

**United College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong**  
**GEUC1111 University Life and Learning**  
**1st Term, 2024/25**

**Course Code:** GEUC1111  
**Course Title:** University Life and Learning  
**Time:** Fridays, 1:30 – 3:15 p.m.  
**Venue:** Sir Run Run Shaw Hall  
**Language:** English

**A. Course Overview:**

The objective of this course is to cultivate students' basic abilities for studying in university. Topics include the purpose of university, the purpose of university education, campus life, general scientific inquiry, and principles and methods of learning and thinking.

**B. Course Content:**

Basic understanding:	How to manage your life, learning methods, physical and mental health, library resources*
Adapting to changes:	College life, gender relations, meaning of life
Broaden horizons:	General education, history and past, language and culture
Caring about society:	Ecological environment, and popular culture

**C. Course Schedule:**

Lecture	Date	Topic	Speaker
-	6 September	<i>Lecture Cancelled due to Typhoon No.8</i>	N/A
1	13 September	Initiation Ceremony / Advancement of UC	Professor Stephen WONG
2	20 September	Wellness at CUHK	WACC/ Dean of Students of United College
3	27 September	The What, Why, How of the learning	Professor CS TSE
4	4 October	Love & Relationship	Dr Sonia WONG
5	18 October	Diversity and Inclusion	Professor SUEN Yiu Tung and Dr Ann LAU
6	25 October	A teaching Collection of National Renown at The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Professor Josh YIU

#### **D. Learning Activities:**

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Establish a life attitude and values that are consistent with the College's motto.
2. Develop interests and enhance the quality of life with a lifelong learning attitude.
3. Master the ability of independent thinking and innovative thinking.

#### **E. Learning Activities:**

##### **1. Class attendance**

Classes are mainly lecture-based, and students are expected to attend all lectures and visit the Wu Chung Library (online or physical). Students have to physically attend and arrive on time for each lecture. Those who are late for 15 minutes will be regarded as absent from class. Students are required to bring along their CU Link Card for attendance taking in each lecture.

If students are unable to attend due to special circumstances, student should send email to the College in advance for applying leave. Students who were approved to take leave, must make up for missed lectures by watching the video on Blackboard within one week, and any overdue lectures will be counted as official absences.

One sub-grade will be deducted from your overall grade for total two times of absence without applying leave in advance. Class attendance could be checked in the course Blackboard on the next Wednesday after the lecture.

##### **2. Wu Chung Library, Independent Learning Centre and Tien Chi Microcomputer Laboratory Visit**

In order to deepen students' use of on-campus learning resources and improve their self-study abilities, students are required to attend visits to Wu Chung Library, Independent Learning Centre and Tien Chi Microcomputer Laboratory. Students can choose to visit online or in person. Details are as follows:

a) Physical

The number of places for physical visits is limited and is first come, first served. The tour dates are from September 23 to September 27 and each session lasts about 70 minutes. There will be around 24 people in each session. Please see Attachment 2 for the schedule. Interested students must login to the CUHK e-Ticketing website (<https://webapp.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/ras/restricted/EventList?id=57>) and complete registration on or before September 16, 12:00 noon. Students must complete the online quiz about the library visit between September 30 and October 4, 2024, at 11:59 pm.

b) Online

Students are required to watch the online visit materials from September 23 to September 27, including watching the Wu Chung Library 360 video, briefing PPT, Independent Learning Centre introduction video and Tien Chi Microcomputer Laboratory introduction video. Students must complete the online quiz about the library visit between September 30 and October 4, 2024, at 11:59 pm.

## F. Course Assessment

### 1. Online Quiz: 20%

Students must complete the online quiz about the library visit between September 30 and October 4, 2024, at 11:59 pm.

### 2. Final Essay: 80%

Student can choose any one out of the 6 themes in this course. The contents could be an expression of personal opinion on the selected theme, or a short paper based on literature review supported by reference list.

The length is about 2,000 words. The essay should be submitted in Microsoft Word (.docx/.doc) or plain text (.txt) format through the Blackboard system of the course on or before **12:00 noon of Thursday, 21 November 2024.**

Late submissions received after 12:00 noon of Thursday, 21 November 2024 and before 12:00 noon of Thursday, 28 November 2024 will be subjected to a 20% reduction of the essay marks. However, **no essay submission will be accepted after 12:00 noon of Thursday 28 November 2024.**

In addition, the assignment should also be submitted to the VeriGuide system, according to the University's policy on academic honesty. Please note the following:

- a. Each student must upload a soft copy of the final version of the assignment before the assignment deadline to the plagiarism detection engine VeriGuide, at the URL: <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/veriguide>.
- b. The system will issue a receipt which also contains a declaration on academic honesty, which is the same as Attachment 1.
- c. Please attach the receipt together with the term essay for submission to Blackboard.
- d. 10% of the total score in the assignment will be deducted for any submission without the VeriGuide receipt.

