

THE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Course Outline

Part I

Programme Title	: Master of Social Sciences in Global and Regional 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

Course Content	CILOs	Suggested Teaching & Learning Activities
Research design, hypothesis and variables	CILO _{1,2,3}	Seminars and tutorials
Research methods: Quantitative and qualitative aspects	CILO _{1,2,3,4}	Seminars and tutorials
Research proposal writing	CILO _{1,2,3,4}	Seminars and tutorials
Draft Research Project presentation	CILO _{1,2,3,4}	Seminars and tutorials

4. Assessment

Assessment Tasks	Weighting (%)	CILO
(a) Proposal (3,000 words)	10%	CILO
(b) Presentation and draft Research Project	40%	CILO
(c) Final Research Project (15,000 words)	50%	CILO

5. Required Text(s)

Nil

6. Recommended Readings

Barbie, Earl R. (2013). *The Practice of Social Research* (13th ed.). Belmont, Calif. : Wadsworth Cengage Learning.

Firebaugh, Glenn. (2008). *Seven Rules for Social Research*. New Jersey: Princeton University Press

King, Gary, Keohane, Robert. O., and Verba, Sidney (1994) *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*. New Jersey: Princeton University Press

Marsh, David and Stoker, Gerry (1995). *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. London: Macmillan.

Shively, W. Phillips. (2013). *The Craft of Political Research* (9th ed.). Boston: Pearson.

Treiman, Donald J. (2009). *Quantitative Data Analysis: Doing Social Research to Test Ideas*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

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/>

Web Center for Social Research Methods:

<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>). Students should familiarize themselves with the Policy.

10. Others

Nil

March 2018