

COURSE DETAIL

URBAN SUSTAINABILITY

Country

Hong Kong

Host Institution

Chinese University of Hong Kong

Program(s)

Chinese University of Hong Kong

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Urban Studies

UCEAP Course Number

101

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

URBAN SUSTAINABILITY

UCEAP Transcript Title

URBAN SUSTAINABILITY

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course explores theories and practices pertaining to urban sustainability. Urban sustainability is a state or process, in which urban development goals are met “while safeguarding Earth’s life-supporting system, on which the welfare of current and future generations depends” (Griggs et al. 2013:306). As the term sustainability becomes tremendously popular, its meaning is increasingly diluted; therefore, this course addresses sustainability at the very core of the problem. In this course, sustainability is not considered as simply a collection of social sustainability, economic sustainability, and environmental sustainability. Sustainability is a state or process, on which socio-economic development is built upon environmental integrity and constraints. This course focuses on the fundamental issue that gave rise to the notion of sustainability—the integrity of the Earth’s life-supporting system. It examines global and local environmental problems, as well as consequential socioeconomic issues, arising from urban development and continuous urban growth. It also explores existing and emerging approaches to urban sustainability. Throughout the course, students are challenged to contemplate on the relationship between human activities and nature, which is at the core the quest of urban sustainability.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

URSP2100

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https://rgsntl.rgs.cuhk.edu.hk/aqs_prd_applx/Public/tt_dsp_crse_catalog.aspx

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Urban Studies

Course Last Reviewed

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