

GEOG3403 Urban Planning in Practice in Hong Kong (6 credits)

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Objectives

Through discussions on how urban planning is undertaken in practice in Hong Kong, undergraduate students learn the real-life rationale behind urban planning and development decisions and pattern in the Territory.

Course Synopsis

This course will concentrate its discussions on selected aspects on urban planning in practice in Hong Kong. It will outline the actual functions and work of urban planning in real life and analyze the more important factors affecting urban planning and development in Hong Kong. A number of specific significant urban planning issues will be considered. The planning system, the planning legislation and other matters in the implementation mechanism will also be explained. The course will end with glimpses into the future development of Hong Kong and its planning-development relationship with neighbouring development areas.

Lecture Topics

- Factors in and functions of urban planning
- Housing problems and high-density development
- Urban planning for better total environment
- New town development and urban renewal
- Urban development and transportation planning
- Urban planning and implementation systems (including relevant ordinances)
- Future development trends (including relationship with adjacent areas)

Assessment

Examination (two hours) 60%; Coursework 40% (consists of a project).

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge:

- Better appreciation of the functions and work of urban planning in Hong Kong
- Understanding of the rationale behind principal urban planning and development decisions in real life
- Insight on the possible future development directions in Hong Kong
- Awareness of planning relationships with adjacent development areas

Skills:

- Analytical ability to integrate information from different sources
- Critical research and analysis of Hong Kong urban planning/development issues
- Positive contribution to regional planning/development exercises
- Participation in team work

Recommended Reading List

1. Fung, Bosco C.K. (2001) "Planning for High-density Development in Hong Kong". *Planning and Development (JHKIP)*, 17(2): 3-14.
2. Yeung, Y.M. & Wong, K.Y. Timothy (eds.) (2003) *Fifty Years of Public Housing in Hong Kong*. The Chinese University Press.