

**City University of Hong Kong
Course Syllabus**

**offered by Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences
with effect from Semester A 2024/25**

Part I Course Overview

Course Title:	Domestic Violence: Prevention and Treatment
Course Code:	SS5824
Course Duration:	One Semester
Credit Units:	3
Level:	P5
Medium of Instruction:	English, supplemented by Cantonese/Putonghua in live demonstration and role-play exercises as situation requires
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 critically examine how different theoretical perspectives are being used to understand different forms of domestic violence. It is designed to develop gender and cultural sensitivity of practitioners in working with survivors and abusers of domestic violence. This course will also examine various domestic violence prevention and intervention approaches.

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.	Integrate different perspectives in the understanding of domestic violence in Chinese communities.	30%	√		
2.	Analyse the impact of policy, legal and service provisions on combating domestic violence.	30%		√	
3.	Apply selected theories, concepts and skills in working with victims of domestic violence and examine values and ethics in their practice.	40%			√
		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. Learning and Teaching Activities (LTAs)

(LTAs designed to facilitate students' achievement of the CILOs.)

LTA	Brief Description	CILO No.						Hours/week (if applicable)
		1	2	3				
LTA1: Lecture	Introduction of different forms of domestic violence, theoretical concepts and skills.	√	√	√				
LTA2: Case analysis and group discussion	Study domestic violence cases and share front-line experiences in dealing with the cases in class by means of group discussion.	√	√	√				
LTA3: Tutorials and Student Presentation	Small class tutorials and presentation on the application of theories in case analysis and intervention planning.	√	√	√				
LTA4: Student consultation	Scheduled student group consultation is arranged to facilitate more teacher-student and student-student interaction and discussion, more in-depth learning and understanding of knowledge.	√	√	√				

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					
Continuous Assessment: 100 %								
AT1: Term paper The paper is assessed by the ability of critical thinking and professional competence through analysis of the different forms of domestic violence cases. Students are required to write a term paper with no more than 4,000 words in length	√	√	√				40%	
AT2: Student presentation Student Presentation is a group project based on work done in case analysis and design of intervention plan for the case.		√					40%	
AT3: Case analysis and group discussion Students' performance is assessed in term of contribution to peer learning in classroom exercise and discussion.			√				20%	
Examination: 0% (duration: hours, if applicable)							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 before Semester A 2022/23 and in Semester A 2024/25 & thereafter

Assessment Task	Criterion	Excellent (A+, A, A-)	Good (B+, B, B-)	Fair (C+, C, C-)	Marginal (D)	Failure (F)
1. Term Paper (40%)	<p>Ability to apply appropriate theories and concepts in analysing domestic violence issues;</p> <p>Ability to arise a depth analysis of the issues with support of relevant evidence;</p> <p>Ability to develop a logical and analytical level of the content;</p> <p>Ability to structure the paper systematically;</p> <p>Ability to cite appropriate references with proper referencing style.</p>	Strong evidence of achievement of the criteria	Good evidence of achievement of the criteria	Fair evidence of achievement of the criteria	Limited evidence of achievement of the criteria	Insufficient evidence of achievement of the criteria
2. Case analysis and group discussion (20%)	<p>Ability to contribute to class by offering ideas and asking questions;</p> <p>Ability to provide critical constructive feedback.</p>	Strong evidence of achievement of the criteria	Good evidence of achievement of the criteria	Fair evidence of achievement of the criteria	Limited evidence of achievement of the criteria	Insufficient evidence of achievement of the criteria
3. Student Presentation (40%)	<p>Ability to apply the appropriate theories and concepts in assessing domestic violence issues;</p> <p>Ability to demonstrate a logical and analytical case analysis;</p> <p>Ability to develop intervention strategies to deal with the case;</p> <p>Ability to deliver a clear and concise verbal presentation;</p>	Strong evidence of achievement of the criteria	Good evidence of achievement of the criteria	Fair evidence of achievement of the criteria	Limited evidence of achievement of the criteria	Insufficient evidence of achievement of the criteria

