# 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	APSS1L01		
Subject Title	Tomorrow's Leaders		
Credit Value	3		
Level	1		
GUR Requirements Intended to Fulfill	This subject intends to fulfill the following requirement(s) :         Healthy Lifestyle         Freshman Seminar         Languages and Communication Requirement (LCR)         Leadership and Intra-Personal Development         Service-Learning         Cluster-Area Requirement (CAR)         Human Nature, Relations and Development         Community, Organization and Globalization         History, Cultures and World Views         Science, Technology and Environment         Yes or         No         Writing and Reading Requirements         English or		
Pre-requisite / Co- requisite/ Exclusion	Nil.		
Assessment Methods			
	100% Continuous Assessment	Individual Assessment	Group Assessment
	1. Class Participation	20%	
	2. Group Project		30%
	3. Term Paper	50%	
	<ul> <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> </ul>		

Objectives	<ul> <li>Student must pass all component(s) if he/she is to pass the subject.</li> <li>The course is designed to enable students to learn and integrate theories, research and concepts of the basic personal qualities (particularly intrapersonal and interpersonal qualities) of effective leaders. This subject also intends to help students develop and reflect on their intrapersonal qualities, interpersonal</li> </ul>
	qualities and connection of learning to oneself. Finally, the subject cultivates students' appreciation of the importance of intrapersonal and interpersonal qualities in effective leadership.
Intended Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:
(Note 1)	<ul> <li>a. understand and integrate theories, research and concepts on the basic qualities (particularly intrapersonal and interpersonal qualities) of effective leaders;</li> <li>b. develop self-awareness and self-understanding</li> <li>c. demonstrate self-leadership in pursuit of continual self- improvement;</li> <li>d. apply intrapersonal and interpersonal skills in daily lives;</li> <li>e. appreciate the importance of intrapersonal and interpersonal qualities in effective leadership, particularly the connection of learning in the subject to one's professional development and personal growth;</li> <li>f. recognize and accept their responsibility as professionals and citizens to the society and the world</li> </ul>
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus (Note 2)	<ol> <li>An overview of the personal attributes of effective leaders: roles of intrapersonal and interpersonal qualities in effective leadership and university graduates' employability in the service economy.</li> <li>Self-leadership in effective leaders; the importance of self- understanding and self-management; life-long learning and leadership.</li> <li>Social emotional competence I (intrapersonal domain): awareness and understanding of emotions; emotional management, roles of emotional awareness and management in effective leadership and career development.</li> <li>Social emotional competence II (interpersonal domain): social awareness, relationship management, the application of social emotional competence in daily lives and in effective leadership.</li> <li>Resilience and stress-coping: stresses faced by youth; resilience and life adversities; coping with life stresses; role of resilience in effective leadership.</li> <li>Morality and integrity: moral competence; role of morality in effective leadership: ethical leadership; importance of</li> </ol>
(Form AS 140_APSS) 7.2018	in effective leadership; ethical leadership; importance of APSS1L01/for the academic year of 2019/20

Teaching/Learning	<ul> <li>moral competen</li> <li>7. Spirituality: corvalues, meaning development, respiritual practice</li> <li>8. Cultural competence in effective leaders both professiona</li> <li>9. Effective comment importance of leadership, care</li> <li>10. Team building: building, role application of team</li> </ul>	nnectedness ng of life, ole of spirit es in daily li- betence and a globalized ship, respons als and citized munication: effective co- and compas theories, con- of team bu- eam building	to of spir itualit ves. d gld wor sibilit ens of basi ommu sion i ncepts uilding g in di	thers, ituali y in obal rld, g es of the s ic co nicati n effo s, skii g in fferer ted to	perset ty a effec citiz dobal unive ociety ommu ion to ective lls and effec at pro	nd p ctive enshi citiz ersity y. unicat b leade d bloc ctive fessio	profes leade p: c enshi stude ion ly lift ership cks of leade ons.	sional ership; cultual p and ents as skills, e and o. f team ership, o their
Methodology	own behavior in Intellectual thinking,	reflective le	arnin	g, exj	perier	tial le	earnir	ng and
(Note 3)	collaborative learning are emphasized in the course. Case studies on successful and fallen leaders will also be covered in the course. The teaching/learning methodology includes:							
	<ol> <li>Lectures (incl</li> <li>Experiential c</li> <li>Group project</li> <li>Written assign</li> </ol>	classroom ac t presentatio	ctivitie		lles)			
Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes	Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	outc	omes	•	t learr assess ate)	-	lease
(Note 4)			a	b	c	d	e	f
	1. Class Participation^	20%	~	~	~	~	~	~
	2. Group Project*	30%	✓	~	✓	✓	✓	✓
	3. Term Paper^	50%	✓	✓	✓		✓	
	Total	100 %						
	*assessment is based ^assessment is based	on individu	al eff		mont	math	ada in	
	Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:							
	1. <u>Assessment of C</u> both online and lectures can help	l classroom	activ	vities	and	prep	aratio	on for

oneself, develop social skills, connect learning to oneself and promote an appreciation of the importance of intrapersonal and interpersonal leadership qualities. Hence, marks for class participation (including the participation in e-learning modules) and preparation for lectures will be given. Students will be assessed by: a) preparation for class (e.g., complete elearning modules, online assignment, and dig up materials before class), b) participation in class and online learning activities (e.g., completion of worksheets and sharing in class, participation in online discussion forum) and c) volunteering to answer questions and join discussions. Also, students will be invited to rate the performance and learning of other group members in an honest and authentic manner. The marks will reflect the mastery of knowledge, selfreflection and quality of interpersonal skills (such as collaboration with other members and contribution to the group) of the group members. Peer assessment will contribute to marks in class participation.

- 2. <u>Assessment of Group Project (30%)</u>: Group project presentation can give an indication of the students' understanding and integration of theories and concepts on personal qualities in effective leadership, personal and group reflections, interpersonal skills and degree of recognition of the importance of active pursuit of knowledge covered in the course.
- 3. <u>Assessment of Term Paper (50%)</u>: Individual paper can give an indication of the students' understanding and integration of theories and concepts on the personal qualities in effective leadership, self-assessment, self-reflection, connection of the subject matter to oneself and degree of recognition of the importance of active pursuit of knowledge covered in the course.

Based on the implementation of this subject in the past seven academic years (2012-2019), evaluation findings consistently showed that this subject was able to achieve the intended learning outcomes in the students. The positive evaluation findings are documented as follows:

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Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:	
Expected	• Lectures and experiential learning activities	39 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	Group project preparation	20 Hrs.
	Reading and writing term paper	76 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	
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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.