

United College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
General Education Course
GEUC 2101A SOCIAL SERVICE: PARTICIPATION AND REFLECTION
1st Term, 2024/25

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Language: Cantonese (with English materials)
Class Dates: Mondays 6:30-9:15 pm.
16, 23 September, and 18 November 2024; Plus community service (TBC)
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Course Overview:

The objective of this course is to foster students to become positive and responsible citizens through participating in community social service and visiting social enterprises. Based on the principles of service-learning, social enterprisingness, and theories of experiential learning, the course assists students to consolidate their prior and on-going community service experiences. Through self-reflection, small group discussion, community agency and social enterprise visits and project presentation, students will be able to understand the needs of vulnerable groups, aware of human issues related to social justice and develop positive attitude to community social service. The purpose of this course is to facilitate students' self-development and develop a long-term interest in caring of the community and populations in need.

(Remark: This Course is not for students major in Social Work)

Grade Descriptors:

P	All learning outcomes/assessment criteria have been met. The work demonstrates most or all the following characteristics in related to those expected at the given level of study within the discipline: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adequate to good understand and exploration 2. No significant inaccuracies, misunderstandings or errors 3. The specifications for the assessment task, including word limit/time limit where appropriate, have been adhered to 4. The outside classroom activities are well organized, coherent and the standard presentation, including referencing where appropriate, is up to standard 5. Appropriate contextualization, including relevant theory / literature / artefacts /performance 6. Evidence of quality analysis, synthesis, reflection and critical appraisal
F	One or more key learning outcome/assessment criterion has/have not been met. The work fails to meet the requirements in relation to those expected at the given level of study within the discipline, exemplified by any of the followings: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poor understanding and exploration of ideas 2. Some significant inaccuracies, misunderstandings or errors 3. Not participating required classroom activities, including group presentations 4. Not participating required outside classroom activities, including service projects or visit to organizations 5. No evidence of analysis, synthesis, reflection and critical appraisal 6. Insufficient attention paid to some of the assessment criteria and some significant aberrations from the specifications for the assessment task

Learning Objectives and Outcomes:

After completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the theory and practice of Service-Learning;
2. Integrate community service experiences with principles of Service-Learning;
3. Relate their service-learning experience with the concepts of civic responsibility and social justice;
4. Critically appraise their personal development in relation to their Service-Learning experience;
5. Develop an awareness towards populations in need and identify ways to serve them; and
6. Initiate long-term interest to serve the community and society; and
7. Practice constant self-reflection in order to achieve self-discovery and self-expression.

Learning Activities:

1. Pre-service briefing and training in classroom : 2 x 2.75 hours = 5.5 hours;
2. Community services for specified social disadvantaged groups: 5 hours
All students taking this course will be divided into several groups. Each group will have to plan, propose and implement community services for one of several specified social disadvantaged groups (including children, young night drifters, new arrivals from Mainland, persons with mental disability, and elderly people) in designated social service units operated by non-government organizations; with guidance and support from Course Instructor and/or parties concerned;
3. Post-service presentation and evaluation in classroom : 3 hours
(Each group will take turn to make a PowerPoint presentation followed by discussion in the class during the last session); and
4. Online sharing on CUHK's e-Learning platform.

Remarks:

1. This course is for United College students to take in their second year or third year of study.
2. This course will invite students to participate in experiential learning/activities for personal growth and professional development. For those who are overwhelmed or with signs of psychological/emotional impact, they are encouraged to speak with the Course Instructor and to seek professional help for appropriate support.

Course Schedule and Arrangements:

Pre-service briefing and training:

2 Monday evenings on 16 and 23 September 2024 (6:30 – 9:00pm)

Community services:

(TBC)

Post-service presentation and evaluation:

Monday evening on 18 November 2024 (6:30 – 9:30pm)

Language:

Cantonese

Writing Assignment:

Each student is required to submit an individual self-reflection report of 1,000 words in Chinese or English. They are expected to acquire understanding on the needs and problems of the target groups which they have served in their community services, as well as to identify possible solutions and their potential contribution as university students. **The submission deadline is on 25 November 2024.**

Course Assessment Scheme:

1. Participation	30%
2. Group Presentation cum discussion	35%
3. Personal Reflection Journal	35%

The students will be assessed according to a check-list covering such areas as their attendance, participation, proposal and implementation in their community services, group presentation, and written assignment. They will then be given an overall Pass/Fail grade.