	Ability to show good responsibility in taking share in group tasks.					
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Applicable to students admitted from Semester A 2022/23 to Summer Term 2024

Assessment Task	Criterion	Excellent (A+, A, A-)	Good (B+, B)	Marginal (B-, C+, C)	Failure (F)
1. Term Paper (40%)	<p>Ability to apply appropriate theories and concepts in analysing domestic violence issues;</p> <p>Ability to arise a depth analysis of the issues with support of relevant evidence;</p> <p>Ability to develop a logical and analytical level of the content;</p> <p>Ability to structure the paper systematically;</p> <p>Ability to cite appropriate references with proper referencing style.</p>	Strong evidence of achievement of the criteria	Good evidence of achievement of the criteria	Fair to limited evidence of achievement of the criteria	Insufficient/poor evidence of achievement of the criteria
2. Case analysis and group discussion (20%)	<p>Ability to contribute to class by offering ideas and asking questions;</p> <p>Ability to provide critical constructive feedback.</p>	Strong evidence of achievement of the criteria	Good evidence of achievement of the criteria	Fair to limited evidence of achievement of the criteria	Insufficient/poor evidence of achievement of the criteria
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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.)

1.1 Perspectives and theories

Concepts of domestic violence; Different perspectives on domestic violence.

1.2 Form of domestic abuse

Woman abuse; Child abuse; Elder abuse; same-sex partner abuse; male victims and abusers.

1.3 Intervention

Assessment and predictors of domestic violence; Empowering survivors of abuse; Working with domestic violence abusers; Contemporary issues for intervention; Prevention of domestic violence and child abuse; Service delivery and programme evaluation; ethics and values in practice.

2. Recommended Reading

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.	Humphreys, C., Laing, L. & Cavanagh, K. (2013). <i>Social work and domestic violence: developing critical and reflective practice</i> . Sage.
2.	McCue, M. L. (2008). <i>Domestic violence: A reference handbook</i> . Abc-clio.
3.	Mullender, A. (2002). <i>Rethinking domestic violence: The social work and probation response</i> . Routledge.

2.2 Additional Readings

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

1.	Babcock, J. and Taillade, J. (2000). Evaluating interventions for men who batter. In J. Vincent and E. Jouriles, <i>Domestic violence: Guidelines for research – Informed practice</i> . Jessica Kingsley Publishers.
2.	Bennett, G. (1997). <i>The Dimensions of elder abuse: Perspective for practitioners</i> . Macmillan.
3.	Biggs, S., Phillipson, C. and Kingston, P. (1995). <i>Elder Abuse in Perspective</i> . Open University Press.
4.	Brandl, B. et.al. (2007). <i>Elder Abuse Detection and Intervention: A Collaborative Approach</i> . Springer Publishing Company.
5.	Chan K. L., Chiu M. C. & Chiu, L. S. (2005). <i>Peace at Home: Report on the Review of the</i>

