

**The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Department of Economics**

**ECON3320
Asia-Pacific Economies
2nd Term 2018 – 2019**

Course Objective

This course focuses on the current and recent experience of Asian economies, especially their growth and economic development with respect to some economic theories and models. A general survey will be on groups of economies in the Asia-Pacific region. Discussions will be on drivers of economic growth (accumulation of factors of production (savings and investment), productivity (technology and efficiency)), challenges facing like aging population, recent economic development (middle-income trap) and financial issues by lessons of the two crises in 1997 and 2008, and their role of international initiatives (ASEAN, APEC, the Belt-and-Road Initiative).

Learning Outcome

After completion of the course, students are expected to:

- have a better understanding of the Asian growth and development experience
- capable of identifying contemporary problems in the region, analyzing the issues and evaluating implemented/implementing policies critically

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* All course enquiries of an administrative nature are to be directed to your tutors.

Readings

There are no required readings for this course. Readings will be suggested during the course.

Assessment

Your final grade is awarded according to the following methods and percentages:

Group Project	
• Presentation	15%
• Participation and Discussion	10%
• Essay	20%
Final examination	55%

Note:

Group Project

More details will be announced after the add-drop period.

Schedule of Examination

The final examination is centrally arranged by the Registration and Examination Section between 25 April – 11 May 2019.

There will DEFINITELY be **NO MAKE-UP** examinations except with the university approved reasons/justifications. And for **Exchange Students**, please be reminded early departure before the end of the examination period is **NOT** a valid reason from absenting in the final examination.

Grade Descriptors

Grade	Descriptions
A / A-	Outstanding/Generally outstanding performance on all learning outcomes.
B+ / B / B-	Substantial performance on all learning outcomes, OR high performance on some learning outcomes which compensates for less satisfactory performance on others, resulting in overall substantial performance.
C+ / C / C-	Satisfactory performance on the majority of learning outcomes, possibly with a few weaknesses.
D+ / D	Barely satisfactory performance on a number of learning outcomes
F	Unsatisfactory performance on a number of learning outcomes, OR failure to meet specified assessment requirements.

Topics (subject to minor changes)

Week	Topic
1	Introduction
2 – 4	Growth Experience of Asian Economies
6 – 8	Challenges Facing the economies
9 – 10	Recent Economic Development
11 – 12	Lessons from Two Financial Crises
13	Reading Week
14 – 15	Presentation and Discussion

* Week 5 (4 & 7 Feb): Chinese New Year Holiday

Blackboard Learn

Students who are enrolled in the course can get access to our Blackboard Learn site at <https://blackboard.cuhk.edu.hk>. From the course site, you can read the course announcements, and download lecture notes.

Academic Honesty

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