



Happy Lunar New Year!

GRADUATE SCHOOL COURSES

The following courses/modules will be offered in the second semester of 2000-2001:

GRSC6001

INTRODUCTION TO THESIS WRITING

GRSC6001F

15 Feb - 13 Mar 2001 (Mon, Tue & Thur)
10:40am - 12:30pm P501, Graduate House

GRSC6001G

15 Feb - 13 Mar 2001 (Mon, Tue & Thur)
2:00pm - 3:50pm P501, Graduate House

GRSC6001H

8 Mar - 31 Mar 2001 (Thur & Sat)
6:00pm - 8:30pm (Thur) &
9:30am - 1:00pm (Sat) P503, Graduate House

GRSC6001I

7 May - 31 May 2001 (Mon, Tue & Thur)
10:40am - 12:30pm P501, Graduate House

GRSC6001J

7 May - 31 May 2001 (Mon, Tue & Thur)
2:00pm - 3:50pm P501, Graduate House

GRSC6001K

17 May - 9 Jun 2001 (Thur & Sat)
6:00pm - 8:30pm (Thur) &
9:30am - 1:00pm (Sat) P503, Graduate House

GRSC6002 WRITING WORKSHOPS I

GRSC6002D

5 Feb - 13 Feb 2001 (Mon & Tue)
6:00pm - 7:50pm P503, Graduate House

GRSC6002E

19 Mar - 27 Mar 2001 (Mon & Tue)
10:40am - 12:30pm P501, Graduate House

GRSC6002F

2 Apr - 10 Apr 2001 (Mon & Tue) 12 APR 2003
10:40am - 12:30pm P501, Graduate House

GRSC6002G

4 Jun - 12 Jun 2001 (Mon & Tue)
10:40am - 12:30pm P501, Graduate House

GRSC6003 WRITING WORKSHOPS II

GRSC6003D

7 Feb - 28 Feb 2001 (Wed)
3:00pm - 4:50pm P503, Graduate House

GRSC6003E

14 Mar - 4 Apr 2001 (Wed)
3:00pm - 4:50pm P501, Graduate House

GRSC6003F

19 Apr - 10 May 2001 (Thur)
6:00pm - 7:50pm P501, Graduate House

GRSC6004

ORAL ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES

GRSC6004E

6 Feb - 27 Feb 2001 (Tue)
10:40am - 12:30pm P601&P503, Graduate House

GRSC6004F

19 Apr - 10 May 2001 (Thur)
6:00pm - 7:50pm P601&P602, Graduate House

GRSC6004G

8 May - 29 May 2001 (Tue)
10:40am - 12:30pm P601&P602, Graduate House

GRSC6007

DATA ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT

(for new MPhil students)

28 Mar - 18 Apr 2001 (Wed)
6:00pm - 8:00pm Rm501, Meng Wah Complex

DATA ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT

(for PhD students)

25 Apr - 16 May 2001 (Wed)
6:00pm - 8:00pm Rm501, Meng Wah Complex

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GRSC6008 TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

