

**City University of Hong Kong**

**Information on a Course  
offered by the Department of Economics and Finance  
with effect from Semester A in 2012 / 2013**

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**Part I**

**Course Title:** Professional Seminars in Applied Economics

**Course Code:** EF5473

**Course Duration:** year-long (39 hours)

**Credit Units:** 3

**Level:** P5

**Medium of Instruction:** English

**Prerequisites:** Nil

**Precursors:** Nil

**Equivalent Courses:** Nil

**Exclusive Courses:** Nil

**Part II**

**Course Aims**

This course aims at increasing students' exposure to and awareness of a wide variety of real world economic and business issues.

Through seminars delivered by economics experts and business professionals on a variety of economic and business issues, students get to strengthen their discovery skills for innovative analyses of these issues.

To evaluate students' accomplishments of discovery in putting forward their own analyses, and recommendations where applicable, students are required to write two reports for the course. The individual reports reflect students' own analyses of the issues that the speakers lecture on and would provide evidence of their accomplishments of discovery. Students may expand on what the speakers lecture on for their reports. As some seminars are related to current issues with no definite resolutions of the problems, students may provide their own viewpoints in their reports that are opposite to what the speakers would present as long as they justify these views using their own analyses and recommendations. Some of these current issues may include predicting whether central banks will loosen or tighten monetary policy, whether Hong Kong dollar should be linked to the US dollar, etc.

### Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

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

No.	CILOs	Weighting (if applicable)
1.	analyze and critically evaluate a wide range of different fields and topical issues in economics and business	
2.	Demonstrate in-depth knowledge on a few topics/issues in economics and business. Students develop their creative abilities further when they critically analyse these topics in greater depth from various perspectives.	

### 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)
CILO 1, 2	Professional seminars, workshops, short courses, and public lectures	

### 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
CILO 1, 2	Attendance, term papers	100 %	

### Grading of Student Achievement:

Letter Grade	Grade Points	Grade Definitions	Remarks
P		Pass	Students meet coursework requirements and are able to provide in-depth analyses of some of the issues presented in this seminar series.
F	0.0	Failure	Does not meet coursework requirements; shows little evidence of familiarity with the subject matter; weakness in critical and analytic skills; limited or irrelevant use of literature.

### Part III

#### Keyword Syllabus

Exposure, Awareness, Economic and business issues and problems, Economic concepts, principles, and analysis, Professional seminars, Workshops, Short courses, Public lectures, and Term papers.

#### Recommended Reading

**Text(s):** NA

To be provided by various speakers.

#### Online Resources

To be provided by various speakers.