

WSET® Level 4 Diploma in Wines
Academic Year 2026/27 – February 2026 Intake (First Year Students)

Part-Time Evening Programme Schedule

The Part-Time Evening Programme is suitable for students who live in Hong Kong or can travel to Hong Kong for regular evening lessons. This is by far our most popular format for students living in Hong Kong.

DIPLOMA INDUCTION

Online	27 Feb 2026 (Fri)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Diploma Induction
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D1 – WINE PRODUCTION

Classroom	7 Mar 2026 (Sat)	10:00 am – 5:30 pm	The Growing Environment; Grape Growing Options; Common Winemaking Options
Classroom Tasting	8 Mar 2026 (Sun)	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	White Winemaking Options; Red & Rosé Winemaking Options; Tasting Technique Workshop
Online	8 Apr 2026 (Wed)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Review & Exam Technique and Q&A Workshop
Exam	25 Apr 2026 (Sat)	9:00 am – 10:30 am	A 90 minutes closed-book examination made up of open-response questions

D2 – WINE BUSINESS

Classroom	3 May 2026 (Sun)	10:00 am – 5:30 pm	Factors that Contribute to the Price of Wine; Businesses Engaged in Wine Production; Key Considerations in Wine Marketing
Online	27 May 2026 (Wed)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Review and Q&A Workshop
Exam	10 Jun 2026 (Wed)	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	A 60 minutes closed-book examination made up of open-response questions

D4 – SPARKLING WINES

Classroom Tasting	6 Jul 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Traditional Method Sparkling Wines & Champagne
	13 Jul 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Rosé & Other Traditional Method Sparkling Wines
	20 Jul 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Tank, Ancestral & Pétillant Naturel (Pet Nat) Method Sparkling Wines
Online	14 Sep 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Review and Q&A Workshop
Exam	20 Oct 2026 (Tue)	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	A 90 minutes closed-book examination made up of open-response questions and a blind tasting of three sparkling wines

D5 – FORTIFIED WINES

Classroom Tasting	27 Jul 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Fortification & Maturation Options; Tasting Technique; Production of Sherry
	3 Aug 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Sherry Styles (Tasting)
	10 Aug 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Port Production (Ruby & Vintage)
	17 Aug 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Port production (Tawny & White) & Madeira
	24 Aug 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Vin Doux Naturel & Rutherglen Muscat; Fortified Wine Business Workshop
Online	21 Sep 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Review and Q&A Workshop
Exam	20 Oct 2026 (Tue)	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	A 90 minutes closed-book examination made up of open-response questions and a blind tasting of three fortified wines

D6 – INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT

Online	31 Aug 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Research Assignment Workshop
Submission Deadline	28 Jan 2027 (Thu)	5:00 pm HK Local Time	One research assignment of 3,000 words

Fees: HK\$41,880

The first-year fee includes Diploma registration, tuition, WSET Feedback Tests, Online Educator Support, wines, and the D1, D2, D4, D5 & D6 exams (one attempt). The venue for classroom tasting and exams are AWSEC® Hong Kong. To complete the Diploma, students also need to take the D3 in the second year. The current fees for the remainder of the D3 Wines of the World (Part-time Evening Programme) are HK\$41,880, but this may differ at the time of payment. This means that the total cost, based on current fees, to complete the Diploma on a Part-time Evening Programme is HK\$83,760.

Special Package Offer: HK\$79,880*

*Special offer to applicants who apply & pay for both Year 1 & Year 2 Part-time Evening programme at the same time. The package price will be locked in against fluctuation of pound sterling exchange rate and valid for 3 years, and students will have to start their Year 2 within this period.

Block Release Programme Schedule

The Block Release Programme is suitable for students who do not live in Hong Kong, or locals cannot attend the Part-Time Evening Programme. This format requires studying at home and then travelling to Hong Kong for intensive classroom tasting just before exams.

