

THE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Course Outline

Part I

Programme Title	: Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Social Entrepreneurship and Development Studies
Programme QF Level	: 5
Course Title	: Internship
Course Code	: SSC4330
Department	: Social Sciences and Policy Studies
Credit Points	: 6
Contact Hours	: approx. 200 hours
Pre-requisite(s)	: Nil
Medium of Instruction	: EMI
Course Level	: 4

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 Sub-degree, Undergraduate, Taught Postgraduate, Professional Doctorate 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

The Student Internship aims to help students integrate and apply in a real-life setting the knowledge and skills they have gained in earlier stages of the programme. Students will be expected to engage in reflection throughout their Internship experience and make analyses with regard to the problems and prospects in Greater China*. Placement in the public, private or third sectors will enhance students' sense of social responsibility as well as their regional and global literacy. Practical experience in various fields will also assist students in making decisions on their future career.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

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

- CILO₁ analyze social issues in Greater China* through first hand practical experience;
- CILO₂ apply knowledge and skills (including problem solving, critical thinking and other generic skills as appropriate) to real life work situations;
- CILO₃ demonstrate ability to analyse and think critically about experiences gained during Internship in relation to programme coursework;
- CILO₄ apply communication and problem-solving skills for personal and career development; and
- CILO₅ demonstrate competence and commitment in work-related contexts.

**The Greater China region includes the Chinese Mainland, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the Macau Special Administrative Region, and Taiwan, China.*

3. Content, CILOs and Teaching & Learning Activities

Course Content	CILOs	Suggested Teaching and Learning Activities
a. Pre-internship seminars and workshops I) Review of and reflection on learning from Major coursework and how it may relate to the Internship experience II) Introduction to types and needs of internship partners III) Consultation on developing learning goals in experiential learning, preparation for related competencies, attitudes, values and actions	CILO _{1,3}	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group discussion• Video analysis• Consultation with the EdUHK's Internship Coordinators

b. Internship	<i>CILO</i> _{1,2,4,5}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants are assigned internship tasks such as activities or programmes as arranged by supervisor of internship partners. Internship Coordinators from EdUHK pay regular visits or make phone calls to ascertain if internship is effectively implemented and students are able to demonstrate and achieve the learning outcomes. The Internship Coordinators also conduct mid-term and final evaluation with the supervisor.
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4. Assessment

Assessment Tasks	Weighting (%)	CILO
<p>Performance review by supervisor of internship partners and the Internship Coordinator from the University:</p> <p>A mid-term evaluation will take place when the Internship Coordinator visits the students at the workplace and liaises with the supervisor who monitors students' performance and progress, and identify areas for improvement. The final evaluation will be conducted at the end of the internship by the Internship Coordinator based on supervisor's assessment. Additional remarks and comments by the Internship Coordinator will be added to complete such review. Students' knowledge, attitude and skills will be considered in the evaluation.</p>	50%	<i>CILO</i> _{1,2,4,5}
<p>Interim Individual Reflective Journal (minimum 500 words):</p> <p>Students are required to submit a reflective journal to include a summary of short reflections and observations on activities undertaken during the Internship and relevant correspondences with their Internship Coordinator that highlight key aspects of the internship experience most relevant to the student's learning goals as well as those which make connections to the knowledge and skills gained from the programme. Assessment of the Journal focuses on the <i>content</i> rather than <i>writing skills and length of submission</i>. Key assessment criteria include <i>relevance of observations and insights</i>.</p>	10%	<i>CILO</i> ₂₋₄

Individual Report (Word Limit: 1,500 words): submitted as a summative report by students at the end of the Internship detailing the key learning outcomes, achievements and plans for further development.	40%	CILO ₁₋₃
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5. Use of Generative AI in Course Assessments

☐ **Not Permitted:** In this course, the use of generative AI tools is not allowed for any assessment tasks.

☒ **Permitted:** In this course, generative AI tools may be used in some or all assessment tasks. Instructors will provide specific instructions, including any restrictions or additional requirements (e.g., proper acknowledgement, reflective reports), during the first lesson and in relevant assessment briefs.

6. Required Text(s)

Nil

7. Recommended Readings

Ashour, S. (2016). *Social and business entrepreneurship as career options for university students in the United Arab Emirates: The drive-preparedness gap*. Cogent Education, 3(1). 1234425.

Butin, D. (2008). *Service-learning and social justice education: strengthening justice-oriented community based models of teaching and learning*. Routledge.

Kiser, P. M. (2009). *The human services internship: getting the most from your experience* (2nd ed.). Thomson Brooks.

Ku, A.S., & Pun, N. (2004). *Remaking citizenship in Hong Kong: community, nation, and the global city*. Routledge.

Nisbet, J., & Hagner, D. (2000). *Part of the community: Strategies for including everyone*. Paul Brookes Publishing.

Pache, A.C., & Chowdhury, I. (2012). Social entrepreneurs as institutionally embedded entrepreneurs: Toward a new model of social entrepreneurship education. *Academy of Management Learning & Education* 11 (3), 494–510.

Princeton Review. (2000). *The internship bible*. Random House.

Reid, A. et al. (2008). *Participation and learning: perspectives on education and the environment, health and sustainability*. Springer.

Reid, A., & Scott, W. (2008). *Researching education and the environment: retrospect and prospect*. Routledge.

Sweitzer, H. F., & King, M. (2009). *The successful internship: personal, professional, and civic development* (3rd ed.). Brooks/Cole Cengage Learning.

8. Related Web Resources

David A. Kolb on Experiential Learning:

<http://www.infed.org/biblio/b-explrn.htm>

Experiential learning:

<http://www.learningandteaching.info/learning/experience.htm>

Experiential learning articles and critiques of David Kolb's theory:

<http://reviewing.co.uk/research/experiential.learning.htm>

Experiential learning in higher education: linking classroom and community:

<http://www.ntlf.com/html/lib/bib/95-7dig.htm>

Internship in Higher Education:

<http://www.answers.com/topic/internships-in-higher-education>

體驗式學習法:

<http://www.youtheart.org.hk/index.php?id=279>

9. Related Journals

College Student Journal. PROJECT Innovation.

Journal of Cooperative Education. Cooperative Education Association.

The Journal of Experiential Education. Association for Experiential Education.

10. Academic Honesty

The University upholds the principles of honesty in all areas of academic work. We expect our students to carry out all academic activities honestly and in good faith. Please refer to the *Policy on Academic Honesty, Responsibility and Integrity* (<https://www.eduhk.hk/re/uploads/docs/000000000016336798924548BbN5>). Students should familiarize themselves with the Policy.

11. Others

Newspaper articles and on-line videos on relevant topics and issues will be used wherever and whenever necessary and feasible.

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