

PIA4954: HOUSING MANAGEMENT AND PRACTICE

Effective Term

Semester A 2025/26

Part I Course Overview

Course Title

Housing Management and Practice

Subject Code

PIA - Public and International Affairs

Course Number

4954

Academic Unit

Public and International Affairs (PIA)

College/School

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CH)

Course Duration

One Semester

Credit Units

3

Level

B1, B2, B3, B4 - Bachelor's Degree

Medium of Instruction

English

Medium of Assessment

English

Prerequisites

Nil

Precursors

Nil

Equivalent Courses

Part II of SA4502 Housing Policy and Administration/ SA/POL3233 Managing the Housing System/ SA4954 Housing Management and Practice / POL4954 Housing Management and Practice

Exclusive Courses

Nil

Part II Course Details

Abstract

This course aims to equip students with the knowledge of the conceptual frameworks for examining how housing systems are managed in the context of a rapidly changing economic, political and social environment, and also the skills to integrate the theories and practices of housing governance.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

CILOs		Weighting (if app.)	DEC-A1	DEC-A2	DEC-A3
1	Identify and explain existing and emerging institutional and organizational arrangement of the housing system in Hong Kong.			x	
2	Outline the existing and emerging operations and development of housing governance in the private sector.				x
3	Analyse, differentiate and discover the existing and emerging operations and management practice of the housing systems in both the public and private sectors.			x	
4	Apply theories and techniques acquired from this and other courses in the programme to analyze and discover contemporary issues in housing management.		x		x
5	Appraise the existing and emerging theories and techniques of housing management in the light of the local socio-political and policy context and to derive new approaches in practice.			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	Lectures will summarize and explain the existing and emerging institutional and organization arrangements of the housing system in Hong Kong. Student-teacher interactions will frequently take place in form of class discussion.	1, 2, 3	A total of around 21 hours
2	Group presentation And Discussion	Students form into small groups for an in-depth study of assigned topics, to analyze and discover new perspectives. Group presentation will be conducted in class.	3, 4	A total of around 14 hours for class presentations
3	Group Paper	After the group presentation, discussion among the students will be conducted. Students will apply communication and specific skills and knowledge relevant to housing management career. An analytic paper is required after the presentation and discussion.	4, 5	3-4.5 (private study)
4	Examination	Students need to integrate and apply what they learnt in the course to answer questions in examination.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	

Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)

	ATs	CILO No.	Weighting (%)	Remarks ("- for nil entry)	Allow Use of GenAI?
1	Participation	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	10	Students will participate and discuss their topics in lectures and tutorials, comment critically on presentations of other students; and participate in a debate at the end of the presentations, providing an opportunity to reflect on material and issues covered in lectures.	Yes
2	Group presentation	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	15	Students will present their discussion topics in class, answer questions and comments raised by other classmates. They could present with better presentation skills as well as engage in debates to reflect on material and issues covered in lectures.	No

3	Group paper	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	25	Students are able to employ concepts and theories relating to housing management to examine housing management issues in Hong Kong or elsewhere. They are also able to critically examine the concepts and theories being employed in the analysis. Finally, they are able to present ideas in written form with clarity.	No
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Continuous Assessment (%)

50

Examination (%)

50

Examination Duration (Hours)

2

Assessment Rubrics (AR)**Assessment Task**

Participation

Criterion

Quality of students' feedbacks and participation degree

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

1. Students have an excellent knowledge of institutional and organisational arrangement of the housing system in Hong Kong
2. Students could proactively evaluate new and emerging operation and management of the housing system in both the public and private sector
3. Students could proactively and critically discover new perspectives in analysing issues in the housing system with theories and techniques acquired from this and other courses in the programme.
4. Students could proactively devise possible solutions for the problems in the housing system.

