

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:	Contract Strategy and Administration
Course Code:	CA6232
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:	3
Level:	P6
Medium of Instruction:	English
Prerequisites:	Nil
Precursor:	Nil
Equivalent Courses:	BC6232 Contract Strategy and Administration
Exclusive Courses:	Nil

Part II

Course Aims:

The primary aim of this course is to provide the principles of forming a construction contract. With the understanding of the legal framework of the building project, a range of procedures are also introduced to administrate the Standard Form of Building Contract commonly used in Hong Kong. The secondary aim is to enable students to take related advanced Construction Contract courses.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs):

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

No.	CILOs	Weighting (if applicable)
1.	critically appraise various forms of procurement, explore the principles underlying for selection of appropriate procurement systems and discover their impacts on the success of a project;	---
2.	interpret the legal framework and components in the building contract;	---
3.	interpret and apply the contractual procedure, rights and obligation stipulated in the building contract;	---
4.	discover and analyse contractual issues arising from the administration of building contracts;	---
5.	critically appraise the project cost system against various project and explore the principles underlying for a successful cost control system	---

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"> Lectures: (a) Introduction to various forms of procurement, (b) analyse the principles underlying for selection of appropriate procurement systems, &(c) assess their impacts on the success of a project Tutorials: hypothetical question(s) in these areas - request students to explore the principles and provide solution. 	6
CILO 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lectures and Tutorials: Introduction to the legal framework and components in the building contract. 	6
CILO 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lectures & Tutorials: contract clauses related to contractual procedure, rights and obligation stipulated in the building contract (Certificates, variations, nomination , Extension of Time, liquidated damages, insurances and contract determination.) 	12
CILO 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lectures: contractual issues arising from the administration of building contracts. Tutorial: hypothetical question(s) in these areas - request students to explore the contractual issues and provide solution 	12
CILO 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lectures: Introduction to the cost control systems Tutorials: hypothetical question in these areas - students will be accorded opportunity of discovering in exploring the key elements for a successful cost control system. 	3

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: 50%

Examination: 50% (Examination duration = 3 hours)

To pass a course, a student must obtain minimum marks of 30% in both coursework and examination components, and an overall mark of at least 40%.

CILO No.	Type of assessment tasks/activities	Weighting (if applicable)	Remarks
CILO 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coursework (50%) including: (i) scenario type assignment (30%) in these areas - request students to exercise analyzing technique and provide solution; (ii) mid-term test/quiz (20%) Examination (50%): question(s) in these areas 	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
CILO 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coursework (50%) including: (i) scenario type assignment (30%) in these areas - request students to exercise analyzing technique and provide solution; (ii) mid-term test / quiz (20%): question(s) in this areas 	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examination (50%): question(s) in these areas 		
CILO 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coursework (50%) including: (i) assignment (30%): students are required to give advice on scenario case to test their ability to solve the contractual issues. Discovery based question to be embraced; and (ii) mid-term test /quiz (20%): question (s) in these areas Examination (50%): question(s) in these areas 	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
CILO 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coursework (50%) including: (i) assignment (30%) - students are required to give advice on scenario case to test their ability to solve the contractual issues. Discovery based assignment to be embraced and (ii) mid-term test/quiz (20%): question(s) in these areas. Examination: question(s) in these areas 	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
CILO 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coursework (50%) including: (i) scenario type assignment (30%) in these areas - request students to exercise analyzing technique and provide solution and (ii) mid-term test/quiz (20%) in these areas Examination: question(s) in these areas 	---	<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:

Construction Procurement; Tendering and Contract Formation; Contractual Obligations; Construction Time; Loss & Expense; Nomination; Remedies; Breach of Contract; Defects liability; Contract Terminations; Construction Cost Control

Recommended Reading:

- Texts:**
 - Adriaanse, J. (2010), 'Construction Contracts Law', 3rd ed. Basingstoke. (KD1641.A94)
 - Hudson, Alfred A. (2010) 'Hudson's Building and Engineering Contracts' 12th ed. Sweet & Maxwell, London. (KD1641.H82)
 - Selected publications
- Online Resources:**
 - Nil