

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.

(I) 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

(II) Amazon

- (a) **Current status:** Almost all titles are now “Out of stock”.
- (b) **Changes over the past year:** Please see Table 1 for monthly snapshot for Amazon (US and UK) showing changes over the past year.
- (c) **Amazon sites (other than US and UK):** Please see Table 2 for the latest figures captured on 28 June 2018 in these sites.

(III) Other online sellers

- (a) **Current status:** As of 28 June 2018, six (6) 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.
- (b) **Changes over the past year:** Please see Table 4 for the monthly snapshot.

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

Date	Amazon US			Amazon UK		
	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
20180628	29	6971	7000	2	539	541

Table 2: Latest figures in Amazon sites on 28 June 2018

Amazon sites	No. of HKU theses		
	In stock	Out of stock	Total
Australia	5	19995	20000
Brazil	1000	19000	20000
Canada	21	979	1000
China	1	0	1
France	70	19930	20000
Germany	76	19924	20000
India	3	19997	20000
Italy	15	19985	20000
Japan	80	6920	7000
Mexico	0	3000	3000
Netherlands	0	0	0
Spain	15	1985	2000
US	29	6971	7000
UK	2	539	541

Table 3: Latest list of online sellers (other than Amazon) on 28 June 2018

No.	Retailer name	No. of HKU theses titles
1	Wisepress.com	9778
2	Scribd	210
3	ABE-IPS	3
4	freecomputerbooks.ga	3
5	OregonPDF in Health & Performance	2
6	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 theses 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
20180628	38	6

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