200427 | 18 | 24 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20200526 | 11 | 23 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20200630 | 10 | 23 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20200728 | 9​ | ​24 | ​33 | ​0 | 0​ | 0​ |
| 20200825 | 9​ | ​24 | ​33 | ​0 | 0​ | 0​ |
| 20200929 | 12​ | ​24 | ​36 | ​0 | 0​ | ​0 |
| 20201027 | 13 | 22 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20201124 | 12 | 23 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20201229 | 12 | 24 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20210126 | 12 | 23 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20210223 | 12 | 24 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20210330 | 8 | 27 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20210427 | 11 | 24 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20210525 | 11 | 26 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20210629 | 11 | 26 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20210727 | 9 | 33 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20210831 | 12 | 32 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20210928 | 12 | 32 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20211026 | 11 | 33 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20211130 | 12 | 31 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20211228 | 12 | 36 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20220125 | 12 | 32 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20220224 | 11 | 33 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20220329 | 22 | 32 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20220426 | 10 | 24 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20220524 | 9 | 24 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20220628 | 10 | 24 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20220727 | 10 | 24 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20220830 | 954 | 5046 | 6000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20220927 | 953 | 5047 | 6000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20221028 | 952 | 5048 | 6000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20221124 | 3 | 5997 | 6000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20221222 | 4 | 5996 | 6000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 2: Latest figures in Amazon sites on 22 December 2022

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **​Amazon sites** | **No. of HKU etheses** | | |
| **In stock** | **Out of stock** | **Total** |
| Australia | 0 | 20000 | 20000 |
| Brazil | 0 | 20000 | 20000 |
| Canada | 7 | 993 | 1000 |
| China | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| France | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Germany | 1 | 19999 | 20000 |
| India | 2 | 19998 | 20000 |
| Italy | 0 | 20000 | 20000 |
| Japan | 0 | 7000 | 7000 |
| Mexico | 2 | 2998 | 3000 |
| Netherlands | 48 | 19952 | 20000 |
| Spain | 1 | 999 | 1000 |
| United Arab Emirates | 0 | 20000 | 20000 |
| US | 4 | 5996 | 6000 |
| UK | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 3: Latest list of online sellers (other than Amazon) on 30 December 2022

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **No.** | **Retailer name** | **Total no. of results (descending order)** |
| 1 | Scribd | 210 |
| 2 | Alibris | 3 |

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 |
| 20190425 | 36 | 5 |
| 20190530 | 36 | 6 |
| 20190627 | 36 | 6 |
| 20190725 | 36 | 6 |
| 20190823 | 36 | 6 |
| 20190926 | 36 | 6 |
| 20191030 | 35 | 6 |
| 20191128 | 35 | 6 |
| 20191223 | 35 | 6 |
| 20200123 | 35 | 6 |
| 20200227 | 35 | 6 |
| 20200326 | 35 | 6 |
| 20200427 | 35 | 6 |
| 20200528 | 35 | 6 |
| 20200624 | 35 | 6 |
| 20200730 | 28 | 6 |
| 20200828 | 28 | 5 |
| 20200929 | 28 | 5 |
| 20201028 | 28 | 5 |
| 20201126 | 28 | 5 |
| 20201230 | 28 | 5 |
| 20210128 | 28 | 5 |
| 20210226 | 28 | 5 |
| 20210331 | 28 | 5 |
| 20210429 | 27 | 5 |
| 20210527 | 27 | 5 |
| 20210630 | 27 | 5 |
| 20210729 | 27 | 5 |
| 20210826 | 27 | 4 |
| 20210928 | 25 | 4 |
| 20211028 | 25 | 4 |
| 20211125 | 25 | 4 |
| 20211230 | 25 | 4 |
| 20220127 | 14 | 4 |
| 20220224 | 14 | 4 |
| 20220331 | 14 | 4 |
| 20220428 | 14 | 4 |
| 20220526 | 14 | 4 |
| 20220630 | 14 | 4 |
| 20220728 | 14 | 4 |
| 20220831 | 14 | 4 |
| 20220929 | 14 | 4 |
| 20221027 | 14 | 4 |
| 20221124 | 14 | 4 |
| 20221230 | 14 | 2 |

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