

## Form 2B

# City University of Hong Kong

## Information on a Course

offered by Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering  
with effect from Semester A in 2014/2015

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### Part I

<b>Course Title:</b>	Research Methods and Thesis Development Seminar for Design and Planning
<b>Course Code:</b>	CA6139
<b>Course Duration:</b>	1 Semester (Some courses offered in Summer Term may start a few weeks earlier than the normal University schedule. Please check the teaching schedules with CLs before registering for the courses.)
<b>Credit Units:</b>	3
<b>Level:</b>	P6
<b>Medium of Instruction:</b>	English
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Nil
<b>Precursor:</b>	Nil
<b>Equivalent Courses:</b>	Nil
<b>Exclusive Courses:</b>	Nil

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### Part II

#### Course Aims:

This course aims to prepare students for their thesis project by experiencing a variety of research activities. By presenting their thesis proposal, students find their research topic and establish their research strategies for their thesis project in CA6140 Thesis Studio for Design and Planning.

#### Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs):

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

No.	CILOs	Weighting (if applicable)
1.	critically review literature in urban design and planning relating to students' interest	---
2.	identify research trends of a chosen topic in the fields of urban design and planning	---
3.	prepare students' thesis proposal that includes research topic, literature review, and methodology for their thesis project in CA6140 Thesis Studio for Design and Planning	---

**Teaching and Learning Activities (TLAs):**

*(Indicative of likely activities and tasks designed to facilitate students' achievement of the CILOs. Final details will be provided to students in their first week of attendance in this course)*

**Semester Hours:** 3 hours per week

**Lecture/Tutorial/Laboratory Mix:** Lecture (2); Tutorial (1); Laboratory (0)

CILO No.	TLAs	Total Hours (if applicable)
CILO 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lectures: Critical reviews of theories and methods in urban design and planning</li> </ul>	12
CILO 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lectures: How to find trends and related studies and how to criticize previous studies</li> <li>Tutorial: Individual presentation and group discussion of a chosen topic</li> </ul>	12
CILO 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lectures: Elements of a research proposal in the fields of urban design and planning</li> <li>Tutorials: Individual presentation of a thesis proposal</li> </ul>	15

**Assessment Tasks/Activities:**

*(Indicative of likely activities and tasks designed to assess how well the students achieve the CILOs. Final details will be provided to students in their first week of attendance in this course)*

**Coursework:** 100%

**Examination:** 0%

CILO No.	Type of assessment tasks/activities	Weighting (if applicable)	Remarks
CILO 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assignment: students are required to present a critical review of research topics in urban design and planning</li> <li>Thesis proposal: students are required to present and submit their thesis proposal that explain their research topics, and theoretical and methodological foundation.</li> </ul>	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil</li> </ul>
CILO 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assignment: students are required to present a critical review of research topics in urban design and planning</li> <li>Thesis proposal: students are required to present and submit their thesis proposal that explain their research topics, and theoretical and methodological foundation.</li> </ul>	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil</li> </ul>
CILO 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thesis proposal: students are required to present and submit their thesis proposal that explain their research topics, and theoretical and methodological foundation.</li> </ul>	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil</li> </ul>

## **Grading of Student Achievement:**

### **Grading Pattern:**

Standard

Refer to Grading of Courses in the Academic Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Degrees.

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## **Part III**

### **Keyword Syllabus:**

Thesis proposal, Seminar on theories and methods, Urban planning, Urban design

### **Recommended Reading:**

- **Texts:**
  1. Friedmann J. (1987) *Planning in the Public Domain: From Knowledge to Action*, Princeton University Press.
  2. Susser I (Ed.) (2002) *The Castells Reader on Cities and Social Theory*, Malden: MA, Blackwell.
  3. Larice M. and Macdonald E. (2007) *The Urban Design Reader*, New York: NY, Routledge.
  4. LeGates R. T. and Stout R. (1996) *The City Reader*, New York: NY, Routledge.
  5. Hong Kong Institute of Planners (1996), *Planning in Hong Kong 1997 and Beyond*.
  6. Yin. R. K. (1994) *Case Study Research: Design and Methods*, Sage Publication.
- **Online Resources:**
  1. <http://homesandcommunities.co.uk/udc>
  2. <http://www.rudi.net>