

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

**ECON3320
Asia-Pacific Economies
2nd Term 2021 – 2022**

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)), recent economic developments, challenges facing like aging population, 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 tutor.

Readings

Readings will be assigned/suggested during the course.

Assessment

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

Group Project

- Presentation 20%
- Discussion (be assigned as a discussant) 10%

Individual Assignment

- Reflection Essay on the Group Project 15%
- Discussion (choose two presentations to comment on) 10%

Final examination

45%

Note:

Group Project & Individual Assignment

A brief introduction will be provided in the first lecture and more details are announced after the add-drop period.

Schedule of Examination

- The final examination is centrally arranged by the Registration and Examination Section between 27 April – 14 May 2022.
- If pandemic condition gets worse that makes on-campus exam impossible during that time, the final examination may be conducted online. More details will be announced when time approaches.
- There will **DEFINITELY** be **NO MAKE-UP** examinations except with the university approved reasons/justifications.

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 and schedule (subject to minor changes)

Week	Topic
1 – 2	Introduction An Overview of Current Economic Trends
2 – 5	Growth Experience of Asian Economies
5 – 7	Recent Economic Developments
8 – 10	Challenges of Economies in the Region
11 – 12	Financial Issues: Globalization & Crises
14 & 15	Presentation and Discussion

Note:

- Week 4 (31 January & 3 February): Chinese New Year Holiday
- Week 13 (4 & 7 April): Reading Week
- Week 15 (18 April): Easter 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 all the lecture materials.

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