## G. Course Materials

The course materials of each lecture will be uploaded to the University's Learning Management System (LMS) – Blackboard, after each class. Students can log into the Blackboard system at <https://blackboard.cuhk.edu.hk> using CUHK email and OnePass password.

Please pay attention to the intellectual property rights and be reminded that the course materials are restricted to the use of the students in this class. Any unauthorized upload to social or public platform may infringe copyright and are strongly prohibited.

## H. Feedback for Evaluation

1. Course and teaching evaluation survey will be conducted at the end of the semester. Students are reminded of their responsibility and right to give feedback to facilitate enhancement of the course.
2. Students are welcome to give feedbacks to the course teacher at any time in person or through emails.

## **Attachment 1**

### **Academic honesty and plagiarism:**

Attention is drawn to University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and to the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations. Details may be found at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>.

With each assignment, students will be required to submit a **signed declaration** (Attachment 1) that they are aware of these policies, regulations, guidelines and procedures.

- For group projects, all students of the same group should be asked to sign the declaration, each of whom is responsible and liable to disciplinary actions should there be any plagiarized contents/undeclared multiple submission in the group project, irrespective of whether he/she has signed the declaration and whether he/she has contributed directly or indirectly to the problematic contents.
- For assignments in the form of a computer-generated document that is principally text-based and submitted via **VeriGuide**, the statement, in the form of a receipt, will be issued by the system upon students' uploading of the soft copy of the assignment.

Assignments without the properly signed declaration will not be graded by teachers.

Only the final version of the assignment should be submitted via VeriGuide.

## **Attachment 1**

### **Declaration for written assignment**

I am submitting the assignment for:

- an individual project or
- a group project on behalf of all members of the group. It is hereby confirmed that the submission is authorized by all members of the group, and all members of the group are required to sign this declaration.

I/We declare that: (i) the assignment here submitted is original except for source material explicitly acknowledged; (ii) the piece of work, or a part of the piece of work has not been submitted for more than one purpose (e.g. to satisfy the requirements in two different courses) without declaration; and (iii) the submitted soft copy with details listed in the <Submission Details> is identical to the hard copy(ies), if any, which has(have) been / is(are) going to be submitted.

I/We also acknowledge that I am/we are aware of University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and of the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations, as contained in the University website <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>.

**In the case of a group project, we are aware that each student is responsible and liable to disciplinary actions should there be any plagiarized contents/undeclared multiple submission in the group project, irrespective of whether he/she has signed the declaration and whether he/she has contributed directly or indirectly to the problematic contents.**

It is also understood that assignments without a properly signed declaration by the student concerned and in the case of a group project, by all members of the group concerned, will not be graded by the teacher(s).

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Signature(s)

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Date

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Name(s)

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**Attachment 2**

**GEUC1111 University Life and Learning  
United College Wu Chung Library visit activities**

**Wu Chung Library visit activities available sessions:**

<b>Session No.</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Vacancy</b>
1	23 September 2024 (Monday), 9:30am.	Cantonese	24
2	23 September 2024 (Monday), 10:45am.	English	24
3	23 September 2024 (Monday), 2:30pm.	Cantonese	24
4	24 September 2024 (Tuesday), 9:30am.	English	24
5	24 September 2024 (Tuesday), 10:45am.	Cantonese	24
6	24 September 2024 (Tuesday), 2:30pm.	Cantonese	24
7	25 September 2024 (Wednesday), 9:30am.	Cantonese	24
8	25 September 2024 (Wednesday), 10:45am.	Cantonese	24
9	25 September 2024 (Wednesday), 2:30pm.	English	24
10	26 September 2024 (Thursday), 9:30am.	English	24
11	26 September 2024 (Thursday), 10:45am.	Cantonese	24
12	26 September 2024 (Thursday), 2:30pm.	English	24
13	27 September 2024 (Friday), 9:30am.	Cantonese	24
14	27 September 2024 (Friday), 10:45am.	English	24
15	27 September 2024 (Friday), 3:30pm.	Cantonese	24