

United College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
General Education Course
GEUC 4011 “SENIOR SEMINAR”
1st Term, 2020/2021

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Class Time: Friday; 3:30 pm – 6:15 pm
Class Time: Assigned by the Registration and Examinations Section

Course Overview:

This is a compulsory three-unit and small-group student-orientated teaching course for the final year students, with teaching staff serving as supervisors, the emphasis will be on students' participation. Student groups will choose a topic of their own interests, conduct the research, present their findings and submit a report.

Course Objectives:

1. Arousing the interest of the students in the exploration of current issues;
2. Sharpening research, problem-solving and thesis-writing skills; and
3. Enhancing ability in conducting group research projects and seminars requiring collective efforts

Learning Outcomes:

1. Develop skills to conduct a research on a specific topic in our contemporary world or local society
2. Develop cohesion and sense of belonging to United College through working with supervisors and team members
3. Illustrate connections and integrate knowledge across fields
4. Develop the ability to think and write independently
5. Show and develop interpersonal communication skills through team works
6. Develop intercultural sensitivity and appreciate different cultures
7. Demonstrate leadership skills, and be able to collaborate well in team works

Learning Activities:

1. Pre-course talks
2. Interactive tutorial and supported by the Graduate Research Consultant Scheme
3. Discussions and presentation
4. Research project paper
5. Other learning activities, e.g. team work, leadership, multimedia production skills, etc.

Language:

To be decided by the instructor (Putonghua, Cantonese or English)

Course Schedule and Arrangements:

Time (Year of 2020)	Particulars	Remarks
4 February; 6:45 pm	Course briefing session for students	LT7 Lee Shau Kee Building, Central campus
5 – 26 February	Group forming exercise https://geuc4011.uc.cuhk.edu.hk/fyp/	Registration online
9 – 31 March	Submission of research topic and methodology	Online platform

Month	Particulars	Remarks
Early May	Announcement of class and teacher arrangements	
May	Course briefing session for supervisors	Date to be confirmed
End May	First meeting with course supervisor w/wo GRC	
June to August	Conducting research (supported by GRC)	
11 September	Class meeting on the first Friday of the semester	Beginning of semester
18 September	Deadline for amendment of research topics	
21 September	Submission of interim report to supervisors	
October to November	Oral presentations of research groups	
4 December	Hand in final report in hard and soft copies	End of semester
31 December	Expense reimbursement application	

Assessment Scheme:

Nature/Task	Descriptions	Weight
Class participation	Attendance rate and submission of interim report	20%
	Active participation in class discussions	
Oral presentation	Group oral presentation	30%
	Quality of multimedia production	
Written report	Written report of 6,000 to 10,000 words	50%

Feedback for Evaluation:

1. Interaction and communication with supervisors and students
2. Peer review form
3. Student performance in the oral presentations
4. Student performance in the written reports
5. Course and teaching evaluation form
6. Evaluation form for supervisors

Recommended Reading List:

- Babbie, E. 2004. The Practice of Social Research. Thomason/Wadsworth.
- Baker, T.L. 1999. Doing Social Research. 3rd ed. McGraw-Hill.
- Chan, Y.K. et al. 1991. A Practical Guide to Sample Surveys. Hong Kong Statistical Society.
- Dooley, D. 2001. Social Research Methods. 4th ed. Prentice Hall.
- Fowler, F.J. Jr. 2002. Survey Research Methods. 3rd ed. Sage.
- Miller, D.C. 2002. Handbook of Research Design and Social Measurement. 6th ed. Sage.
- 陳膺強，1998，〈應用抽樣調查〉，商務印書館。
- 香港中文大學社會學系，2002，〈社會研究一本通〉，香港中文大學出版社。

Recommended Reference:

United College students' senior seminar papers database <http://ucgeu.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/>;
<http://kwanlab.bio.cuhk.edu.hk:8080/uclib/about.jsp?pageLang=en>
 Blackboard Course Web – [2019 Senior Seminar \(GEUC4011\)](https://blackboard.cuhk.edu.hk) - (<https://blackboard.cuhk.edu.hk>)

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