Channel for Course Announcement: Details of Course Website

Follow the following step to access the course website:

1. Log in to Blackboard Learn: <https://elearn.cuhk.edu.hk>
2. Choose the course: 2024R1-GEUC2101A
3. Choose the functions that you want to use or materials to download, e.g. discussion, mail or course slides.
4. Please visit the course website regularly to get information, announcement, give opinions and for communication with instructor, tutors and classmates.

Feedback for Evaluation:

1. Students are encouraged to put forth their viewpoints and opinions regarding the course on the Blackboard Learn discussion forum. The lecturer will log on the discussion forum and give feedback to opinions posted by students.
2. An evaluation questionnaire will also be conducted at the end of the course to collect students' opinions on the course.

Required Readings:

On Service-Learning

東華大學教學卓越中心社會參與教師社群 (編) (2012)。《教育小革命 -- 大學生的十堂社會參與課》。台北：心靈工坊文化事業。

香港青年協會 (2009)。《社會服務學習經歷 -- 青年服務長者專集》。香港：香港青年協會。

馬學嘉、陳章明、劉誠、麥梅芳 (主編) (2014)。《高等教育新思維：中國特式的服務學習》。北京：社會科學文獻出版社。

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Butin, D.W. (2010). *Service-learning in theory and practice: the future of community engagement in higher education*. NY: Palgrave Macmillan. Chapter 1.

Deeley, S.J. (2015), *Critical Perspectives on Service-Learning in Higher Education*, UK: Palgrave Macmillan

Xing, J. & Ma, H. K. (2010). *Service-Learning in Asia: Curricular Models and Practices*. HK: Hong Kong University Press.

On Volunteerism and Personal Development

香港青年協會 (2008)。《「青年志願者領袖培訓計劃」彙編》。香港：香港青年協會。

Haldar, U.K. (2010). *Leadership and team building*. India: Oxford University Press.

Liu S.C., Holosko, M. & Lo, T.W. (Ed.) (2008) *Youth Empowerment and Volunteerism: Principles, Policies and Practices*. City University of Hong Kong Press. 298-306.

Wong, L. P., Chui, W. H., & Kwok, Y. Y. (2010). *The Volunteers Satisfaction Index: A Validation Study in the Chinese Cultural Context*. Journal of Social Indicators Research. DOI 10.1007/s11205-010-9715-3.

On Understanding the Social Disadvantaged Groups and Social Welfare Services in Hong Kong

周永新 (2013) 。《社會政策的觀念和制度》。香港：中華書局。

黃洪 (2013) 。《「無窮」的盼望-- 香港貧窮問題探析》。香港：中華書局。

陳啟芳、黃昌榮、邵家臻 (編) (2012) 。《會說話的社會福利》。香港：圓桌文化。

Altschuld, J.W. & White, J.L. (2010). *Needs Assessment, analysis and prioritization*. LA: Sage.

Batson, C.D., Admad, N. & Tsang, J.A. (2002). Four motives for community involvement. *Journal of Social Issues*, 58(3), 429 – 445.

Hughes, C., Steinhorn, R., Davis, B. Beckrest, S., Boyd, E. & Cashen, K. (2012). *University-Based Service Learning: Relating Mentoring Experiences to Issues of Poverty*. *Journal of College Student Development* 53(6). 767-782.

On Program Planning, Implementation and Evaluation

甘炳光 (2009) 。《小組遊戲帶領技巧-- 從概念到實踐》。香港：香港城市大學出版社。

黃幹知、梁玉麒 (編著) (2011) 。《舉一玩十 -- 一種物質帶領多個遊戲》。香港：策馬文創。

蔡炳綱、吳漢明 (2001) 。《72 個體驗活動》。香港：匯智。

On Experiential Learning and Reflective Thinking

Brockbank, A. & McGill, I. (2007). *Facilitating reflective learning in higher education*. (2nd ed.) NY: Open University Press.

Ngai, S. Y. (2009). The Effects of Program Characteristics and Psychological Engagement on Service-Learning Outcomes: A Study of University Students in Hong Kong. *Adolescence*. 44(174). 375-389.

Recommended Readings:

Useful Websites:

The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

<http://www.hkcss.org.hk/>

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Honesty in academic work: In writing their papers, students must refer 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 can be found at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>.

Declaration to be included in assignments

Every assignment handed in should be accompanied by a signed declaration as below. For group projects, all students of the same group should be asked to sign the declaration. 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 receipt will not be graded by teachers. Only the final version of assignment should be submitted via VeriGuide.

I declare that the assignment here submitted is original except for source material explicitly acknowledged, and that the same or closely related material has not been previously submitted for another course. I also acknowledge that I am 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 website.

Signature

Name

Course code

Date

Student ID

Course title