

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

Part I

Course Title:	Thesis Studio for Design and Planning
Course Code:	CA6140
Course Duration:	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.)
Credit Units:	6
Level:	P6
Medium of Instruction:	English
Prerequisites:	Nil
Precursor:	CA6138 Advanced Urban Design Studio, and CA6139 Research Methods and Thesis Development Seminar for Design and Planning Students must have attempted (including class attendance, coursework submission, and examination) the precursor course(s) so identified.
Equivalent Courses:	Nil
Exclusive Courses:	Nil

Part II

Course Aims:

This course aims to provide students with critical thinking and creative research for improve cities and regions. By conducting research work, students develop their theoretical and methodological foundation for their future professional career in the fields of urban design and regional planning.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs):

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

No.	CILOs	Weighting (if applicable)
1.	identify a research topic to make a positive contribution in the fields of urban design and regional planning by critical review of literature	---
2.	manage an individual research project effectively by selecting relevant materials and applying advanced skills and methods	---
3.	develop theoretical and methodological foundation to a chosen field of inquiry in the fields of urban design and regional planning	---
4.	communicate research work with the audience in a logical way of written and oral presentation	---

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: 6 hours per week

Lecture/Tutorial/Laboratory Mix: Lecture (0); Tutorial (0); Laboratory (6)
6 hours Laboratory of Studio

CILO No.	TLAs	Total Hours (if applicable)
CILO 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thesis Studio: Research area and topicLecture and Tutorial: Academic research method in the discipline of urban design and regional planning	18
CILO 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thesis Studio: Research question and methodology	18
CILO 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thesis Studio: Research development	30
CILO 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thesis Studio: Mid review and final review	12

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">Thesis project: research project, desk critic, pin-up presentation, weekly progress sheets	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nil
CILO 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thesis project: research project, desk critic, pin-up presentation, weekly progress sheets	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nil
CILO 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thesis project: research project, desk critic, pin-up presentation, weekly progress sheets	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nil
CILO 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thesis project: research project, presentation, thesis	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nil

Grading of Student Achievement:

Grading Pattern:

Standard

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

Part III

Keyword Syllabus:

Thesis studio, Thesis writing, Dissertation, Independent research, Urban design, Urban planning, Regional planning

Recommended Reading:

- **Texts:**
 1. Anderson, J and Millicent, P. (2001) Assignment and Thesis Writing, 4th Edition, Wiley.
 2. Mauch, J. E. and Birch J. W. (1998) Guide to the Successful Thesis and Dissertation: A handbook for students and faculty, 4th Edition, New York: NY, Dekker
 - **Online Resources:**
 1. <http://www.rudi.net>
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