

CA5147: HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Effective Term

Semester A 2025/26

Part I Course Overview

Course Title

Housing and Community Development

Subject Code

CA - Civil and Architectural Engineering

Course Number

5147

Academic Unit

Architecture and Civil Engineering (CA)

College/School

College of Engineering (EG)

Course Duration

One Semester

Credit Units

3

Level

P5, P6 - Postgraduate Degree

Medium of Instruction

English

Medium of Assessment

English

Part II Course Details

Abstract

This course aims to provide students with an understanding of housing and community development concepts and practices from an international perspective. It seeks to develop an understanding of various aspects and requirements to develop housing and community. Topics include history and theory of housing and community development, housing practices and urbanization, housing market and finance, and housing policy in Hong Kong and other countries. The course emphasizes the student's ability to formulate special study areas in housing and community development and conduct case studies or special studies of the subject matter.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

CILOs	Weighting (if app.)	DEC-A1	DEC-A2	DEC-A3
1	comprehend the fundamentals of housing development and practices, and the associated policies in Hong Kong and other countries	x		
2	identify economic, social, and cultural elements in housing, community development, and urbanization	x	x	
3	analyze the characteristics of various types of housing finance systems	x	x	
4	understand the roles of public and private sectors in housing and community development	x	x	

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

Learning and Teaching Activities (LTAs)

LTAs	Brief Description	CILO No.	Hours/week (if applicable)
1	Lectures	Housing development fundamentals and the associated policies in Hong Kong and other countries Characteristics of various housing finance systems Public and private sectors in housing and community development	1, 2, 3, 4
2	Tutorial, site visit	Housing analysis	1, 2, 3, 4

Additional Information for LTAs

Semester Hours: 3 hours per week

Lecture/Tutorial/Laboratory Mix: Lecture (Mix); Tutorial (Mix); Laboratory (-)

Mixed lecture and tutorial sessions

Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)

ATs	CILO No.	Weighting (%)	Remarks ("-" for nil entry)	Allow Use of GenAI?
1	Assignments	1, 2, 3, 4	100	Yes

Continuous Assessment (%)

100

Examination (%)

0

Minimum Continuous Assessment Passing Requirement (%)

40

Minimum Examination Passing Requirement (%)

0

Assessment Rubrics (AR)

Assessment Task

Assignments (Applicable to students admitted before Semester A 2022/23 and in Semester A 2024/25 & thereafter)

Criterion

ATTITUDE to challenge conventional strategies in housing and community development;

ABILITY to analyse characteristics of housing and community developments in various areas;

DEMONSTRATE essential aspects in housing and community developments

Excellent

(A+, A, A-) High

Good

(B+, B, B-) Significant

Fair

(C+, C, C-) Moderate

Marginal

(D) Basic

Failure

(F) Not even reaching marginal levels

Assessment Task

Assignments (Applicable to students admitted from Semester A 2022/23 to Summer Term 2024)

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Part III Other Information**Keyword Syllabus**

Housing design, Sustainable and environmental housing development, Community development, Urbanization, Housing policy, Housing market and finance

Reading List**Compulsory Readings**

Title	
1	Nil

Additional Readings

Title	
1	Lowe, S. (2011) The Housing Debate. Bristol: Policy Press.
2	Yuen B. and Yeh A. (Eds.) (2011) High-rise living in Asian cities. New York: Springer.
3	Logan J. (2002) The New Chinese City: globalization and market reform. Malden, MA.: Blackwell Publishers.
4	Castells, M. L. Goh, and R. Kwok (1990) The Shek Kip Mei Syndrome: Economic Development and Public Housing in Hong Kong and Singapore. London: Pion Ltd.
5	Davis, M. (2007) Planet of Slums. London#; New York: Verso.
6	De Soto, H. (2000) The Mystery of Capital: Why Capitalism Triumphs in the West and Fails Everywhere Else. New York: Basic Books.
7	Miles Glendinning (2021) Mass Housing: Modern Architecture and State Power – A Global History. Bloomsbury Visual Arts.
8	Sasha Tsenkova (2021) Cities and Affordable Housing: Planning, Design and Policy Nexus. Routledge.
9	Housing Education Research Association (2018) Introduction to Housing. University of Georgia Press.