

**United College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong**  
**General Education Course**  
**GEUC 4011 “SENIOR SEMINAR”**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Term, 2024/25**

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Class Time: Friday; 3:30 pm – 6:15 pm  
Class Time: Assigned by the Registration and Examinations Section

**Course Overview:**

This is a compulsory three-unit and small-group student-orientated teaching course for the final year students, with teaching staff serving as supervisors, the emphasis will be on students' participation. Student groups will choose a topic of their own interests, conduct the research, present their findings and submit a report.

**Course Objectives:**

1. Arousing the interest of the students in the exploration of current issues;
2. Sharpening research, problem-solving and thesis-writing skills; and
3. Enhancing ability in conducting group research projects and seminars requiring collective efforts

**Learning Outcomes:**

1. Recognize the common concerns of the contemporary world;
2. Describe connections and integrate knowledge across fields;
3. Demonstrate the ability to think independently and innovatively;
4. Cultivate comprehensive views to appreciate different cultures; and
5. Develop leadership skills and be able to collaborate and communicate effectively in teamwork.

**Learning Activities:**

1. Pre-course talks
2. Interactive tutorial and supported by the Graduate Research Consultant Scheme
3. Discussions and presentation
4. Research project paper
5. Other learning activities, e.g. teamwork, leadership, multimedia production skills, etc.

**Language:**

To be decided by the instructor (Putonghua, Cantonese or English)

**Course Schedule and Arrangements:**

Time (Year of 2024)	Particulars	Remarks
31 January	Course briefing session for students (ZOOM Webinar)	
8-22 February	Group forming exercise <a href="https://geuc4011.uc.cuhk.edu.hk/fyp/">https://geuc4011.uc.cuhk.edu.hk/fyp/</a>	Registration online
8-31 March	Submission of research topic and methodology	Online platform
Early May	Announcement of class and teacher arrangements	
May	Course briefing session for supervisors	Date to be confirmed
End May	First meeting with course supervisor	
June to August	Conducting research	
6 September	Class meeting on the first Friday of the semester	Beginning of semester

Time (Year of 2024)	Particulars	Remarks
13 September	Deadline for amendment of research topics	
27 September	Submission of interim report to supervisors	
October to November	Oral presentations of research groups	
29 November	Hand in final report in hard and soft copies	End of semester
31 December	Expense reimbursement application	

#### Assessment Scheme:

Nature/Task	Descriptions	Weight
Class participation	Attendance rate and submission of interim report	20%
	Active participation in class discussions	
Oral presentation	Group oral presentation	30%
	Quality of multimedia production	
Written report	Written report of 6,000 to 10,000 words	50%

#### Feedback for Evaluation:

1. Interaction and communication with supervisors and students
2. Peer review form
3. Student performance in the oral presentations
4. Student performance in the written reports
5. Course and teaching evaluation form
6. Evaluation form for supervisors

#### Recommended Reading List:

- Babbie, E. 2004. The Practice of Social Research. Thomason/Wadsworth.
- Baker, T.L. 1999. Doing Social Research. 3rd ed. McGraw-Hill.
- Chan, Y.K. et al. 1991. A Practical Guide to Sample Surveys. Hong Kong Statistical Society.
- Dooley, D. 2001. Social Research Methods. 4th ed. Prentice Hall.
- Fowler, F.J. Jr. 2002. Survey Research Methods. 3rd ed. Sage.
- Miller, D.C. 2002. Handbook of Research Design and Social Measurement. 6th ed. Sage.
- 陳膺強，1998，〈應用抽樣調查〉，商務印書館。
- 香港中文大學社會學系，2002，〈社會研究一本通〉，香港中文大學出版社。

#### Recommended Reference:

United College students' senior seminar papers database <https://repository.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/en/collection/ucgeu>.  
 Blackboard Course Web – [2023R1 Senior Seminar \(GEUC4011\)](https://blackboard.cuhk.edu.hk) - (<https://blackboard.cuhk.edu.hk>)

#### Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

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