THE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Course Outline

Part I

Programme Title : Master of Social Sciences in Global Hong Kong Studies
Programme QF Level : 6
Course Title : Research Project
Course Code : SSC6228
Department : Social Sciences
Credit Points : 6
Contact Hours : 39
Pre-requisite(s) : Nil
Medium of Instruction : English
Course Level : 6

Part II

The University’s Graduate Attributes and seven Generic Intended Learning Outcomes (GILOs) represent the attributes of ideal EdUHK graduates and their expected qualities respectively. Learning outcomes work coherently at the University (GILOs), programme (Programme Intended Learning Outcomes) and course (Course Intended Learning Outcomes) levels to achieve the goal of nurturing students with important graduate attributes.

In gist, the Graduate Attributes for Undergraduate, Taught Postgraduate and Research Postgraduate students consist of the following three domains (i.e. in short “PEER & I”):

- Professional Excellence;
- Ethical Responsibility; &
- Innovation.

The descriptors under these three domains are different for the three groups of students in order to reflect the respective level of Graduate Attributes.

The seven GILOs are:
1. Problem Solving Skills
2. Critical Thinking Skills
3. Creative Thinking Skills
4a. Oral Communication Skills
4b. Written Communication Skills
5. Social Interaction Skills
6. Ethical Decision Making
7. Global Perspectives
1. **Course Synopsis**

This course is an advanced research course training students to apply the methodologies they learn into the case studies of Hong Kong and/or global studies. Research Project proposal of 3,000 words will have to be submitted to the supervisor in the first semester, while the entire Research Project of about 15,000 words will have to be delivered to a Research Project committee of two members, including the supervisor. Students will be required to present their Research Project before the Research Project committee, which will then give a grade to the work. Revisions will have to be made so that the final Research Project will satisfy the Research Project committee. The final Research Project will have a copy deposited to the Library and another one in the departmental library.

2. **Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)**

*Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:*

- **CILO1** Demonstrate the ability to master in-depth research on Global and Hong Kong Studies;
- **CILO2** Write a Research Project that combines conceptual and theoretical framework with empirical evidence;
- **CILO3** Show originality and efforts in research;
- **CILO4** Display an interpretation of a research topic in a unique manner.

3. **Content, CILOs and Teaching & Learning Activities**

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<td>Research design, hypothesis and variables</td>
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4. **Assessment**

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<td>(a) Proposal (3,000 words)</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>(b) Presentation and draft Research Project</td>
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<td>(c) Final Research Project (15,000 words)</td>
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5. **Required Text(s)**
   Nil

6. **Recommended Readings**
   謝宇 (2006)：《社會學方法與定量研究》，北京，社會科學文獻出版社。

7. **Related Web Resources**
   Hong Kong Stories: Social Issues:  
   [http://jmsc.hku.hk/hkstories/content/section/8/71/](http://jmsc.hku.hk/hkstories/content/section/8/71/)
   Web Center for Social Research Methods:  
   [http://www.socialresearchmethods.net/](http://www.socialresearchmethods.net/)

8. **Related Journals**
   *China Quarterly*
   *China Journal*
   *Current Sociology*
   *Global Society*
   *Journal of Social Issues*
   *Public Opinion Quarterly*
   *Social Indicators Research*
   *Social Science Research*
   *Sociological Methods and Research*

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](https://www.eduhk.hk/re/modules/downloads/visit.php?cid=9&lid=89)). Students should familiarize themselves with the Policy.

10. **Others**
    Nil

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