## **Subject Description Form**

Subject Code	BSE559
Subject Title	Safety Management Systems and Safety Auditing
Credit Value	3
Level	5
Pre-requisite/ Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil
Objectives	<ul> <li>To understand the concepts of safety management system.</li> <li>To understand the system elements of the safety management system.</li> <li>To acquire knowledge on compliance/regulatory aspects on Safety Management System.</li> <li>To provide a comprehensive review of safety audits, their application and the auditing processes.</li> </ul>
Intended Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:  a. have a clear understanding of the concepts of safety management system;  b. identify and evaluate system elements of the safety management system;  c. acquire knowledge on compliance/regulatory aspects on Safety Management System;  d. conduct a comprehensive review of safety audits, their application and the auditing processes.
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	Safety management system: History and growth of safety & health at work, development of safety programs, procedures for minimizing risk and maximizing safety and health; Hong Kong and overseas safety legislation, legal aspects applicable to the safety management system; Concepts of safety management system, policy objectives, targets, implementation and documentation; Hazard management program; Hierarchy of controls and engineering control methods.  System elements of safety management system: Introduction to elements of safety management systems; Implementation of the system elements; Effective emergency preparedness; Reporting workplace accidents; Investigation of accidents/incidents to prevent recurrence; Accidents/incidents statistical analysis; Contractor evaluation, selection and control strategy; Develop and run safety committee; Evaluation of job-related hazards; Safety procedures development; Safety and health awareness program; Establishing and implementing safety performance indicators for health and safety program improvement; Effectiveness of safety management system.  Safety compliance standards: Standardization of Safety & Health Regulations and legal aspects applicable to the safety management system, practice of safety and health etc.; Emphasizes legal standardization; Overseas (USA, European and UK) and Hong Kong safety legislation, major safety and health legislation controls with an emphasis on the local Safety and Health Ordinance; Analysis of the major physical hazards and safety practices to eliminate the hazardous condition or minimize injury.

**Safety auditing:** An introduction to theory and practice of Safety Audits; Audit protocol and definitions; Safety auditing processes, procedures and scheduling; Safety Auditing Program, pre-audit and post-audit activities; Evaluation and reporting of audit findings; Documentation of safety audit; Introduction on using microcomputers in occupational safety and health; Instruction in techniques used for data processing, statistical analysis, interfacing with instrumentation and linking with mini- and main-frame computers.

## Teaching/Learning Methodology

- Lectures/seminars
- Student seminars/tutorials

## 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.	d.		
1. Examination	60%	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Continuous assessment	40%	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		
Total	100%					•	

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

Based on examination mark (60%) and continuous assessment mark (40%). The continuous assessment is made up of course work, seminar and case study.

**Tutorial Work** 

Tutorial work will mainly focus on problem solving based on examination type questions and practical examples.

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