THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Museums as Classrooms – Experiential Learning at Hong Kong, Greater Bay Area and Singapore Museums (BBED6808)

Information Sheet

This course offers experiential learning activities at museums in Hong Kong (HK), the Greater Bay Area (GBA) and Singapore. HK schools have increasingly recognized the significance of museums as essential community resources for fostering students' life-long learning. HK museums are rich community resources for edutainment. They play a crucial role in acquiring, conserving, researching and exhibiting precious collections related to our cultural, historical and scientific advancements, and natural heritage. Similarly, museums in the GBA and Singapore offer unique opportunities for students to delve into all these aspects. By engaging in museum activities, students would gain a deeper understanding of the diverse and interconnected nature of our global society.

A wide range of museum learning activities including guided tours, hands-on workshops, interactive exhibits, reflection practices and self-directed museum learning opportunities would be provided. Students are required to create a museum learning package and multimedia presentations, and compile reflective journals as well as ePortfolio to showcase their learning experiences.

Target: All undergraduates

Programme duration: Eight weeks during summer 2025 (exact dates to be confirmed)

Week	Content / Event
Weeks 1-3	Input sessions and HK museum visits
Week 4	Guangdong Museum visit (TBC; 2-3 days)
Week 5	Self-directed learning at HK museums
Week 6	National Museum of Singapore visit (TBC; 3 days)
Week 7	Self-directed learning and group work
Week 8	Final presentation

Estimated costs (based on the initial quotations in September 2024 and are subject to fluctuations in prices):

Item	Estimated cost (in HK\$)
Airfare (HK ≒ Singapore; direct economy	\$2,000 – \$3,000
flight incl. tax)	
High Speed Rail (HK ≒ Guangzhou)	\$500
Hotel accommodation (booking on your	
own; this rate is based on a single room per	\$1,500 – \$3,000 (3 nights in Guangzhou)
night; the cost will be lower if you share a	\$3,000 – \$4,500 (3 nights in Singapore)
room with other students.)	
Local transport (public transport excl. HK)	\$500 - \$1,000
Museum entry fees	\$500 - \$800
Total	\$8,000 - \$12,800

The estimated total costs for the course range from HK\$8,000 to HK\$12,800, excluding personal expenses such as sightseeing, social gatherings and/or additional insurance/medical plans, which are non-reimbursable. Successful applicants (i.e. local undergraduate students, with priorities given to those from the Faculty of Education) will receive funding support from the 'Funding Scheme for Mainland and Global Engagement and Student Learning Experience', providing up to HK\$5,000 on a reimbursement basis.

For **students from the Faculty of Education**, a bulk application of the 'Tin Ka Ping Foundation Grant for Experiential Learning' (up to HK\$30,000 per application; merit-based) will be arranged¹. They may also consider the following <u>financial support schemes</u>:

- 1. Madam Chu Kwai Ying Memorial Scholarship (up to HK\$10,000 per application; merit-based)
- 2. Bursary Scheme for Experiential Learning (up to HK\$5,000 per application; non-merit-based).

For **students from other faculties** interested in applying for this course, please explore other subsidy schemes offered by the university or their home faculty, such as the 'HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund - Reaching Out Award' and the 'Non-means-tested Mainland Experience Scheme for Post-secondary Students'.

Remarks:

- All Experiential Learning courses offered by the Faculty of Education adopt PASS/FAIL grading basis.
- Students need to study/work off-campus in museums/premises of our community partners and/or their collaborating partners.
- Students must possess valid travel documents to the Mainland China and Singapore.
- Study Abroad Programmes that are arranged by the University will be covered by the Corporate Business Travel Insurance Policy and the Group Personal Accident Insurance Policy for students. Please refer to the <u>Finance and Enterprises Office</u> for further information.

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¹ In order to meet the requirements of the Tin Ka Ping Foundation Grant for Experiential Learning, students must have attained a minimum CGPA of 2.70 and are required to provide their CVs for application. Additionally, they are requested to submit an activity report in the form of a thank-you letter subsequent to the event.