

GRSC6038 HKU Transferable Research Skills Course

Content:

The objective of the course is to enhance both the personal and research effectiveness of RPg students. The course offers a wonderful opportunity to the students to develop the awareness and skills which are significantly relevant to their study, career and whole person development. Students will meet people from different disciplines and cultural backgrounds in the course.

The course adopts an interactive teaching mode which focuses on experiential learning, achieved through a series of challenging group tasks. Students will be divided into small teams to perform various group exercises. Topics include planning, project management, creativity, communication skills, group dynamics, networking, developing self-awareness, collaborative research and careers. As much as possible, links are made to the research environment and participants are encouraged to apply their new insights to their work.

Organization:

It is a residential course. Students are required to be residential in a venue outside HKU campus and be available for the whole programme period, including evening activities.

Enrollment:

This course (or GRSC6008) is compulsory for all MPhil and 4-year PhD students registered in or after September 2013. Students are advised to take the course during the early stage of study. Class size is limited to a maximum of 28 students.

Application form is available on the Graduate School website (Downloadable Forms > Current Students > Courses & Workshops > Application for GRSC6038 HKU Transferable Research Skills Course).

Assessment:

Students are required to be available for the whole programme period, including evening activities. Assessment will take the form of a series of reflective activities and presentations during the course, and will be on a pass/ fail basis.

Outcomes:

At the end of the course, participants will have identified important aspects of transferable skills, analysed their own strengths and weaknesses in relation to these, and designed affective actions to enhance their skills for their postgraduate study, career and whole person development.