Good (B+, B, B-)

- 1 Students have a good knowledge of institutional and organizational arrangement of the housing system in Hong Kong
2. Students could evaluate new and emerging operation and management of the housing system in both the public and private sector;
3. Students could discover some perspectives in analysing issues in the housing system

with theories and techniques acquired from this and other courses in the programme

Fair (C+, C, C-)

1. Students have a rudimentary knowledge of the institutional and organizational arrangement of the housing system in Hong Kong
2. Students could identify new and emerging operation and management of the housing system in both the public and private sector;
3. Students could identify and analyse emerging issues in the housing system with theories and techniques acquired from this and other courses in the programme.

Marginal (D)

1. Students have obvious limitations in his/her knowledge of the institutional and organizational arrangement of the housing system in Hong Kong
2. Students could basically understand the new and emerging operation and management of the housing system in both the public and private sector;

Failure (F)

1. Students have known nothing about the institutional and organizational arrangement of the housing system in Hong Kong;
2. Students could not understand the new and emerging operation and management of the housing system in both the public and private sector;

Assessment Task

Group presentation

Criterion

Students' presentation performance

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

1. Students' presentation have shown an excellent knowledge of institutional and organisational arrangement of the housing system in Hong Kong
2. Students could proactively evaluate new and emerging operation and management of the housing system in both the public and private sector.
3. Students could proactively and critically discover new perspectives in analysing issues in the housing system with theories and techniques acquired from this and other courses in the programme.
- 4 Students could proactively devise possible solutions for the problems in the housing system.

Good (B+, B, B-)

1. Student' s presentation has shown a good knowledge of the institutional and organizational arrangement of the housing system in Hong Kong.
2. Students could evaluate new and emerging operation and management of the housing system in both the public and private sector.
3. Students' presentation could discover some perspectives in analysing issues in the housing system with theories and techniques acquired from this and other courses in the programme.

Fair (C+, C, C-)

1. Student' s presentation has shown rudimentary knowledge of the institutional and organizational arrangement of the housing system in Hong Kong.
2. Students' presentation could identify new and emerging operation and management of the housing system in both the public and private sector.
3. Students' presentation could identify and analyse emerging issues in the housing system with theories and techniques acquired from this and other courses in the programme.

Marginal (D)

1. Student' s presentation have shown obvious limitations in his/her knowledge of the institutional and organizational arrangement of the housing system in Hong Kong.
2. Students could basically understand the new and emerging operation and management of the housing system in both the public and private sector.

Failure (F)

1. The student' s presentation reflects almost nothing about the institutional and organizational arrangement of the housing system in Hong Kong.
 2. Students could not understand the new and emerging operation and management of the housing system in both the public and private sector.
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Assessment Task

Group paper

Criterion

Group report' s quality

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

1. Students' group paper have shown an excellent knowledge of institutional and organisational arrangement of the housing system in Hong Kong.
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Fair (C+, C, C-)

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2. Students could basically understand the new and emerging operation and management of the housing system in both the public and private sector.

Failure (F)

1. The student' s group paper reflects almost nothing about the institutional and organizational arrangement of the housing system in Hong Kong.
2. Students could not understand the new and emerging operation and management of the housing system in both the public and private sector.

Assessment Task

Examination

Criterion

Performance in answering examination questions

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

1. Students have an excellent knowledge of institutional and organisational arrangement of the housing system in Hong Kong.
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3. Students could proactively and critically discover new perspectives in analysing issues in the housing system with theories and techniques acquired from this and other courses in the programme.
4. Students could proactively devise possible solutions for the problems in the housing system.

Good (B+, B, B-)

1. Students have a good knowledge of institutional and organizational arrangement of the housing system in Hong Kong.
2. Students could evaluate new and emerging operation and management of the housing system in both the public and private sector.
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Fair (C+, C, C-)

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2. Students could not understand the new and emerging operation and management of the housing system in both the public and private sector.

Additional Information for AR

Grading of student achievements is based on student performance in assessment tasks/activities with the rubrics defined and be in accordance with the Academic Regulations for Bachelor's Degrees, where appropriate

Part III Other Information

Keyword Syllabus

Governance of housing system; existing and emerging institutional arrangements and organizational structures; collective actions; principal-agent relations; gated communities; tenant participation; professionalisation of housing management

practitioners; privatisation of public housing and housing finance; housing allocation; housing management and practice for persons with disabilities; new approaches in improving housing quality.

