

Subject Description Form

Subject Code	APSS454																	
Subject Title	Legal Aspects of Human Services																	
Credit Value	3																	
Level	4																	
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil																	
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Objectives	The subject aims to equip students with legal knowledge relevant to human service practitioners. They should be able to understand the general legal principles operated in the judicial system and apply laws in some relevant substantive legal areas. Moreover, they should be able to understand the legal rights and obligations of human service practitioners and their clients. This understanding can facilitate both parties to assert their legal rights and discharge their legal obligations with the mobilization of suitable support.																	
Intended Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. attain essential understanding of the legal system in Hong Kong;b. attain core legal concepts in the areas of Basic Law, contract law, tort law, labour law, family law/administrative law, criminal law, protection of personal data, as well as equal opportunities;c. appreciate the legal rights and obligations of service users;d. appreciate the legal rights and obligations as human service practitioners;e. apply legal concepts and knowledge to analyze legal problems and practical issues encountered in the context of Hong Kong;f. know how to use community resources for the interest of the clients.																	

Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	<p>The Legal System in Hong Kong</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The source of laws2. The common law legal system3. The difference between criminal law and civil law4. The Basic Law / National Security Law5. The court system <p>Substantive legal areas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Contract Law7. Tort Law8. Employment Law9. Criminal Law10. Administrative Law11. Family Law12. Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance13. Anti-Discrimination and Equal Opportunities <p>Implications of legal knowledge for human service practitioners</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">14. Having good legal sense in work15. Utilizing available legal resources16. Developing awareness of legal obligations and assertion of legal rights17. Distinguishing alternative conflict resolution from judicial action																																																						
Teaching/Learning Methodology	Professional lawyers will be responsible for some of the lectures. Students will be equipped with basic legal knowledge in a wide range of related areas. Students will have a chance to apply legal principles to analyze well-designed cases. Moreover, they will have to search the Laws of Hong Kong and to study some important and relevant decisions of the courts.																																																						
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	selected court judgment in an area of law of their interest and write a case brief with a framework provided for legal reasoning. The length of the paper should be around 1,000 words. Option two is to study a statutory body and write a commentary on its work. The length of the paper should be around 2,000 words.	
Student Study Effort Required	Class contact:	
	▪ Lecture	27 Hrs.
	▪ Seminar	12 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	▪ Preparation for seminar	25 Hrs.
	▪ Preparation for written assignment	35 Hrs.
	▪ Preparation for Reflection Paper	12 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	109 Hrs.
Reading List and References	<p><u>Essential</u></p> <p>Ho, Stefan. H.C. , Cheng, Kevin K.W. & Chui, W. H. (2020). <i>The Hong Kong Legal System</i> (2nd ed.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>陳弘毅、陳文敏等 (編)(2022)。香港法概論（第三版）（修訂版）。香港：三聯書店(香港)有限公司。</p> <p><u>Supplementary</u></p> <p>Chui, Wing Hong and Wing Lo. (2017). <i>Understanding Criminal Justice in Hong Kong</i> (2nd ed.). New York: Routledge.</p> <p>Dickens, J. (2013). <i>Social Work, Law and Ethics</i>. Abingdon: Routledge.</p> <p>Fisher, M.J., & Greenwood, D.G. (2018). <i>Contract Law in Hong Kong</i> (3rd ed.). Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press.</p> <p>Fu, H. & M. Hor. (2022). <i>The National Security Law of Hong Kong: Restoration and Transformation</i>. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press.</p> <p>Gittings, D. (2016). <i>Introduction to Hong Kong Basic Law</i> (2nd ed.). Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press.</p> <p>Walsh, P., Tam, J., & Wong, S. (2017). <i>Hong Kong Employment Law: A Practical Guide</i> (5th ed.). Hong Kong: Wolters Kluwer (HK) (formerly CCH)</p> <p>Ho, Victor W. K. (2019). <i>Criminal Law in Hong Kong</i> (3rd ed.). Hong Kong: Kluwer Law International</p>	

	<p>Hotten, Keith. (2021) <i>Hong Kong Family Law Practice and Procedure</i>. (4th ed.) Hong Kong: LexisNexis.</p> <p>Ip, Eric Chi Yeung. (2022) <i>Law and Justice in Hong Kong</i> (4th ed.) Hong Kong: Sweet & Maxwell/Thomson Reuters.</p> <p>S, Jhaveri, Ramsden, M. & Scully-Hill, A. (2014). <i>Hong Kong Administrative Law</i> (2nd ed.) Hong Kong: LexisNexis.</p> <p>Mau, Stephen D. (2016) <i>Tort Law in Hong Kong: An Introductory Guide</i>. (2nd ed.) Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press.</p> <p>Rivlin, G. (2015). <i>Understanding the Law</i> (7th ed.). Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Srivastava, D.K., Sharma, C., Lui, A., & Tsui, S. (2020). <i>The Law of Tort in Hong Kong</i> (4th ed.). Hong Kong: LexisNexis.</p> <p>江仲有 (2016)。 <i>婚姻法與家事調解</i> (第二版)。 香港: 香港大學出版社。</p>
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