

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	APSS1BN18											
Subject Title	From Gloom to Bloom: Global New Urbanism											
Credit Value	3											
Level	1											
GUR Requirements Intended to Fulfill	<p>This subject intends to fulfill the following requirement(s) :</p> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Lifestyle <input type="checkbox"/> AI and Data Analytics (AIDA) <input type="checkbox"/> Innovation and Entrepreneurship (IE) <input type="checkbox"/> Languages and Communication Requirement (LCR) <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) <input type="checkbox"/> Service-Learning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cluster-Area Requirement (CAR) <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Human Nature, Relations and Development [CAR A] <input type="checkbox"/> Science, Technology and Environment [CAR D] <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese History and Culture [CAR M] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultures, Organizations, Societies and Globalization [CAR N] </div> <input type="checkbox"/> China-Study Requirement <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes or <input type="checkbox"/> No </div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Writing and Reading Requirements <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English or <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese </div> </div>											
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Subject Exclusion : APSS1B18											
Assessment Methods	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">100% Continuous Assessment</th><th style="width: 25%;">Individual Assessment</th><th style="width: 25%;">Group Assessment</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Participation (10%) and 2 take-home exercises (5% each)</td><td style="text-align: center;">20%</td><td style="text-align: center;">--</td></tr> <tr> <td>Round Table Discussion based on PADLET built-up and Field Trip observations</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">30 %</td></tr> </tbody> </table>			100% Continuous Assessment	Individual Assessment	Group Assessment	Participation (10%) and 2 take-home exercises (5% each)	20%	--	Round Table Discussion based on PADLET built-up and Field Trip observations		30 %
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Objectives	<p>Specific objectives of the subject:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To understand the notion of modernity with basic theoretical backdrop and its relationship with social and environmental sustainability;2. To explore the relationships between economic changes and urban forms, urban problems and sustainability;3. To scrutinize global and local practices of eco-city development;4. To investigate how policies can assist planning for future green cities in local and international contexts.			
Intended Learning Outcomes (Note 1)	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) identify problems in traditional urban cities and appreciate new urban forms in multi-disciplinary and comparative perspectives;b) demonstrate key principles and best practices of new sustainable urbanism in global and local contexts;c) ascertain strategies of practical actions for implementing and maintaining green living in new urban modes;d) acknowledge appropriate policies for development of sustainable urban forms and consolidate strategies for life-long learning strategies.			
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus (Note 2)	<p>The subject investigates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Traditional urban development: industrialization, differentiation and divisions<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industrialization and urban development• Settlement patterns and social relations• Lifestyles, identity and power2. Decay, mobilities and renewal<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economy, class and urban forms: segregation, ghettos, and suburbia• Migration, production and urban culture: population flows, fringe city and urban conflicts			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban revitalization and regeneration: from neighborhood of poverty to gentrification and urban renaissance <p>3. New urbanism: transformation of mega-city to eco-city</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New urban forms: emerging visions of eco-city • Urban connectivity, cultural diversity and transformative landscapes • Policies and planning for sustainable communities, solidarity and space <p>4. Practices of new urbanism: international and local possibilities of green living</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban altruism, green economy, local food systems, neighborhoods, affordable housing, • Green living: clean energy, social ecology, urban pluralism and diversity, politics and policies <p>5. From gloom to bloom: new urbanism and the good life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The big reset: transition to global new urbanism • Place, space and the good life • Reality check: wealth, health and everyday life
<p>Teaching/Learning Methodology</p> <p><i>(Note 3)</i></p>	<p>Interactive lectures will be used to introduce to students the theoretical concepts and framework for understanding the origin and development of urban forms in the world. Field visits to local communities, workshops and seminars, however, will be staged to allow students to explore possibilities of alternative urban forms and urban living. Their learning will be further consolidated by presentation of group projects, discussions and reflections in class. Guest lecturers will be invited to illustrate particular case studies when appropriate.</p> <p>To enable students to meet the “EW” requirement, students will be required to attend a series of short online lectures organized by ELC to strengthen their English writing skills.</p> <p>To enable students to meet the “ER” requirement, students will receive an online study package of aimed at enhancing their reading skills. They are also expected to study the prescribed readings on the Reading List below and to complete a written assignment designed to assess their reading abilities.</p>

Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes

(Note 4)

Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)					
		a	b	c	d		
1. Participation (10%) and 2take-home exercises (5% each)	20%	√	√		√		
2. Round Table Discussion based on PADLET built-up and Field Trip observations	30%	√	√	√	√		
3. Fieldtrip Reflection Report 40% “EW” requirement (30% to be assessed by APSS & 10% to be assessed by ELC) 10% “ER” requirement (to be assessed by APSS)	50%	√	√	√	√		
Total	100%						

Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:

A term paper of 1,500 - 2,500 words will be submitted for assessing the student’s understanding of the basic foundational concepts essential for examining traditional and new urbanism in global perspective. The group presentation provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate their ability and skills in communicating their ideas and progress of their own research while getting timely feedback from peers and instructors before writing up their final report showing their subject specific knowledge, global perspective, independent and critical thinking, problem-solving capacity and ability to communicate the values of social justice and reflection on life-long learning.

	<p>Individual efforts will be assessed in their take-home assignment, participation in the PADLET dashboard discussion, and Round Table Discussion. On top of that is the fieldwork reflective report;</p> <p>The grade is calculated according to the percentage assigned;</p> <p>The completion and submission of all component assignments are required for passing the subject; and</p> <p>Student must pass the term paper (above 20%) if he/she is to pass the subject.</p>	
Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:	
	▪ F2F Lecture	15 Hrs.
	▪ E-Lecture	3 Hrs.
	▪ Field work	20 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	▪ Self-study	30 Hrs.
	▪ E-consultations	14 Hrs.
	▪ Preparation of assignments	30 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	112 Hrs.
Reading List and References	<p><u>Readings to Fulfill “ER” Requirement</u></p> <p>Giddens, A. (1990) <i>The Consequences of Modernity</i>. Cambridge: Polity Press.</p> <p><u>Supplementary</u></p> <p>Calthorpe, P. (2011). <i>Urbanism in the age of climate change</i>. Washington, DC: Island Press.</p> <p>Farr, D. (2008). <i>Sustainable urbanism: Urban design with nature</i>. Hoboken, N.J.: Wiley.</p> <p>Florida, R. (2010). <i>The great reset: How new ways of living and working drive post-crash prosperity</i>. New York: Harpers.</p> <p>Hass, T. (Eds.). (2008). <i>New urbanism and beyond: Designing cities for the future</i>. New York: Rizzoli. 349 pages.</p> <p>Jeffrey, Y., Barclay, L., and Grovesner, M. (2010). <i>Green Living for Dummies</i>. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Publishing Inc.</p>	

	<p>Register, R. (2006). <i>EcoCities: Rebuilding cities in balance with nature</i>. New York: New Society Publishers.</p> <p>Seyfang, G. (2009). <i>The new economics of sustainable consumption: Seeds of change</i>. Basingstoke, U.K.; New York: Palgrave Macmillan.</p> <p>Wiland, H., & Bell, D. (2006). <i>Edens lost & found: How ordinary citizens are restoring our great cities</i>. White River Junction, VT: Chelsea Green Pub. Co.</p>
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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.