

**City University of Hong Kong  
Course Syllabus**

**offered Division of Building Science & Technology  
with effect from Semester A 2018/19**

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**Part I Course Overview**

**Course Title:** Building Services

**Course Code:** BST22611

**Course Duration:** 1 Semester

**Credit Units:** 3 Credits

**Level:** A2

Arts and Humanities  
 Study of Societies, Social and Business Organisations  
 Science and Technology

**Proposed Area:**  
*(for GE courses only)*

**Medium of Instruction:** English

**Medium of Assessment:** English

**Prerequisites:**  
*(Course Code and Title)* NIL

**Precursors:**  
*(Course Code and Title)* NIL

**Equivalent Courses:**  
*(Course Code and Title)* BST21611 Building Services

**Exclusive Courses:**  
*(Course Code and Title)* NIL

## Part II Course Details

### 1. Abstract

(A 150-word description about the course)

This course aims to provide students with knowledge of building services systems in terms of supervision, design and applications in buildings.

### 2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

(CILOs state what the student is expected to be able to do at the end of the course according to a given standard of performance.)

| No. | CILOs  | Weighting*<br>(if applicable) | Discovery-enriched curriculum related learning outcomes (please tick where appropriate) |    |    |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|---|----|----|
|     |  |                               | A1  | A2 | A3 |
| 1.  | Understand and select common water supply, and above ground drainage systems for buildings.  | 10%                           | ✓   |    |    |
| 2.  | Evaluate the suitability of heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems and master energy saving for various building types. | 35%                           | ✓   |    |    |
| 3.  | Evaluate and apply fire services systems for various building types.   | 20%                           | ✓   |    |    |
| 4.  | Consider common electrical power distribution systems and analyse their application in buildings.                                  | 20%                           | ✓   |    |    |
| 5.  | Describe common vertical transportation systems in buildings.  | 10%                           | ✓   |    |    |
| 6.  | Realize the necessity of services coordination   | 5%                            | ✓   |    |    |
|     |  | 100%                          |   |    |    |

\* If weighting is assigned to CILOs, they should add up to 100%.

# Please specify the alignment of CILOs to the Gateway Education Programme Intended Learning outcomes (PILOs) in Section A of Annex.

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 self-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.

**3. Teaching and Learning Activities (TLAs)**  
*(TLAs designed to facilitate students' achievement of the CILOs.)*

| TLA   | Brief Description  | CILO No. |   |   |   |   |   | Hours/week (if applicable) |
|---|--|----------|---|---|---|---|---|----------------------------|
|   |  | 1        | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |                            |
| Lecture<br>(Average class size: around 50 Students) | Lecture is major in-class teaching and learning activities in which lecturer would explain the selected topics by oral presentation, and would discuss with students through case problems and real-life examples              | ✓        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 3 hr/wk                    |
| Study reports                                       | Case problem for guided self-learning, and reflections of their understanding of the intended subjects. Students are required to submit one group and two individual study reports upon completion of the study/investigation. |          | ✓ |   | ✓ |   | ✓ |                            |
| Test  | To review students' ability to understand the intended subjects  | ✓        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   |                            |

**4. Assessment Tasks/Activities (ATs)**  
*(ATs are designed to assess how well the students achieve the CILOs.)*

| Assessment Tasks/Activities                    | CILO No. |   |   |   |   |   | Weighting*           | Remarks  |
|--|----------|---|---|---|---|---|----------------------|--|
|  | 1        | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |                      |  |
| <b>Continuous Assessment: 40%</b>              |          |   |   |   |   |   |                      |  |
| Study reports                                  | ✓        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 30% (10% per report) | A student must obtain a minimum mark of 35 in both coursework and examination and an overall mark of 40 to pass the course |
| Test   | ✓        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   | 10%                  |  |
| Examination                                    | ✓        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   | 60%                  |  |
| <b>Examination: 60% (duration: 2.5 hours )</b> |          |   |   |   |   |   |                      |  |
| * The weightings should add up to 100%.        |          |   |   |   |   |   | 100%                 |  |

## 5. Assessment Rubrics

(Grading of student achievements is based on student performance in assessment tasks/activities with the following rubrics.)

