

CHES5201B Independent Study Project: Research Lab

2021-22, Term 2

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Course description

In this course, students will work on a practical research project led by CCS faculty.

Learning activities

Students will work with a faculty member at CCS as a Research Assistant on an ongoing research project. This should cover a range of different activities involved in academic or policy research, from data collection and analysis to help in organising workshops and writing reports of research activity. This course will provide useful experience in undertaking collaborative research and developing teamworking and organisational skills. This experience will help prepare students for work in both academic and non-academic environments.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, successful students:

- will have developed skills and experience in research;
- will have gained experience of project management and teamwork;
- will have developed further their report writing skills.

Assessment and grading

Students will agree specific performance indicators with the relevant faculty at the start of the course and be assessed on how well they meet these indicators, accounting for **50%** of the total grade. Students will also be required to write a summative report of their experience and what they have learned during the course, relating this to wider themes of China Studies which students have studied in their other required and elective courses (**50%** of the total grade; to be uploaded on Veriguide). The summative report should be sent to the course coordinator as well as to the faculty member working with the student.

Eligibility

To do this course, students will be required to work with a member of the CCS faculty. The number of places available will depend on faculty research projects, and details of relevant projects will be shared with students after the end of Term 1. Students who are interested in taking this Term 2 course should submit a short statement of interest to the relevant faculty member, copied to the course coordinator, by **Monday 3 January 2022** (earlier discussions with faculty members are encouraged). Decisions about which students can take the course will be made by relevant faculty and confirmed by the course coordinator at the beginning of Term 2.

Attention is drawn to University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and to the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations. Details may be found at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>. With each assignment, students will be required to submit a signed declaration that they are aware of the policies, regulations and procedures.