

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 and Dispute Management
Course Code:	CA6233
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:	BC6233 Contract and Dispute Management
Exclusive Courses:	Nil

Part II

Course Aims:

The primary aim of this course is to provide an in-depth knowledge of planning of construction contracts. Almost all construction projects are governed by contract. Knowledge of the planning aspects of construction contracts will equip construction professionals to handle contract-related matters that senior managers are routinely involved. The course also aims at introducing a range of dispute handling methods. These include avoidance, negotiation, mediation and arbitration.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs):

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

No.	CILOs	Weighting (if applicable)
1.	Apply principles of contract law in construction;	---
2.	Understand construction contracts from a planning perspective;	---
3.	Evaluate the benefits or otherwise of embracing flexibility in performance requirement;	---
4.	Formulate equitable risk allocation model for construction contracts;	---
5.	Apply analytical models in selecting dispute resolution provisions for construction contracts;	---
6.	Compare and contrast commonly used means to manage/settle construction disputes.	---

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">Lecture, scenario analyses and sharing among students.	6
CILO 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lecture, discussion and research readings.	3
CILO 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lecture, discussion and research readings.	3
CILO 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lecture and tailored made hand on exercise.	6
CILO 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lecture, exercise on model development with sharing session.	6
CILO 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lecture, tutorial and discussion sessions.	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: 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">Examination / Assignment/ Quiz.	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Examination shall contributes to 50% of total assesemnt. Other assessmens include; assignment (25%), workshop (10%) and quiz (15%).Assessments are used as vehicles through which students shall apply theories and concepts to practice.
CILO 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Examination / Assignment/ Quiz.	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ditto
CILO 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Examination / Assignment/ Quiz.	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ditto

CILO 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination / Assignment/ Quiz and Class Workshop. 	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ditto
CILO 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination / Assignment/ Quiz and Class Workshop. 	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ditto
CILO 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination / Assignment/ Quiz. 	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ditto

Grading of Student Achievement:

Grading Pattern:

Standard

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

Part III

Keyword Syllabus:

Contract Planning; Introduction of Construction Contract and its implications; Management and resolution of construction Disputes.

Recommended Reading:

- **Texts:**
 1. Course materials posted in the Blackboard system or course pack prepared by the course leader.
 2. Cheung S.O. (2007) "Trust in Co-operative Contracting", City University of Hong Kong Press.
 3. Hudson Building and Engineering Contracts (2010) 12th edition, Sweet and Maxwell.
 4. Selected publications.
 - **Online Resources:**
 1. <http://cdrru.org>
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