| Assessment Task  | Criterion  | Excellent<br>(A+, A, A-) | Good<br>(B+, B, B-) | Fair<br>(C+, C, C-) | Marginal<br>(D) | Failure<br>(F)                    |
|------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Study reports | Capacity for self-directed learning to understand the principles of heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system; principles of fire protection and plumbing systems; principles of distribution systems and to findings in an organized and systematic manner. | High                     | Significant         | Moderate            | Basic           | Not even reaching marginal levels |
| 2. Test          | Capacity to understand and describe basic building services systems and applications   | High                     | Significant         | Moderate            | Basic           | Not even reaching marginal levels |
| 3. Examination   | Capacity to compare various building services systems and to select appropriate systems for practical applications   | High                     | Significant         | Moderate            | Basic           | Not even reaching marginal levels |

### Part III Other Information (more details can be provided separately in the teaching plan)

#### 1. Keyword Syllabus

(An indication of the key topics of the course.)

Water Supply and Drainage Systems: Water supply to high-rise buildings. Cold and hot water systems. Soil waste and vent. Sanitary fittings.

Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning Systems: Ventilation requirements. Mechanical ventilation. Refrigeration. Unitary, split and central air-conditioning systems. Heat pumps. Heat recovery.

Fire Services Systems: Fire protection requirements. Fire extinguishers. Hose reels and fire hydrant system. Sprinkler system. Automatic fire alarm detection system.

Electric Power Supply Systems: Electrical power supply in Hong Kong. Electrical power distribution system requirements in buildings.

Vertical Transportation Systems: Lifts and escalators: construction, building requirements, builder's work.

Services coordination: Building's work, site coordination, critical path, means of design and construction coordination

#### 2. Reading List

##### 2.1 Compulsory Readings

(Compulsory readings can include books, book chapters, or journal/magazine articles. There are also collections of e-books, e-journals available from the CityU Library.)

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| 1. | Stein, B., Reynolds, J.S., McGuinness, W.J. (2005) Mechanical and Electrical Equipment for Buildings, Updated version. Hoboken, N.J.: Wiley |
| 2. | Hall, F. (1994) Building Services and Equipment, Volumes 1 to 3. Updated version, Essex: Longman  |
| 3. | Chadderton, D.V. (2000) Building Services Engineering, Updated version, London, New York: E & FN Spon                                       |
| 4. | Greeno, R. (1997) <i>Building Services, Technology and Design</i> , Updated version, Harlow, Essex: Addison Wesley Longman                  |

##### 2.2 Additional Readings

(Additional references for students to learn to expand their knowledge about the subject.)

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| 1. | Code of Practice for Energy Efficiency of Lighting Installations:<br><a href="http://www.emsd.gov.hk/emsd/e_download/pee/lightingcop_2007.pdf">http://www.emsd.gov.hk/emsd/e_download/pee/lightingcop_2007.pdf</a>                                    |
| 2. | Code of Practice for Energy Efficiency of Air Conditioning Installations:<br><a href="http://www.emsd.gov.hk/emsd/e_download/pee/accop_2007.pdf">http://www.emsd.gov.hk/emsd/e_download/pee/accop_2007.pdf</a>  |
| 3. | Code of Practice for Energy Efficiency of Electrical Installations 2007:<br><a href="http://www.emsd.gov.hk/emsd/e_download/pee/eleccop_2007.pdf">http://www.emsd.gov.hk/emsd/e_download/pee/eleccop_2007.pdf</a>                                     |
| 4. | Code of Practice for Energy Efficiency of Lift & Escalator Installations:<br><a href="http://www.emsd.gov.hk/emsd/e_download/pee/lift_escop_2007.pdf">http://www.emsd.gov.hk/emsd/e_download/pee/lift_escop_2007.pdf</a>                              |
| 5. | Handbook on Plumbing Installation:<br><a href="http://www.wsd.gov.hk/filemanager/en/content_150/HBonPIB.pdf">http://www.wsd.gov.hk/filemanager/en/content_150/HBonPIB.pdf</a>   |
| 6. | Codes of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment and Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installations and Equipment:<br><a href="http://www.hkfsd.gov.hk/home/eng/code.html">http://www.hkfsd.gov.hk/home/eng/code.html</a> |