COURSE SYNOPSIS:
Transforming into a Smart City is a hot topic in Hong Kong and around the world. The concept of a Smart City is based on the application of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) across various aspects of the city to connect and integrate its systems and services for better synergy and efficient use of resources. There is no doubt that the data and systems that support Smart City development are location–based, a process which must be managed and applied by using Geographic Information System (GIS). This course provides an introduction to Smart Cities and how various GIS applications are being used and integrated in Smart Cities to support urban planning, city monitoring and citizen engagement. It also explores the relationships between GIS and other technologies such as 3D, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Big Data and Internet of Things (IoT) under various Smart City aspects. Throughout the course, students will learn the Hong Kong Smart City Blueprint and how to operate GIS software, gain hands-on experience in processing geospatial open data, and work with a commercial geospatial cloud package to build web and mobile GIS applications that facilitate Hong Kong’s transformation into a Smart City.

LECTURE TOPICS:
- Introduction to Smart City and its Components
- Enabling technologies for Smart City
- GeoSpatial Open Data and Common Spatial Data Infrastructure
- Using 3D GIS in Smart City Planning and Development
- Using Web GIS and GeoSpatial Cloud in Smart City Applications Delivery
- Using Mobile GIS in Smart City Data Collection and Public Engagement
- Handling Real-Time GeoSpatial Data for Smart City Parameters Monitoring
- Applying Spatial Analytics to Solve Spatial Problems and Predictive Analysis in Smart City Planning

RECOMMENDED READING LIST:
- Fu, Pinde. Getting to Know Web GIS. 3rd ed., Esri Press, 2018
Geography Major Programme Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

In order to meet the demands and challenges in this dynamic and ever-changing world, the Department has designed a series of well-structured and contemporary courses to cater to the different interests of students. Its courses are designed to align with the University’s educational aims which hope to nurture future generations not only with a critical and intellectual mindset, but also with a passion to contribute to society in general.

After completing the programme, Geography Major students should be able to:

PLO1 critically analyse the geographical aspects of the relationship between people and the natural environment;
PLO2 demonstrate and develop an understanding of how these relationships have changed with space and over time;
PLO3 identify, collect and utilize primary and secondary data to investigate and analyse the issues and problems facing people, places and society;
PLO4 integrate, evaluate and communicate information from a variety of geographical and other sources;
PLO5 participate in promoting social, economic and environmental sustainability at the local, regional and global scales; and
PLO6 effectively apply a range of transferable skills in academic, professional and social settings.

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