

City University of Hong Kong

**Information on a Taught Postgraduate Course
offered by Department of Public Policy
with effect from Semester A in 2014 / 2015**

Part I

Course Title:	The Asian Metropolis: Issues in Urban Management
Course Code:	POL5504
Course Duration:	One semester
Credit Units:	3
Level:	P5
Medium of Instruction:	English
Prerequisites:	None
Precursors:	None
Equivalent Courses:	None
Exclusive Courses:	None

Part II

1. Course Aims

This course aims to enable students to identify the main factors that contribute to good urban management practices, and to build their understanding of adequate responses to urban management challenges. The course strives to reach this aim by: 1) reflecting on ways in which the institutional settings of specific cities shape the potential for successful urban management practices; 2) reflecting on the specific characteristics of Asian cities, and their consequences for urban management; 3) presenting and discussing good urban management practices in various policy fields from cities in Asia and elsewhere; 4) focussing on urban management challenges that might be especially taxing in the Asian metropolis.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

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

No.	CILOs	Weighting (if applicable)
1.	Infer the specific institutional settings that shape the potential for successful urban management practices	20
2.	Compare characteristics of Asian urban settings, and outline their consequences for urban management	20
3.	Critique the best urban management practices in various policy fields from cities in Asia and elsewhere	20
4.	apply knowledge about urban management in Asian cities to concrete urban management challenges	20
5.	present their ideas clearly, systematically and critically, both in verbal and written forms.	20

3. 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.)

CILO No.	TLAs	Hours/week (if applicable)
1, 2, 3, 4	Lectures: identify key aspects of institutional settings and their influence on urban management; identify characteristics of Asian cities; discuss best urban management practices in various policy fields; translate knowledge to urban management proposals.	2 hours per week
1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Student Presentations: develop students' capacity in identifying and critically evaluate important issues in urban management in Asia	2 hours every other week
1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Class discussion: enhances debates and the assessment of competing theories; develops students' communication skills.	
1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Essay Writing: advances students' ability in integrating information, develops analytic and communication skills	
1, 2, 3, 4	Readings: three to four articles or book chapters per week to broaden their understanding of the literature, theories and policies.	

4. 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.)

CILO No.	Type of Assessment Tasks/Activities	Weighting (if applicable)	Remarks
1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Mid term test (2 hours)	20%	
1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Term paper (3000-3500 words)	50%	
1, 2, 3, 4	Final Examination (2 hours)	30%	

5. Grading of Student Achievement: Refer to Grading of Courses in the Academic Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Degrees.

Letter Grade	Grading criteria in relation to CILOs
A+ A A-	Demonstrating comprehensive, in-depth understanding of urban management issues in Asia and able to offer a clear and critical analysis of such issues and related practices
B+ B B-	Demonstrating good understanding of urban management issues in Asia and able to offer a clear and critical analysis of such issues and related practices

C+ C C-	Demonstrating an adequate understanding of urban management issues in Asia and able to offer a clear and critical analysis of such issues and related practices
D	Offer partial but inadequate understanding of urban management issues in Asia and able to offer a clear and critical analysis of such issues and related practices
F	Fail to offer partial but inadequate understanding of urban management issues in Asia and able to offer a clear and critical analysis of such issues and related practices

Part III

Keyword Syllabus

Globalisation and new urban challenges (industrial and post-industrial cities, world cities), New urbanism (suburban sprawl, smart and compact city, enclave urbanism), institutional setting (entrepreneurialism; developmentalism), key characteristics of Asian cities (good urban management practices; transport-oriented development; sustainable urban development); Hong Kong (housing, environmental protection, infra-structure development, urban transport); China (pollution, internal migration, land and housing, mega projects), East Asia (waste management, mega events, urban diversity), South-east Asia (informal sector, urban poverty, local governing capacity)

Recommended Reading

Text(s)

Asian Development Bank (2008) *Managing Asian Cities: Sustainable and Inclusive Solutions*.

Available: <http://www.adb.org/publications/managing-asian-cities>.

Chan, C.K., K.L. Ngok & D. Phillips (2008) *Social Policy in China: Development and Well-Being*, Bristol: Policy Press.

Cheema, G. Shabbir (1993) *Urban management : policies and innovations in developing countries* (edition), Westport, Conn. : Praeger, 1993.

Davey, Kenneth J. (1993) *Elements of urban management*, Washington, D.C.: the World Bank.

Freire, M. & B. Yuen (2004) *Enhancing Urban Management in Asia*, Aldershot: Ashgate.

Freire, Mila; Yuen, Belinda (2004) *Enhancing urban management in East Asia*, Aldershot, Hants, England ; Burlington, VT : Ashgate, c2004.

Goodstadt, L. (2013) *Poverty in the Midst of Affluence: How Hong Kong Mismanaged its Prosperity*, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press.

Hamnett & Forbes Eds (2011) *Planning Asian Cities: Risk and Resilience*, London: Routledge

Hsing, You-Tien (2010) *The Great Urban Transformation: Politics of Land and Property in China*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Le Galès, P. (2002) *European Cities: Social Conflicts and Governance*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Musterd, S. & Murie, A. eds. (2010) *Making Cities Competitive*, Wiley Blackwell.

<http://as.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-1405194154.html>

Worldbank (2013) *Planning Connecting and Financing Cities – Now: Priorities for City Leaders*, Washington: The Worldbank.

Wu, F., J. Xu & A.G.O. Yeh (2007) *Urban Development in Post-Reform China: State, Market, and Space*, London: Routledge.

Online Resources

<http://www.anmc21.org/english/bestpractice/>

<http://halleghorashi.com/nl/en/>

<http://livedifference.group.shef.ac.uk/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3YR4CseY9pk>

<http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?typeid=19&catid=374&cid=185>

<http://www.urbanknowledge.org/>