

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Subject Description Form

Subject Code	LGT6111 / 6112 / 6113 / 6114
Subject Title	Research Seminars in Logistics I / II / III / IV
Credit Value	1
Level	6
Normal Duration	1 academic year (two 13-week semesters and one 7-week term)
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil
Role and Purposes	This is a series of seminars conducted by academic staff and guest speakers. They focus on research issues in logistics and cover such topics as review of literature, model building, research methodologies, analysis and reporting of research findings. This subject will expose research students to current issues of research and development in logistics, and provide them with opportunities to interact directly with the speakers.
Subject Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: a. Understand the ‘cutting edge’ topics and literature within the fields of logistics and maritime studies; b. Integrate theories and practices; c. Demonstrate an ability to critique research methodologies and findings within the logistics and maritime studies literature.
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	The focus will be on current research directions in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Maritime Policy and Management▪ Maritime Law▪ Transportation Economics and Management▪ Operations Research/Management Science
Teaching/Learning Methodology	Student participation, discussions and interactions with the speakers will be strongly encouraged during the seminars.

Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes	Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)				
			a	b	c		
	Continuous Assessment	100%	✓	✓	✓		
	Total	100 %					
<p>Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:</p> <p>All students are required to attend at least 10 research seminars per academic year, in addition to workshops/ conferences, and to submit a report to the Chief Supervisor of no less than 1,500 words (excluding references) on one of the attended seminars every academic year. The research seminars may or may not be organized by the host department and are expected to last not less than an hour each. The topic of the seminar reported on should not be related directly to the thesis title of the student.</p> <p>Students are recommended to complete one credit per year for completing the requirement, with an overall assessment grade of Pass and Fail. However, as deemed appropriate by the Chief Supervisor, they will be allowed to complete at most two credits per year to fulfill the research seminar credit requirement.</p> <p>The total credits to be earned by the 3-year PhD students will be three credits and the 4-year students four credits. Two credits are required for the MPhil exit award.</p>							
Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:						
	▪ Seminars		10 Hrs.				
	Other student study effort:						
	▪ Preparation for seminars		20 Hrs.				
Total student study effort		30 Hrs.					
Reading List and References	The focus will be on reviewing and discussing journal articles dealing with relevant issues in the topic areas of respective speakers. Since the focus is on recent articles, the readings will be updated frequently.						