

**City University of Hong Kong
Course Syllabus**

**offered by Department of Management Sciences
with effect from Semester A 2024/25**

Part I Course Overview

Course Title:	Contemporary Research Topics in Management Sciences
Course Code:	MS8955
Course Duration:	One Semester
Credit Units:	3
Level:	R8
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 provides an in-depth coverage of some contemporary research topics in a particular area in the field of management sciences for PhD students. The objective to help PhD students understand the literature, methodology and research issues in the area and to facilitate their research. The topics are determined by the instructor who teaches the course.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

No.	CILOs	Weighting (if applicable)	Discovery-enriched curriculum related learning outcomes (please tick where appropriate)		
			A1	A2	A3
1.	Understand the literature in the related research area and identify research gaps.		✓	✓	✓
2.	Master the basic research methodology in the related research area.		✓	✓	✓
3.	Formulate and analyze research problems in the related research area.		✓	✓	✓
		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 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.

3. Learning and Teaching Activities (LTAs)

LTA	Brief Description	CILO No.						Hours/week (if applicable)
		1	2	3	4			
Lecture	Students will discuss various research issues and related methodology covered by Lecturer.	✓	✓	✓				
Reading and discussion	Students will be required to read related research papers and participate in discussions in the class.	✓	✓	✓				

4. Assessment Tasks/Activities (ATs)

Assessment Tasks/Activities	CILO No.						Weighting	Remarks
	1	2	3	4				
Continuous Assessment: <u>100</u> %								
Assignments (solve problems, reading, write report, etc.)	✓	✓	✓				100%	
Examination: <u>0</u> %								
							100%	

5. Assessment 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. Assignments		Strong evidence of knowledge of subject matter and capability to formulate, analyze and solve problems in the related research area.	Evidence of knowledge of subject matter and capability to formulate, analyze and solve problems in the related research area.	Some evidence of knowledge of subject matter and capability to formulate, analyze and solve problems in the related research area.	Some evidence of knowledge of subject matter and capability to formulate, analyze and solve problems in the related research area.	Little evidence of knowledge of subject matter and capability to formulate, analyze and solve problems in the related research area.

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. Assignments		Strong evidence of knowledge of subject matter and capability to formulate, analyze and solve problems in the related research area.	Evidence of knowledge of subject matter and capability to formulate, analyze and solve problems in the related research area.	Some evidence of knowledge of subject matter and capability to formulate, analyze and solve problems in the related research area.	Little evidence of knowledge of subject matter and capability to formulate, analyze and solve problems in the related research area.

Part III Other Information

1. Keyword Syllabus

This is a course that teaches PhD students how to conduct research in a particular area in the field of management science. It will cover the literature, the research methodology, the techniques, the current research trends and issues in the area. After taking this course, the students will be able to conduct the research in the area.

2. Reading List

2.1 Compulsory Readings

Nil

2.2 Additional Readings

Nil