

Subject Description Form

Subject Code	BRE431
Subject Title	Housing Studies
Credit Value	3
Level	4
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil
Objectives	<i>This subject is intended to:</i> 1. Understand housing theories and their applications; examine housing policies, programmes, instruments and organizational arrangements in Hong Kong, the China Mainland and other countries. 2. Consider the implications of housing development in the social-economic context.
Intended Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: a. Apply housing theories and models. b. Analyse housing policies, programmes, instruments and organisational arrangements in countries at different levels of economic development. c. Draw out the implications of housing development in Hong Kong and in major cities in the China Mainland.
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	<i>Housing Theories & Policies</i> Economic models and techniques underlying housing market analysis and their limitations. The broad scale and contents of housing policies in different countries and regions, and the economic rationales for public sector intervention, social and political aspects of housing policies. <i>Housing Organisation</i> The roles and function of housing suppliers and facilitators, including government, housing authorities, housing associations and other related bodies. <i>Housing Programmes and Instruments</i> Effective use of various housing programmes including rental housing and housing for sale, and also to understand the housing instruments such as rent rebate and rent certificates. <i>Housing Development</i> Development of housing in Hong Kong and the China Mainland.

Teaching/Learning Methodology	Lectures will be used to introduce theories and models, and seminars will be used for the discussion and understanding of influence of housing policies on socio-economic development. Case studies and comparisons will be used.							
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	e	
	1. Coursework	50 %	√	√	√			
	2. Examination	50 %	√	√	√			
	Total	100 %						
	*Students must pass both coursework and examination to pass the subject. Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes: The coursework and examination assess learning outcomes (a) (b) and (c).							
Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:							
	▪ Lecture				26 Hrs.			
	▪ Seminar/Tutorial				13 Hrs.			
	Other student study effort:							
	▪ Independent study				120 Hrs.			
	Total student study effort				159 Hrs.			
Reading List and References	Recommended: Balchin, (1995), <i>Housing Policy</i> , London: Routledge. Castells, Kwok and Goh (1990) <i>The Shek Kip Mei Syndrome: Economic Development and Public Housing in Hong Kong and Singapore</i> , London: Pion Limited Hong Kong Housing Authority (1996), <i>Housing for Millions: The Challenge Ahead</i> , Housing Conference Report 20-23 May 1996. Wong, R.Y.C, (1998), <i>On Privatizing Public Housing</i> , Hong Kong: City University of Hong Kong Press. Supplementary: DiPasquale, and Somerville, C.T. (1995) “Do House Price Indexes Based on Transacting Units Represent the Entire Stock? Evidence from the American Housing Survey.” <i>Journal of Housing Economics</i> 4, 3. Hong Kong Housing Authority, (1996-1999) <i>Hong Kong Housing Authority Annual Reports</i> , various issues.							

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