

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

**ECON3320
Asia-Pacific Economies
2nd Term 2024 – 2025**

Course Objective

This course focuses on the 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.

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:

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| Blackboard Discussions | 15% |
| Midterm Test | 20% |
| Final examination | 65% |

Schedule of Examination

- While the **midterm** is scheduled in **Week 10 (10 March)**, the final examination is centrally arranged by the Registration and Examination Section (RES).
- There will **DEFINITELY** be **NO MAKE-UP** examination **EXCEPT** with the university approved reasons/justifications. Application for a **make-up midterm** has to be filed (by sending an email to me at prileung@cuhk.edu.hk with **valid supporting documents**, i.e. if it's a **medical certificate/proof**, diagnosis has to be **clearly specified**) within three days after the midterm date. No make-up will be arranged for late application. **Make-up of final exam** needs endorsement by the RES and thus formal application should go to RES directly.

Grade Descriptors

| Grade | Descriptions |
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| 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 Economic Trends & Developments |
| 2 – 6 | Growth Experience of Asian Economies |
| 6 – 8 | Recent Economic Developments |
| 11 – 13 | Challenges of Economies in the Region |
| 13 – 15 | Financial Issues: Globalization & Crises |

Note:

- Week 5: Chinese New Year Holiday
- Week 9: Reading Week

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.

Academic Honesty

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