GRSC6008C

21 Feb - 14 Mar 2001 (Wed)
6:00pm - 8:00pm P602, Graduate House

GRSC6008D

16 Feb - 9 Mar 2001 (Fri)
10:40am - 12:30pm P501, Graduate House

GRSC6012B

BASIC STATISTICS FOR RESEARCH

5 Feb - 26 Feb 2001 (Mon)
4:00pm - 6:00pm P503, Graduate House

GRSC6013B

INTERMEDIATE STATISTICS FOR RESEARCH

26 Mar - 23 Apr 2001 (Mon)
4:00pm - 6:00pm T6, Meng Wah Complex

COMPUTER INDUCTION PROGRAMMES

GS0001 INTRODUCTION TO MS WINDOWS 98

GS0001B

Feb 12, 2001 (Mon)
9:30am - 12:30pm Rm101, Run Run Shaw Building

GS0001C

May 3, 2001 (Thur)
2:00pm - 5:00pm Rm101, Run Run Shaw Building

GS0002 PC & NETWORK SERVICES

GS0002B

February 14, 2001 (Wed)
2:00pm - 5:00pm Rm135, Old Library Building

GS0002C

May 8, 2001 (Tue)
9:00am - 12:30pm Rm135, Old Library Building

GS0003 MICROSOFT WORD 97 FOR WINDOWS 98

GS0003B

February 16, 2001 (Fri)
9:30am - 12:30pm Rm135, Old Library Building

GS0003C

May 10, 2001 (Thur)
2:00pm - 5:00pm Rm135, Old Library Building

GS0004

MICROSOFT EXCEL 97 FOR WINDOWS 98

GS0004B

February 19, 2001 (Mon)
9:30am - 12:30pm Rm135, Old Library Building

GS0004C

May 15, 2001 (Tue)
9:30am - 12:30pm Rm135, Old Library Building

GS0005 MICROSOFT POWERPOINT 97 FOR WINDOWS 98

GS0005B

February 21, 2001 (Wed)
2:00pm - 5:00pm Rm135, Old Library Building

GS0005C

May 17, 2001 (Thur)
2:00pm - 5:00pm Rm135, Old Library Building

ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLMENT

Starting from 1999-2000, all MPhil students are required to complete two compulsory Graduate School courses (*Course GRSC6001 and any three of the modules on offer*) under the MPhil curricula. Existing research postgraduate students (*including F/T & P/T*) are also welcome to take any of the Graduate School courses which they find useful.

Relevant Course Enrolment Brochures and Application Forms are available in all Faculty offices and the Graduate School office. Please also browse the Graduate School's homepage at <http://www.hku.hk/gradsch> for the syllabuses of the above-mentioned courses.

To enrol in the above courses, please complete the required application form and return it **IN PERSON** to the Graduate School office. The enrolment period for the Graduate School courses is:

January 15 - 19, 2001 (Mon - Fri) 9:00am - 6:00pm
January 20, 2001 (Sat) 9:00am - 12:30pm

Please note that places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis and any application is subject to the availability of places. Deadline for applications for the Computer Induction Programmes is 7 days before the course commences.

The Graduate School is located in **P403, Graduate House**. We can be contacted through the following:

Tel: 2857 3470 Fax: 2857 3543

E-mail: gradsch@hkucc.hku.hk

URL: <http://www.hku.hk/gradsch>

“All education is a continuous dialogue — questions and answers that pursue every problem to the horizon.”

~ William O. DOUGLAS



1...2...3...Cheers!



Beautiful sunshine, fresh air, green vegetation and calm water... What a marvelous trip!



Oldest to the left, youngest to the right, line up!

**“Why — Why — Why! ...
Ask it of everything your
mind touches, and let your
mind touch everything!”**

~ Ann FAIRBAIRN



Participants had to complete this challenging task — crossing the river with 2 ropes only.



Rope-river-crossing: "I am falling..."

Post-Camp Sharing Section

The adventure was undoubtedly still vivid in the mind of every participant. A sharing section of the Camp was launched on December 18, 2000 to let the participants to express their unforgettable experiences and joy about the trip.

Most participants were deeply impressed by this kind of outdoor activity which was challenging and exciting. The Training Camp achieved a great success since they all gained valuable experiences and skills like communication, leadership and team building skills. They hoped the camp would last longer i.e. 3 days & 2 nights instead of 2 days & 1 night so as to allow them to exchange more about what they had learned in daytime. All participants missed the Camp very much and looked forward to an adventurous and meaningful programme in the near future.

If you would like to share the joy with the participants, please go to the websites below and you will discover more!

CSSA: <http://web.hku.hk/~CSSA>

Adventure: <http://communities.msn.com/hkska>

Field Life Skills Training Camp

Nearly 100 postgraduate students went for the Field Life Skills Training Camp in Sai Kung and Shek O in November and December, 2000. The Camp was jointly organized by the Chinese Scholars & Student Association (CSSA), Postgraduate Student Association (PGSA), Personal Development & Counselling Centre (PDCC) and Centre for Physical Education & Sport (CPES). Different from all activities held before, it was a two-day-and-one-night wild camp. Led by a seasoned coach, Mr. Simon Lo, from the CPES, participants underwent interesting and valuable field life skills training, such as trekking, rock climbing, abseiling and so on.

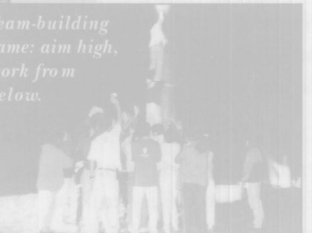
The Camp provided a precious opportunity for students to build up their strength and health, develop their wisdom and intelligence, foster their collaborative consciousness and team spirit, and understand themselves more through some problem-solving games.

"We shall overcome, we shall overcome..."
Participants learned how to overcome their intrinsic fears by rock-climbing.



Rock-climbing: participants expressed their can-do spirit.

Team-building game: aim high, work from below.



Cooking in the wild: dinner after a weary day-trip.



Participants were still excited when talking about the Training Camp in the Post-Camp Sharing Meeting held on December 18, 2000.