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	15 Mar 2026 (Sun)	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	White Winemaking Options; Red & Rosé Winemaking Options
Online	8 Apr 2026 (Wed)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Review, Exam Technique and Q&A Workshop
Classroom Tasting	24 Apr 2026 (Fri)	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Tasting Technique Workshop
Exam	25 Apr 2026 (Sat)	9:00 am – 10:30 am	A 90 minutes closed-book examination made up of open-response questions

D2 – WINE BUSINESS

Online	2 May 2026 (Sat)	10:00 am – 5:30 pm	Factors that Contribute to the Price of Wine; Businesses Engaged in Wine Production; Key Considerations in Wine Marketing
	27 May 2026 (Wed)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Review and Q&A Workshop
Exam	10 Jun 2026 (Wed)	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	A 60 minutes closed-book examination made up of open-response questions

D4 – SPARKLING WINES

Online	14 Sep 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Review and Q&A Workshop
Classroom Tasting	16 Oct 2026 (Fri)	10:00 am – 5:30 pm	Traditional Method Sparkling Wines & Champagne; Rosé & Other Traditional Method Sparkling Wines; Tank, Ancestral & Pétillant Naturel (Pet Nat) Method Sparkling Wines
Exam	20 Oct 2026 (Tue)	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	A 90 minutes closed-book examination made up of open-response questions and a blind tasting of three sparkling wines

D5 – FORTIFIED WINES

Online	21 Sep 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Review and Q&A Workshop
Classroom Tasting	17 Oct 2026 (Sat)	10:00 am – 5:30 pm	Fortification & Maturation Options; Tasting Technique; Production of Sherry; Sherry Styles (Tasting);
	18 Oct 2026 (Sun)	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Port Production (Ruby & Vintage, Tawny & White), Madeira; Vin Doux Naturel & Rutherglen Muscat; Fortified Wine Business Workshop
Exam	20 Oct 2026 (Tue)	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	A 90 minutes closed-book examination made up of open-response questions and a blind tasting of three fortified wines

D6 – INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT

Online	31 Aug 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Research Assignment Workshop
Submission Deadline	28 Jan 2027 (Thu)	5:00 pm HK Local Time	One research assignment of 3,000 words

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Special Package Offer: HK\$79,880*

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Online Learning Programme Schedule

The Online Learning Programme (formerly known as Distance Learning Programme) requires students to attend the lectures online, study at home, and then travel to Hong Kong for the exams. This format requires a higher level of personal study time than the Part-Time or Block Release formats. No classroom tasting tutorials will be provided.

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Exam	10 Jun 2026 (Wed)	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	A 60 minutes closed-book examination made up of open-response questions

D4 – SPARKLING WINES

Video	14 Jul 2026 (Tue)	The hyperlink of the theory lectures video will be valid until 20 Oct 2026.	Traditional Method Sparkling Wines & Champagne; Rosé & Other Traditional Method Sparkling Wines; Tank, Ancestral & Pétillant Naturel (Pet Nat) Method Sparkling Wines
Online	14 Sep 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Review and Q&A Workshop
Exam	20 Oct 2026 (Tue)	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	A 90 minutes closed-book examination made up of open-response questions and a blind tasting of three sparkling wines

D5 – FORTIFIED WINES

Video	11 Aug 2026 (Tue)	The hyperlink of the theory lectures video will be valid until 20 Oct 2026.	Fortification & Maturation Options; Production of Sherry;
			Port Production (Ruby & Vintage, Tawny & White); Madeira;
Online	21 Sep 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Vin Doux Naturel & Rutherglen Muscat; Fortified Wine Business Workshop
Exam	20 Oct 2026 (Tue)	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	A 90 minutes closed-book examination made up of open-response questions and a blind tasting of three fortified wines

D6 – INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT

Online	31 Aug 2026 (Mon)	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Research Assignment Workshop
Submission Deadline	28 Jan 2027 (Thu)	5:00 pm HK Local Time	One research assignment of 3,000 words

Fees: HK\$31,880

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

- D1 unit must be examined at the beginning of the Diploma programme.
- You will be automatically booked for a place on the examination dates shown above. Any applicant who wishes to postpone their examination(s) or research assignment submission will be charged any relevant admin fee(s). Kindly note that any changes to the examination date will not be allowed after the registration deadline, and the exam fee for absentees and latecomers will be automatically forfeited.
- Quoted fees do not include exam re-sits. Please contact us for more details about exam re-sit exam registration.
- The Diploma registration is valid for three years. Please contact us for renewal information.
- For candidates who paid for the two-year package (for Part Time Evening & Block Release modes only) upon their first-year admission, you are asked to submit the Year 2 Application Form to confirm your seat in Year 2 studies. We will NOT automatically enrol the candidate in any Year 2 intake unless the signed Year 2 Application Form is received.
- The relevant fees are subject to price changes from the WSET® in the UK.
- The session breakdown may be subject to Educator's change without prior notice.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

13 Feb 2026 (Fri) 5:00 pm HK Local Time
or earlier if all vacancies are filled

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