

Subject Description Form

Subject Code	APSS4523														
Subject Title	Housing Policy														
Credit Value	3														
Level	4														
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	<u>Pre-requisite:</u> APSS3230 Theories of Social Policy														
Assessment Methods	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 33%;">100% Continuous Assessment</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Individual Assessment</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Group Assessment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Term Paper (3,000 words)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">40%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">--</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Quiz/Class Exercises</td> <td style="text-align: center;">30%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">--</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Seminar Presentation/ Participation</td> <td style="text-align: center;">--</td> <td style="text-align: center;">30%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grade is calculated according to the percentage assigned; and • The completion and submission of all component assignments are required for passing the subject. 			100% Continuous Assessment	Individual Assessment	Group Assessment	1. Term Paper (3,000 words)	40%	--	2. Quiz/Class Exercises	30%	--	3. Seminar Presentation/ Participation	--	30%
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Objectives	<p>The objectives of this subject are to enable students to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. have a basic understanding on the conceptual issues and various theoretical approaches to housing and urban analysis; 2. understand the historical development of housing policy and the residential arrangement in Hong Kong; 3. be able to contrast the local situations with experiences from other social contexts from a comparative perspective; 4. analyze various housing policy and administration problems in Hong Kong, both in the private and public sector; 5. understand and relate housing issues to other social and urban issues; 6. identify factors that will shape future development of housing policy and residential arrangement in HK. 														
Intended Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. identify the policy options for addressing housing issues in local and global settings; 														

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. use theories and concepts to critically evaluate and formulate innovative policy options for tackling housing issues in urban environment; c. communicate effectively critical current and emerging housing policy issues in comparative perspectives .
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of housing policy in Hong Kong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urbanization and urban development in Hong Kong b. Development of public housing policy in Hong Kong c. Delivery of social housing services in Hong Kong d. Private housing in Hong Kong 2. Theories and ideology of housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Classical economic and housing b. Chicago School and Human Ecology c. Neo-Marxism and Political Economy of Housing d. Housing policy and gender issue e. Ideology of home ownership 3. Housing policy in action: the case of Hong Kong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau b. Housing Authority and Housing Department c. Changing urban landscape: urban renewal and urban resistance d. Housing professionals and developers 4. Housing policy in comparative perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Housing policy in Singapore b. Homelessness and housing in Western countries c. New approaches to housing policy 5. Current and emerging housing issues: local and global contexts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Housing tenure: rental vs. homeownership b. Private housing vs. social housing c. Urban renewal and land grabs d. Housing and urban planning e. New urban social movement f. Housing inequalities and social exclusion g. Global cities and housing development
Teaching/Learning Methodology	<p>This subject consists of interactive lectures and seminars designed to encourage discussions and debates on housing policy in local and global settings. Policy issues and case studies will be further highlighted in seminars as students when students are expected to present their own research findings on selected housing issues and how policy can be used to address them.</p>

Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes	Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)				
			a	b	c		
	1. Term Paper	40%		✓	✓		
	2. Quiz/Class Exercise	30%		✓	✓		
	3. Seminar Presentation/ Participation	30%	✓	✓			
Total	100%						
<p>Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:</p> <p>The subject of housing policy requires in depth studies of selected policy issues and hence a weighted term paper and regular short essays in class, rather than a written exam, would be a better method of assessment.</p>							
Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:						
	▪ Lectures		27 Hrs.				
	▪ Seminars		12 Hrs.				
	Other student study effort:						
	▪ Self-directed studies		25 Hrs.				
	▪ Preparation for seminar presentation		20 Hrs.				
	▪ Preparation for term paper/quiz		43 Hrs.				
	Total student study effort		127 Hrs.				
Medium of Instruction	English						
Medium of Assessment	English						
Reading List and References	<p><u>Essential</u></p> <p>Balchin, Paul N. (2002). <i>Housing Policy: An Introduction</i>, (4th Ed.). London: Routledge.</p> <p>Forrest, R. and Lee, J. (Eds.) (2003). <i>Housing and social change: East-west perspectives</i>. London: Routledge.</p> <p>King, P. (2010) <i>Housing policy transformed: the right to buy and the desire to own</i>. Bristol: Policy Press.</p> <p>Nissim, Roger (2012), <i>Land Administration and Practice in Hong Kong</i> (3rd ed), Hong Kong: The Hong Kong University Press</p>						

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