	<i>Social and Legal Measures in the Prevention and Intervention of Domestic Violence in Hong Kong</i> . Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong.
6.	Chan, K. L. E., & Hong Kong Family Welfare Society (2001). <i>An evaluation study of group therapy for male batterers cum intervention strategies</i> . Department of Social Work and Social Administration, University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Family Welfare Society.
7.	Choi, A. W. M., Wong, J. Y. H., Lo, R. T. F., Chan, P. Y., Wong, J. K. S., Lau, C. L., & Kam, C. W. (2018). Intimate partner violence victims' acceptance and refusal of on-site counseling in emergency departments: Predictors of help-seeking behavior explored through a 5-year medical chart review. <i>Preventive medicine</i> , 108, 86-92.
8.	Council of Europe. (2006) <i>Combating Violence against Women: Stocking study on the measures and actions taken in Council of Europe member States</i> . Directorate General of Human Rights Strasbourg, Council of Europe.
9.	Gondolf, E. (2002). <i>Batterer intervention systems: Issues, outcomes, and commendations</i> . Sage. Ch. 1 & Ch.9
10.	Hearn, J. (2001). Men, social work and men's violence to women. In A. Christie (Ed.). <i>Men and Social Work: Theories and Practices</i> . Macmillan International Higher Education.
11.	Jaffe, P. & Baker L. L. (2004). <i>Protecting children from domestic violence: Strategies for community intervention</i> . The Guilford Press.
12.	Lee, M. Y., Sebold, J. and Uken, A. (2003). <i>Solution-Focused Treatment of Domestic Violence Offenders: Accountability for Change</i> . Oxford University Press.
13.	Leung, L. C. (2015). Why Lesbian and Gay Survivors Don't Seek Help from Social Services: Barriers Perceived by Service Users and Providers in Hong Kong. <i>British Journal of Social Work</i> . DOI: 10.1093/bjsw/bcv019
14.	Leung, L. C. (2015). The effects on children of witnessing violence: Implications for social work practice. <i>Asia Pacific Journal of Social Work and Development</i> . DOI: 10.1080/02185385.2015.1058185
15.	Leung, L. C. (2014). Confucian welfare: A barrier to gender mainstreaming domestic violence policy in Hong Kong. In Sirin Sung and Gillian Pascall (Eds.) <i>Gender in East Asian welfare states: Confucianism or gender equality?</i> Macmillan International Higher Education, pp114-136.
16.	Leung, L. C. (2014). It's a Matter of Trust: Policing Domestic Violence in Hong Kong. <i>Journal of Interpersonal Violence</i> , 29(1):82-101.
17.	Leung, L. C. (2011). Gender sensitivity among social workers in handling domestic violence cases. <i>AFFILIA: Journal of Women and Social Work</i> . 26(3):291-303.
18.	Liu, W. and Kendig, H. (Eds.). (2000). <i>Who should care for the elderly: An east-west value divide</i> . World Scientific.

19.	Mansley, E. (2009). <i>Intimate Partner Violence: Race, Social Class and Masculinity</i> . LFB Scholarly Publishing LLC.
20.	McCoy, M. & Keen, S. (2009). <i>Child Abuse and Neglect</i> . Psychology Press
21.	Doyle, C. (2018). <i>Working with Abused Children</i> . Macmillan.
22.	Mullings, J. L., Marquart, J. W., & Hartley, D. J. (2004). <i>The victimization of children: emerging issues</i> . Haworth Press.
23.	Klika, J. B., & Conte, J. R. (Eds.). (2017). <i>The APSAC handbook on child maltreatment</i> . Sage Publications.
24.	Peterson, K. & Liekerman, A. (Eds.). (2021). <i>Building on women's strengths: A social work agenda for the Twenty-first Century</i> . Routledge.
25.	Radford, J., Friedberg, M., Harne, L. (Eds.). (2000). <i>Women, violence and strategies for action: Feminist research, policy and practice</i> . Open University Press.
26.	Tang, C S K and E Yan (2001). Prevalence and psychological impact of Chinese elder abuse. <i>Journal of Interpersonal Violence</i> , 16(11), 1158-1174.
27.	Tiwari, A., Wong, M., & Ip, H. (2001). Ren and yuan: a cultural interpretation of Chinese women's responses to battering, <i>Canadian Journal of Nursing Research</i> , 33(3), 63-79.
28.	World Health Organization(WHO) (2005). <i>Summary report of WHO Multi-country Study on Women's Health and Domestic Violence Against Women</i> . WHO Organization.
29.	Working group on Battered Spouse Hong Kong (2004). <i>Multi-disciplinary Guidelines on the handling of battered spouse cases</i> . Social Welfare Department.
30.	Women's Commission (2009). <i>Women's Safety in Hong Kong: Eliminating Domestic Violence</i> . Women's Commission.