The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Subject Description Form

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Subject Code	ABCT3416					
Subject Title	Food Analysis Laboratory					
Credit Value	1					
Level	3					
Pre-requisite	ABCT3402 Food Chemistry					
Co-requisite	ABCT3415 Food Analysis					
Exclusion	Nil					
Objectives	The subject aims to familiarize students with the principles and techniques of food analysis by using laboratory instruments. Another objective of this subject is to develop students' abilities to apply their knowledge and skills acquired to solve real-world problems associated with food analysis and food labelling.					
Intended Learning Outcomes (Note 1)	 Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: a. recognize clearly the principles behind the analytical methods associated with food analysis; b. select an appropriate analytical technique when presented with a practical problem; c. demonstrate practical proficiency in a food testing laboratory; d. demonstrate abilities in analytical and critical thinking as well as teamwork and communication skills. 					
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus (Note 2)	 Principles of Gas Chromatography (GC) and High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) and their applications in food analysis. Principles of atomic spectrophotometry and applications of instruments in food analysis. Principles of sample preparation and cleanup for various techniques in food sample analysis. AOAC methods for carbohydrates, protein and moisture content determination for food samples. 					
Teaching/Learning Methodology (Note 3)	Practical classes: Students will develop their practical skills and learn to apply different instrumental and analytical techniques for food analysis. Students will also develop teamwork and communication skills and learn how to analyze experimental results/data in their practical work.					

Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes	Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)						
(Note 4)			a	b	c	d			
	1. class performance	20			V	V			
	2. lab report	40	V	V	√				
	3. quiz	40	V	V					
	Total	100 %							
	Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assess intended learning outcomes: Students will need to work in groups to complete their lab work. Such training provides a good platform for students to develop their teams communication skills and apply different instrumental/analytical techn food analysis.								
	Class performance is to assess outcome (c) and (d); quiz is used to assess outcome (a) and (b); lab report is used to assess outcome (a), (b) and (c).								
Student Study	Class contact:								
Effort Required	 Laboratory 					1	16	Hrs.	
	■ Tutorial						2	Hrs.	
	■ Lab Quiz						1	Hr	
	Other student study effort:								
	Self study						15	Hrs.	
	(reading textbooks, reference books, etc.)								
	■ Report writing						15	Hrs.	
	Total student study effort						49	Hrs.	
Reading List and References	Essential Nielsen, S.S. (Ed.)		Food Analysis – Food Science Texts Series (5 th ed.)				Springer 2017		
	Nielsen, S.S. (Ed.)	Manual	Food Analysis Laboratory Springer 2010 Manual – Food Science Texts Series (2 nd ed.)					0	
	Skoog, D.A., Holler, F.J. and Crouch, S.R.	Principle Analysis		Instrumental Thomson 2018 ed.)					

Note 1: Intended Learning Outcomes

Intended learning outcomes should state what students should be able to do or attain upon completion of the subject. Subject outcomes are expected to contribute to the attainment of the overall programme outcomes.

Note 2: Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus

The syllabus should adequately address the intended learning outcomes. At the same time over-crowding of the syllabus should be avoided.

Note 3: Teaching/Learning Methodology

This section should include a brief description of the teaching and learning methods to be employed to facilitate learning, and a justification of how the methods are aligned with the intended learning outcomes of the subject.

Note 4: Assessment Method

This section should include the assessment method(s) to be used and its relative weighting, and indicate which of the subject intended learning outcomes that each method purports to assess. It should also provide a brief explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes.