



**THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

**ECON3350
China, Hong Kong and the World Economy**

**COURSE SYLLABUS
(2018-2019 Second Term)**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The rise of China is the major event of the 21st century. Hong Kong has played an important role in the opening and reform of the Chinese economy. This course examines the major issues and challenges involved in the rise of China and economic integration of Hong Kong and the Mainland. Well-known experts from the finance sector and governmental organizations will be invited to discuss and analyse current economic issues such as Hong Kong's integration with the Pearl River Delta and the Mainland, the status of Hong Kong as China's trading, financial and services hub, the impacts on the global economy of the Hong Kong-Mainland economic nexus, and economic cooperation between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

Students are assumed to have knowledge of introductory microeconomics and macroeconomics. More advanced economic concepts will be explained as they are used. Students who have problems with economic concepts are advised to attend tutorials and/or discuss with tutors during their office hours.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completing this course, students should be able to:

- Understand the major issues involved in the rise of the Chinese economy and the impacts on the world economy.
- Understand the major issues involved in the economic integration of the Hong Kong and the Chinese Mainland.
- To intelligently discuss and evaluate the debates on these issues.

THE TEACHING TEAM

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LECTURE HOURS

Wednesday 4:30pm-7:15pm

ASSESSMENT SCHEME

The assessment is based on:

Instrument	Weight
Group Based Tasks	60%
Guest Lectures Participation and Discussion	20%
Midterm Exam	20%
Total	100%

EXAM

The date for the midterm exam will be announced. Final exam will be centrally organized

COURSE TEXTBOOKS

There are no required textbooks in this course. We will make references to a number of academic journal articles, research reports and articles in financial/business magazine. Students who are interested in a quick and sharp introduction of China's economy can refer to the following text:

China's Economy: What Everyone Needs to Know – by Arthur R. Kroeber

COURSE MATERIALS

Course materials (lecture notes, suggested readings) will be posted on E-learning.

GROUP BASED TASKS

More details will be announced.

HONESTY IN ACADEMIC WORK

Students must observe the University's policy on Honesty in Academic Work (please see <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>). Every assignment must be accompanied by a signed declaration of originality. For group projects, all students of the same group should be asked to sign on 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 assignments should be submitted via VeriGuide. The Chinese University of Hong Kong places very high importance on honesty in academic work submitted by students, and adopts a policy of zero tolerance on cheating in examinations and plagiarism. Any related offence will lead to disciplinary action including termination of studies at the University.

CONTENTS (TENTATIVE AND NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER, SOME TOPICS MAY NOT BE COVERED SUBJECT TO TIME CONSTRAINT)

Modern Economic Development of China and Hong Kong

1. Introduction of China's Economy
2. Introduction of Hong Kong's Economy
3. Hong Kong's Financial and Monetary Development
4. Case Study: Hong Kong in the Asian Financial Crisis and Great Recession
5. Case Study: Hong Kong's Property Market
6. Case Study: Hong Kong's Monetary System

Computable General Equilibrium (CGE)

1. Essential Microeconomic Theory
2. Essential Macroeconomic Theory
3. The Social Accounting Matrix
4. General Equilibrium Theory
5. The Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) and the GTAP Model
6. The runGTAP and GTAPAgg tools

International Macroeconomics

1. The IS-LM Model, Mundell-Fleming and IS-LM-BP Model
2. Trade Models: The Heckschler-Ohlin Model

GUEST LECTURES

There will be 4 guest lectures in this course during regular class time. You should attend these lectures and interact with the guest speakers who are experts in their areas.

Date	Guest Speaker	Topic
Feb 20 (Wed) 4:30pm-6:15pm	Mr. Nicholas Kwan Director of Research, Hong Kong Trade Development Council	The Big Bay Area and OBOR: Challenges & Opportunities for HK
Feb 27 (Wed) 4:30pm-6:15pm	Mr. Nathan Chow Vice President, Economist, DBS Bank (Hong Kong)	RMB Internationalization
Mar 13 (Wed) 4:30pm-6:15pm	Mr. Kwok-Chuen Kwok Former Chief Economist, Hong Kong Government	China's economic reform and development: Implications for HK
Mar 27 (Wed) 4:30pm-6:15pm	Mr Edward Leung Former Chief Economist, Hong Kong Trade Development Council	Economic Integration and the Emergence of Anti-globalization