

**City University of Hong Kong
Course Syllabus**

**offered by Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering
with effect from Semester A 2022/23**

Part I Course Overview

Course Title:	Advanced Topics in Architectural Practice and Law
Course Code:	CA6319
Course Duration:	1 Semester (Some courses offered in Summer Term may start a few weeks earlier than the normal University schedule. Please check the teaching schedules with CLs before registering for the courses.)
Credit Units:	3
Level:	P6
Medium of Instruction:	English
Medium of Assessment:	English
Prerequisites: <i>(Course Code and Title)</i>	Nil
Precursors: <i>(Course Code and Title)</i>	Nil
Equivalent Courses: <i>(Course Code and Title)</i>	Nil
Exclusive Courses: <i>(Course Code and Title)</i>	Nil

Part II Course Details

1. Abstract

The course aims to let students identify specific areas of interest related to architectural practices, and building controls in Hong Kong; and conduct an in-depth study and report on the impact to future architectural design and project planning. The course emphasizes the student's ability to formulate special study areas in architectural practice and law and conduct case studies or special studies of the subject matter.

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 (if applicable)	Discovery-enriched curriculum related learning outcomes (please tick where appropriate)		
			A1	A2	A3
1.	Explore critical issues associated with architectural practices including building controls, legal risks and responsibilities associated with contract administration		✓	✓	
2.	Explore critical issues associated with the roles and duties of architects and the related registered professions; professional negligence, or ethics of architectural practice		✓	✓	
3.	Formulate and conduct an in-depth study on matters related to architectural practice and building control		✓	✓	
4.	Demonstrate the ability to present the findings and outcomes in a precise and coherent manner; and propose recommendations related to the study			✓	
		100%			

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	
Lectures	On topics related to architectural practice and law	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tutorials	In-class discussions and activities on problems related to lecture themes and student projects	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Semester Hours:	3 hours per week
Lecture/Tutorial/Laboratory Mix:	Lecture (-); Tutorial (-); Laboratory (-)
	Mixed lecture and tutorial sessions

4. Assessment Tasks/Activities

(ATs are designed to assess how well the students achieve the CILOs.)

Assessment Tasks / Activities	CILO No.				Weighting	Remarks
	1	2	3	4		
Continuous Assessment: 100%						
Assignments	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Examination: 0%						
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					100%	

5. Assessment Rubrics

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

Applicable to students admitted in Semester A 2022/23 and thereafter

Assessment Task	Criterion	Excellent (A+, A, A-)	Good (B+, B)	Marginal (B-, C+, C)	Failure (F)
Coursework	CAPACITY to EXPLORE, INVESTIGATE and ORGANIZE knowledge about the law concerning architectural practice in real case studies	High	Significant	Basic	Not even reaching marginal levels

Applicable to students admitted before Semester A 2022/23

Assessment Task	Criterion	Excellent (A+, A, A-)	Good (B+, B, B-)	Fair (C+, C, C-)	Marginal (D)	Failure (F)
Assignments	CAPACITY to EXPLORE, INVESTIGATE and ORGANIZE knowledge about the law concerning architectural practice in real case studies	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.)

Legal knowledge for architectural practice, building controls and contract administration in Hong Kong; Legal concerns related to roles and duties of architects and the related registered professions, professional negligence, and ethics of architectural practice; special study in architecture.

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.)

1.	Nil
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2.2 Additional Readings

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

1.	Buildings Ordinance and allied regulations, Hong Kong Laws, Cap. 123.
2.	Practice Notes to Authorized Persons, Registered Structural Engineers and Registered Geotechnical Engineers, Buildings Department
3.	HKIA Standard Form of Contract
4.	Ethics for professionals (architecture, engineering & surveying): a resource portfolio for Hong Kong Universities, Hong Kong: Hong Kong Ethics Development Centre, 1996
5.	http://www.hkia.net/en/Resources/Resources_01_03.htm
6.	http://ebookily.org/pdf/hong-kong-standard-form-of-contract
7.	http://www.arcasia.org/aboutus/arcasia-council/finish/7-country-reports/63-the-hong-kong-institute-of-architects-hkia