Editing of Abstracts of Research Postgraduate Theses

Research students and their supervisors are requested to note that the Registry now provides editing service through its Technical Writer in respect of Abstracts of research postgraduate theses. Such service is rendered free-of-charge to all research postgraduate students, departments and faculties.

MPhil and PhD students are encouraged to have their thesis abstracts edited any time before the submission of the theses for examination. Students should send their abstracts directly to the Technical Writer (*see address below*) and supervisors are asked to remind their students about the availability of such a service.

The abstracts of all research postgraduate theses submitted by students who have successfully completed all degree requirements in a given year are compiled into a publication entitled *Abstracts of Theses (year)*, *The University of Hong Kong*, copies of which are sent to local, Mainland and overseas universities. An abstract provides the synopsis of the thesis and projects the first impression of the contents of the thesis. It is therefore an important part of the thesis.

Abstracts (*hard or soft copy*) should be sent to:

Ms Joanne Zhong
Research Services Section
9th Floor, Knowles Building
Tel: 2241 5039 Fax: 2803 0558
Email: zhongjh@hkucc.hku.hk

While students are strongly encouraged to send their abstracts in as early as possible for editing, the possibility still exists for abstracts, in the majority of cases, to be sent in shortly before thesis submission. Therefore, this arrangement is on a trial basis for one year. Suggestions are welcome concerning the time schedule or process of this arrangement.

Post-Doctoral Fellowships in Israel

The University Grants Committee, in conjunction with the Consulate-General of Israel in Hong Kong, has launched a post-doctoral research fellowship scheme for Hong Kong researchers to conduct post-doctoral research in seven participating tertiary institutions in Israel.

Candidates must have received a Ph.D. degree in science or technology in the last two years before they apply. The fellowships are for the duration of one academic year renewable for up to another year. Research must be carried out under the direction of a member of the senior academic faculty of one of the seven research universities in Israel.

Under the scheme, fellowships will be given by the Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council of Higher Education of Israel for two outstanding Hong Kong researchers.

The fellowship shall consist of an all-inclusive sum of US\$15,000 per year to cover the international travel costs for the approved itinerary, accommodation, meals, books, local transportation, telephone expenses, medical insurance, and incidentals, etc. The fellowship is adequate to cover costs for one person.

*“The greatest gift is the passion for reading.
It is cheap, it consoles, it distracts, it excites,
it gives you knowledge of the world and
experience of a wide kind. It is a moral
illumination.”*

~ Elizabeth HARDWICK

Selection of the candidates will be done by the Israeli side. Information about the eligibility requirement, selection criteria, and contact details of the seven Israeli tertiary institutions is available on RGC website at <http://www.ugc.edu.hk/rgc/english/israel-p.html>. As agreed with the Israeli side, interested applicants could direct their enquiries to the relevant Israeli universities. The closing date for applications is **February 15, 2001**.

Post-Doctoral Fellowships in France 2001

The French Ministry of Education has launched since 1999 a programme to invite young foreign researchers, Ph.D. holders, to go to France and to seek experience among a French research team for a twelve-month stay, eventually renewable by a six-month period.

A new call for applications has been launched in November 2000, with the aim to invite in France 215 foreign post-doctoral fellows as from September 2001.

Some countries have been defined as a priority by the French Ministry and Hong Kong S.A.R. is among the list. Young researchers, under the age of 35 (*by 31st December 2001*) and currently posted in Hong Kong universities (*with any nationality*), are eligible, except those who have passed their Ph.D. in France and who are currently in France.

An application file should be submitted by **28 February 2001** to the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong. It must comprise:

- Two completed copies of the application form, which can be downloaded at <http://www.france.com.hk>
- Two copies of the statement of the research the candidate wishes to pursue
- Two copies of certificates of the candidate's university record
- Two copies of the candidate's list of publications
- Two copies of a letter of invitation by the French hosting institution
- Two copies of a letter from a referee

Selected candidates will be notified through their hosting laboratory by early May 2001.

The fellow's arrival in France must occur between 1st September and 1st December 2001. The fellow will receive a monthly stipend of FF12,000, through the hosting laboratory. No assistance towards airfare will be given. They will benefit from social welfare, excluded their spouse and children.

Further information and application forms can be obtained from:

Mr. Stéphane Blanchard, Assistant Attaché (Science & Technology)
Consulate General of France, 25/F, Tower 2,
Admiralty Centre, 18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong.
Tel: 3196 6211 Fax: 3196 6201
E-mail: urba@france.com.hk