Reading List

Compulsory Readings

Title	
1	Balchin, P. N. (2002) Housing policy : an introduction (4th ed). London ; New York : Routledge.
2	Chiu, R.L.H. (ed.) (2006) Professional Housing Management Practice in Hong Kong. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press.
3	Chung P L (2014) Building Management – 100 Questions and Answers in issues relating to legal aspects, Hong Kong: Enlighten & Fish Limite (in Chinese) 鍾沛林 (2004) 《大廈管理法律百答》 亮光文化有限公司
4	Forrest, R and Lee, J (ed.) (2003) Housing and Social Change: East-West Perspectives, London; New York: Routledge
5	Hong Kong Government Department of Justice, Building Management Ordinance, Chapter 344.
6	Malpass, P. and Murie, A. (1999) Housing Policy and Practice. London: Macmillan Press.
7	Reeves, Paul (2005) An introduction to social housing (2nd ed). Amsterdam ; Oxford : Elsevier Butterworth-Heinemann.
8	Somerville, Peter with Sprigings, Nigel (2005) Housing and social policy : contemporary themes and critical perspectives (ed) London : Routledge.
9	Yeung Y.M. and Wong T.K.Y. (eds.) (2003) Fifty Years of Public Housing in Hong Kong: A Golden Jubilee Review and Appraisal. Hong Kong: Chinese University Press.
10	King, Peter (2016) The Principles of Housing. London and New York: Routledge, Ch. 6, 7, 8 and 18 (Available in Semi-closed Collection of CityU library).
11	Kromhout, S. and van Ham, M. (2012) “Social Housing: Allocation” In International Encyclopedia of Housing and Home, pp.384-388.
12	Clarke, A. (2012) “Housing Need in the United Kingdom” In International Encyclopedia of Housing and Home, pp. 538-543.
13	Spicker, Paul (1987) “Concept of Need in Housing Allocation” Policy and Politics 15(1): 17-27
14	Cowan, Dave and Marsh, Alex (2005) “From Need to Choice, Welfarism to Advanced Liberalism? Problematics of Social Housing Allocation” Legal Studies 25(1), pp.22-48.
15	Hong Kong Housing Authority (2024) Policies on Public Housing https://www.housingauthority.gov.hk/en/about-us/policy-focus/policies-on-public-housing/index.html

Additional Readings

Title	
1	Bailey, N. and Robertson, D. (1997) Management of Flats in Multiple Ownership: Learning from Other Countries. Bristol: Policy Press.
2	Cairncross, L., Clapham, D. and Goodlad, R. (1997) Housing Management, Consumers and Citizens. London: Routledge.
3	Franklin, B. (1998) “Constructing a Service, Context and Discourse in Housing Management” , Housing Studies, 13(2): 201-216.
4	Franklin, B. and Clapham, D. (1997) “The Social Construction of Housing Management” , Housing Studies, 12(1): 7-26.
5	Hong Kong Government Department of Justice, Building Management-related Ordinances. (http://www.buildingmgt.gov.hk/en/legislation/3_5.htm)
6	Malpass, P. (1997) Ownership, Control and Accountability: The New Governance of Housing. Coventry: Chartered Institute of Housing.
7	Kent, P., Merry, M. and Walters, M. (2002) Building Management in Hong Kong. Hong Kong: LexisNexis.

8	Malpass, P. and Murie, A. (1999) Housing Policy and Practice. London: Macmillan Press.
9	Pearl, M. (ed.) (1997) Social Housing Management: A Critical Appraisal of Housing Practice. Hampshire: Macmillan.
10	Online Resources:
11	Chartered Institute of Housing www.cih.org
12	Home Affairs Department Website on Building Management www.had.gov.hk
13	Hong Kong Housing Authority www.housingauthority.gov.hk
14	Hong Kong Housing Home Page www.cityu.edu.hk/hkhousing
15	Hong Kong Housing Society www.hkhs.com
16	Hong Kong Institute of Housing http://www.housing.org.hk/