

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Subject Description Form

Please read the notes at the end of the table carefully before completing the form.

Subject Code	APSS1BN15/P
Subject Title	Global China 全球化下的中國社會
Credit Value	3
Level	1
GUR Requirements Intended to Fulfill	This subject intends to fulfill the following requirements: ☐ Healthy Lifestyle ☐ AI and Data Analytics (AIDA) ☐ Innovation and Entrepreneurship (IE) ☐ Languages and Communication Requirement (LCR) ☐ Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) ☐ Service-Learning ☒ Cluster-Area Requirement (CAR) ☐ Human Nature, Relations and Development [CAR A] ☐ Science, Technology and Environment [CAR D] ☐ Chinese History and Culture [CAR M] ☒ Cultures, Organizations, Societies and Globalization [CAR N] ☒ China-Study Requirement ☒ Yes or ☐ No ☐ Writing and Reading Requirements ☐ English or ☐ Chinese
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	For students taking APSS1BN15, the exclusion subjects are APSS1B15P, APSS1BN15P and APSS1B15. For students taking APSS1BN15P, the exclusion subjects are APSS1B15, APSS1BN15 and APSS1B15P.
Note (For Chinese Mainland Version only)	<u>Chinese Mainland Version</u> This is a non-local CAR subject with a <u>compulsory outbound study trip</u>. An <u>outbound activity fee is required</u> to be settled right after the Subject Registration Period. There is <u>no Add/Drop Period</u> for this non-local subject due to study trip arrangements. Upon confirmation of eligibility to graduate or leave the University, registration on subjects in the following semester/Summer Term will be nullified and removed. Students can refer to the course arrangement available on eStudent before subject registration. For the guidelines of funding and operational model for non-local CAR subjects, students can refer to the website of the College of Undergraduate Studies (CUS).

Assessment Methods	100% Continuous Assessment	Individual Assessment	Group Assessment
	Quiz	30%	
	Essay	50%	
	Attendance and Participation	20%	
	- The grade is calculated according to the percentage assigned; - The completion and submission of all component assignments are required for passing the subject.		
Objectives	- Understand the process of globalization in Hong Kong and Mainland China; - Develop a new understanding of Chinese societies in a global context; - Explore a sustainable development by reflecting on the consequences of global China, which are bound to affect what goes on in mainland China.		
Intended Learning Outcomes (Note 1)	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: - Enhance their understanding of the theories and concepts of globalization; - Identify the major developmental stages in China and analyze how they are related to processes of globalization; - Explore the relationship between global processes and local development in China; - Evaluate the opportunities and problems related to globalization in China.		
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus (Note 2)	- Introduction to Global China studies - China's global links in the earlier and current periods - China's reform and re-integration into the world system - Selected topics - Economic globalization and Chinese labor - Cultural globalization and Chinese culture - Chinese foreign policy under globalization - China's "going out" and global investments - Belt and Road Initiative - US-China relations - New technologies and media in China - Youth, social class and education - China and global sustainable development - Searching for an alternative developmental model		
Teaching/Learning Methodology (Note 3)	<u>Hong Kong version</u> The subject is delivered by lectures in which concepts and arguments related to subject syllabus will be covered. Films, documentary and television shows will be used to enhance participatory learning. In-class discussions are designed to foster an interactive learning environment.		

	<u>Chinese Mainland version</u> The subject is delivered in Hong Kong and Chinese Mainland by lectures and in-class discussions. Field learning is the essential method to enhance understanding, discussion and critical thinking. Field visits to non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community organizations and/or green farms are required (specific visit(s) to be arranged).							
Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes (Note 4)	Hong Kong Version							
	Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)					
			a	b	c	d	e	
	1. Quiz	30%	✓	✓	✓	✓		
	2. Essay	50%	✓	✓	✓	✓		
	3. Attendance and Participation	20%	✓	✓	✓	✓		
	Total	100%						
Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes: 1. Quiz (30%) The quiz will assess students’ competence in understanding and applying concepts learned in the course. 2. Essay (50%) The individual paper will enable students to integrate major concepts to indicate the level of knowledge and competence gained in the study. 3. Attendance and participation (20%) Attendance is required. The subject teacher will invite students to respond by sharing ideas of the key texts, personal experiences and social observations. Active participation through peer learning is encouraged.								
Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes (Note 4)	Chinese Mainland Version							
	Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)					
			a	b	c	d		
	1. Group presentation	30%	✓	✓	✓	✓		
	2. In-class Quiz	50%	✓	✓	✓	✓		
	3. Class Participation & Discussion	20%	✓	✓	✓	✓		
	Total	100%						

	Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes: Apart from attending lectures, students will be arranged to visit NGOs, community organizations, markets, and green farms, etc. in Chinese Mainland. Attendance at each lecture and site visit is compulsory. Students are required to do a group presentation to report your observations, thoughts, and reflections during the site visits. One in-class quiz will be used to test students' understanding of the theories and concepts of globalization, and the developmental problems of Chinese societies. In the quiz, students are required to write an essay on selected topics.	
Student Study Effort Expected (Hong Kong version)	Class contact (Hong Kong version)	
	▪ Lectures	39 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	▪ Self-study before lectures	28 Hrs.
	▪ Preparation for term quiz/group presentation	42 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	109 Hrs.
Student Study Effort Required (Chinese mainland version)	Class contact (Chinese Mainland version)	
	▪ Lectures	30 Hrs.
	▪ Field visits	9 Hrs.
	▪ Self-study before lectures	14 Hrs.
	▪ Preparation for field report (group work)	28 Hrs.
	▪ Preparation for term quiz	28 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	109 Hrs.
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	Wu, Jieh-min. 2022. <i>Rival Partners: How Taiwanese Entrepreneurs and Guangdong Officials Forged the China Development Model</i> . Extended Edition. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
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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.