City University of Hong Kong

Information on a Course

offered by Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering with effect from Semester A in 2014/2015

Part I

Course Title: Financing Urban Development

Course Code: CA5218
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: P5
Medium of Instruction: English
Prerequisites: Nil
Precursor: Nil
Equivalent Courses: Nil
Exclusive Courses: Nil

Part II

Course Aims:

The course provides an overview of capital market and financing sources to that involved in urban development finance, as well as an introduction to the skills necessary for solving the various analytic and managerial problems that are peculiar to this area. It focuses on financing tools and program models to support local urban development, and presents an advanced treatment of the theory of finance and its application to urban development.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs):

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

No.	CILOs	Weighting (if applicable)
1.	An introduction to public finance tools and their economic development uses	
2.	Understand the operation of financial markets and their limitations in serving economic development needs	
3.	Familiarity with the program models and institutions that can be used to address urban development projects	
4.	Understand operation needs and best practices in managing economic development finance program	

Teaching and Learning Activities (TLAs):

(Indicative of likely activities and tasks designed to facilitate students' achievement of the CILOs. Final details will be provided to students in their first week of attendance in this course)

Semester Hours: 3 hours per week

Lecture/Tutorial/Laboratory Mix: Lecture (2); Tutorial (1); Laboratory (0)

CILO No.		otal Hours (if pplicable)
CILO 1	• Lectures & scenario type tutorials 9	
CILO 2	Lectures & scenario type tutorials)
CILO 3	Lectures & scenario type tutorials)
CILO 4	Lectures & scenario type tutorials)

Assessment Tasks/Activities:

(Indicative of likely activities and tasks designed to assess how well the students achieve the CILOs. Final details will be provided to students in their first week of attendance in this course)

Coursework: 100% Examination: 0%

CILO No.	Type of assessment tasks/activities	Weighting (if applicable)	Remarks
CILO 1	 Quiz 25%: midterm/quiz, questions in these areas Coursework 50%: group project Quiz 25%: end of term test 		• Nil
CILO 2	• Ditto		• Nil
CILO 3	• Ditto		• Nil
CILO 4	• Ditto		• Nil

Grading of Student Achievement:

Grading Pattern:

Standard

Refer to Grading of Courses in the Academic Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Degrees.

Part III

Keyword Syllabus:

Financial market, economic development, urban infrastructure financing, business capital, business financial statement, mega project evaluation, federal economic development financing programs, public finance.

Recommended Reading:

- Texts:
 - 1. Seidman, Karl F. Economic Development Finance. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2004.
 - 2. Altshuler, Alan and David Luberoff, 2003. Mega-Projects: The Changing Politics of Urban Public Investment. Brookings Institution Press.
 - 3. K.Wellman and Marcus Spiller. Urban Infrastructure: Finance and Management. Wiley-Blackwell, 2012
 - 4. Gruber, Jonathan, 2009. Public Finance and Public Policy. Worth Publishers; Third Edition.
 - 5. Sammis. White and Zenia Kotval. 2012. Financing Economic Development in the 21st Century. M.E.Sharpe; 2 edition.
- Online Resources:
 - 1. Nil