The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Subject Description Form

Subject Offering Department	Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies				
Subject Code	LGT1BN01				
Subject Title	Hong Kong, Greater China and Transport Development				
GUR Requirements	 ☑Cluster Area Requirement (CAR) ☐ Human Nature, Relations and Development [CAR(A)] ☐ Science, Technology and Environment [CAR(D)] ☐ Chinese History and Culture [CAR(M)] ☑ Cultures, Organisations, Societies and Globalisation [CAR(N)] ☐ AI and Data Analytics [GUR-AIDA] ☐ Innovation and Entrepreneurship [GUR-IE] ☐ Healthy Lifestyle ☐ Leadership & Intra-personal Development (LIPD) ☐ Languages and Communication Requirement (LCR) ☐ Service-Learning 				
Reading/Writing Requirements in English/Chinese	□China-Study Requirement (CSR) More than 60% CSR-related content □Eligible for "English Writing" (EW) designation include an extensive piece of writing (1,500 – 2,500 words) □Eligible for "Chinese Writing" (CW) designation include an extensive piece of writing (2,000 – 3,000 characters) □Eligible for "English Reading" (ER) designation include a reading of an extensive text (100,000 words or 200 pages) □Eligible for "Chinese Reading" (CR) designation include a reading of an extensive text (100,000 characters or 200 pages) □None				
Medium	English				
Credit Value	3				
Level	1				
Normal Duration	1-semester				
Exclusion	Students from BBA (Hons) in International Shipping and Transport Logistics (02402-IST/SYI and 44493-IST/SYI)				

Objectives

Transport is an important component of the economy impacting on development and the welfare of our daily lives. They provide economic and social opportunities and benefits that such as better accessibility to markets, employment and additional investments. However, when being poorly managed, they can pose significant economic costs to human activities, such as reduced or missed opportunities. Also, they carry important political, social and environmental loads which cannot be neglected. Indeed, being part of the tradebased economy, maritime and air transportation, including its seaport and airport, were traditionally regarded as important pillars of Hong Kong and Greater China's economic well-beings. However, the rise in international trade, globalization, security and environmental issues has posed numerous challenges, as well as new opportunities. Hence, this course aims to provide students comprehensive understandings on transport development, as well as their roles on our daily lives. Emphasis will be put on the interrelations between transport, and economic development. This course will also discuss various contemporary, and increasingly important, issues related to transport development in Hong Kong and Greater China.

Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:

- (a) Understand the roles of transportation in international business and economic development
- (b) Appreciate the importance of transportation in the economic well-beings of countries and regions
- (c) Analyze the link between economic development, international trade, globalization, sustainable development and other contemporary issues related to transportation
- (d) Understand and critically evaluate contemporary issues and policy debates in transport development of Hong Kong and Greater China.

Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus

Introduction and Overview

International trade and economic development; the global economy; foreign direct investments; city and regional development; globalization and spatial economic transformation; Hong Kong as a trade-based economy; the economies of Greater China

Aviation and Development

The role of air transport in business and trade; Economics of air transport; air transport in national, regional and local patterns and networks; interface of air transport with other transport modes and terminals; the role of government and regulators; types of passenger and cargo operators; air transport development in Hong Kong and Greater China high-speed rail development and its impact on aviation

Shipping, Ports and Development

The role of maritime transport in business, trade and tourism; important trade routes and shipping networks; world ports; the changing roles and functions of ports; port-city relationship; the role of ports in national economies; development of 'maritime logistics' and the role of shipping and ports; port operation and development in Hong Kong and Greater China

	Contemporary Issues in Hong Kong and Greater China The roles of transportation in the economic integration between Hong Kong and Greater China; "One Belt One Road" Initiative and the "Greater Bay Area" Strategy; the legal aspect of transport development; green and sustainable transport development; safety issues and management of transportation.								
Teaching/Learning Methodology	Lectures will be used to cover the relevant topics, and provide students with the basic framework of analyzing and understanding the transport sector and its development. Seminars and tutorials will be highly interactive and are used for group discussion and case studies in transport development, with emphasis on Hong Kong and Greater China. Lectures will be supplemented with video clips and handouts so as to cover relevant topics. Towards the end of the course, each student is requested to complete and submit an extensive piece of writing (1,500 - 2,000 words) in English related to the course topic and objective. Instructors will provide students with in-depth training and assistance in the writing assignment during the tutorial classes.								
Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes	Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)						
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	Individual written report	50%	√	√	✓	√			
	2. Final examination	50%	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	Total	100 %							
Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:								
	Lectures					26 Hrs.			
	■ Tutorials					13 Hrs.			
	Other student study effort:								
	Preparation for discussion					42Hrs.			
	 Preparation for individual written report/ final examination 					45Hrs.			
	Total student study effort					126 Hrs.			
Reading List and References	Recommended Textbook Students will be required to read various chapters (about 200 pages) in the following textbooks:								
	Belobaba, P., Odoni, A. and Barnhart, C. (2009): The Global Airline Industry, Wiley.								
	Rodrigue, JP. (2013): The Geography of Transport Systems, Routledge, New York.								

Stopford, M. (2009): Maritime Economics (3rd Edition), Routledge.

Also, students will be given a course kit comprising of essential materials for a general understanding of the topics. Students will also be encouraged to find further relevant materials through the worldwide web and the library.

Useful Reference

Gialloreto, L. (1988): Strategic Airline Management, Pitman.

Morrell, P. (2002): Airline Finance, Aldershot.

Schwieterman, J.P. (1993): Air Cargo and the Opening of China, CU Press.

South China Morning Post

Todaro, M.P. (1997): Economic Development (6th Edition), Longman.