

## Subject Description Form

<b>Subject Code</b>	APSS4534														
<b>Subject Title</b>	Housing Issues, Challenges and Solutions														
<b>Credit Value</b>	3														
<b>Level</b>	4														
<b>Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion</b>	<u>Pre-requisite</u> : APSS3230 Theories of Social Policy <u>Exclusion</u> : APSS4523 Housing Policy														
<b>Assessment Methods</b>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;">100% Continuous Assessment</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Individual Assessment</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Group Assessment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Term paper</td> <td style="text-align: center;">50%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">--</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Participation</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">--</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Group presentation</td> <td style="text-align: center;">--</td> <td style="text-align: center;">35%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The grade is calculated according to the percentage assigned;</li> <li>The completion and submission of all component assignments are required for passing the subject; and</li> <li>Student must pass the specific component(s) (standard of passing) if he/she is to pass the subject.</li> </ul>			100% Continuous Assessment	Individual Assessment	Group Assessment	1. Term paper	50%	--	2. Participation	15%	--	3. Group presentation	--	35%
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<b>Objectives</b>	<p>The objectives of this subject are to enable students to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. have advanced knowledge of the concepts and theoretical approaches to <b>understanding contemporary housing issues</b>;</li> <li>2. understand <b>the major challenges related to the housing system, housing market, and housing policy</b>; and</li> <li>3. <b>suggest innovative solutions to the housing problems in Hong Kong.</b></li> </ol>														
<b>Intended Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. identify <b>the key issues and challenges in the housing sector and understand their socioeconomic consequences</b>;</li> <li>b. demonstrate an understanding of <b>complex actors and institutional settings involved in particular housing issues</b>;</li> <li>c. analyze <b>the pros and cons of approaches to addressing housing problems</b> by applying relevant knowledge; and</li> </ol>														

	d. suggest innovative solutions to the housing problems based on credible evidence and logical reasoning																																																				
<b>Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approaches to understanding housing issues</li> <li>• A historical development of housing policy in Hong Kong</li> <li>• Housing affordability and affordable housing</li> <li>• Benefits and costs of homeownership</li> <li>• Public rental housing and nonprofit housing</li> <li>• Tackling homelessness</li> <li>• Healthy housing environment</li> <li>• Urban renewal and gentrification</li> <li>• Housing and social justice</li> <li>• Comparative housing policy</li> </ul>																																																				
<b>Teaching/Learning Methodology</b>	This subject consists of interactive lectures and activities designed to encourage discussions and debates on diverse housing issues in local and global settings. Analyses of relevant policies and case studies will be highlighted when students are expected to present their own viewpoints on selected housing issues and what can be done to address them.																																																				
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	▪ Lectures						33 Hrs.																																														
	▪ Group presentation						6 Hrs.																																														
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	▪ Reading & preparation for in-class activities						25 Hrs.																																														
	▪ Term paper writing						35 Hrs.																																														
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