THE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Course Outline

PART I

Programme Title: Bachelor of Social Science Education (Honours) (Greater China Studies)
Course Title: Comparative Education Field Visit
Course Code: GCS2008
Department: Department of Asian and Policy Studies
Credit Points: 3
Contact Hours: 39 hours (Experiential-based activities: 78 hours)
Pre-requisite(s): Nil
Medium of Instruction: EMI
Level: 2

PART II

1. Synopsis
The Comparative Education Field Visit is a required component of the program providing students a first opportunity to put into practice the research skills they have learned in the Foundation Stage to engage in a small-scale group project. Held during the summer semester, this course aims at enhancing students' awareness of the importance of policy and governance in global and regional affairs. Through collaboration with other university partners throughout Asia, students are expected to actively engage in the interactive learning environment where international and local students combine knowledge acquired from lectures and seminars with investigation of problems and prospects of Greater China in the Asian context. Students will participate in field trips and professional visits to government offices, international non-profit organizations, political parties, think tanks, social services and environmental protection organizations. Renowned businessmen, community leaders, prominent scholars will also be invited as guest speakers for lectures and professional visits.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:
CILO 1 understand the major issues related to social, economic, political, cultural and environmental developments in selected Chinese societies in the context of emergence of Greater China.
CILO 2 examine critically major challenges that these societies are confronting during the process of rapid socio-economic and political transformation
CILO 3 appreciate the complexity of social, economic, political and environmental development issues in selected Chinese societies.
CILO4: Demonstrate an awareness of what major policy responses/governance strategies that the selected Chinese societies have adopted in coping with the challenges identified in the course.

3. Content, CILOs and Teaching & Learning Activities

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<th>Suggested Teaching &amp; Learning Activities</th>
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<td><strong>a. Part one of the course focuses on:</strong></td>
<td>CILO1</td>
<td>Lectures, field trips, group discussion</td>
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<td>• Examining the major domestic, regional and global variables shaping the current socio-economic, political, cultural and environmental developments in Greater China</td>
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<td>• Identifying major issues related to social, economic, political, cultural and environmental developments in selected Chinese societies in the context of emergence of Greater China</td>
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<td><strong>b. Part two of the course focuses on:</strong></td>
<td>CILO2</td>
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<td>• Examining critically major challenges that the selected Chinese societies are confronting in a globalized world</td>
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<td>• Analyzing issues and challenges related to economic growth, social and environmental development, regional and international relations, democratization and political change, changing social welfare regimes, governance and policy responses in Greater China</td>
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<td><strong>c. Part three of the course focuses on:</strong></td>
<td>CILO3</td>
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<td>• Appreciating the complexity of social, economic, political and environmental developments in selected Chinese societies</td>
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<td>• Understanding the interactions of local, regional and global forces affecting such development situations</td>
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<td><strong>d. Part four of the course focuses on studying major governance strategies in the selected Chinese societies in handling the growing impact of globalization</strong></td>
<td>CILO4</td>
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4. Assessment

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<td>(a) Participation and Discussion</td>
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<td>• Students are expected to actively engage in the activities held throughout the field visit. These activities include lectures, seminars, guided tours, visits and interviews. The assessment is based on the contribution of a student in the discussions. The performance of student as a group member in the field trip will be assessed in the form of participation as well.</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>CILO_{1,3,4}</td>
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<td>(b) Group Paper</td>
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<td>• Written Report (40%): Students are expected to work together in groups to complete a small-scale research project and a written report on a topic related to the themes of the Field Visit, involving first-hand data collection from the various lectures, seminars, and visits. The group paper must have a theoretical framework and contain at least 3 arguments with proper citation and references.</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>CILO_{1,2,4}</td>
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<td>• Data Collection (10%): Students are expected to apply research skills in gathering relevant data in the field. The first-hand information and data are to be attached in the group paper.</td>
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<td>(c) Reflective Journal</td>
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<td>• Students are expected to keep a journal throughout the field visit in which they can contemplate and reflect upon their new experiences in relating to their previous coursework and experiences in the program. Students can also extend the individual experiences to different levels of social context.</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>CILO_{1,3}</td>
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5. Required Text(s)
Nil

6. Recommended Readings


### 7. Related Web Resources

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC): 
[http://www.apec.org/apec/about_apec.html](http://www.apec.org/apec/about_apec.html)

Asia Society: Policy and Politics: 
[http://www.asiasociety.org/policy-politics](http://www.asiasociety.org/policy-politics)

Asia Weekly: 

Asian Cultural Council: 

Asian Politics: Library Resources: 
[http://library.csus.eduGuides/wangh/asia_politics.htm](http://library.csus.eduGuides/wangh/asia_politics.htm)
Business Week: Asia Economy:
http://www.businessweek.com/globalbiz/asia/economy/

8. Related Journals
*East Asia: An International Quarterly.* Springer.
*Journal of Asian Public Policy.* Routledge.
*The China Quarterly.* Cambridge University Press.
*Journal of Contemporary China.* Routledge.

9. Academic Honesty
The University adopts a zero tolerance policy to plagiarism. For the University’s policy on plagiarism, please refer to the *Policy on Academic Honesty, Responsibility and Integrity with Specific Reference to the Avoidance of Plagiarism by Students* (https://www.eduhk.hk/re/modules/downloads/visit.php?cid=9&lid=89). Students should familiarize themselves with the Policy.

10. Others
Newspaper articles and video-clips on relevant issues.