

National Education

Sub-degree and Articulation Degree Programmes



School of Professional Education
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SPEED 

Introduction

Law-abiding leadership refers to a person's behaviour in following important social norms and seeking to maintain public order while preserving one's individuality. Law-abiding leadership is vital for university students to develop citizenship and socially responsible leadership. In terms of civic duty, university students as citizens are obligated to shoulder their civic duties and practice law-abiding citizenship in their daily lives.

The "Hong Kong National Security Law (NSL)" has been implemented in Hong Kong since 23:00 on 30 June 2020. It is stated that universities should provide national security education for students and nurture them to become responsible citizens (Article 10). Hence, it is essential for university students to understand the concepts and importance of national security, its manifestation in various fields (e.g. economy, environment, and politics), and the consequences of having national security risks with examples, especially with reference to historical events in modern Chinese history. Particularly, students should understand the four major offences and related penalties in the NSL.

To promote law-abiding leadership, students of all sub-degree programmes leading to PolyU-HKCC awards and articulation degree programmes leading to PolyU-SPEED awards will be required to take an online module, comprising a 3-hour lecture and 7 hours of self-study, in National Education.

The objectives of this 3-hour lecture are:

01

To introduce the basic concepts and theories related to law-abiding leadership and socially responsible leadership

02

To introduce the importance of law-abiding leadership and socially responsible leadership to different professionals and their daily lives

03

To enable students to develop and enhance law-abiding leadership and socially responsible leadership

04

To briefly introduce modern Chinese history, the Constitution and the Basic Law

05

To provide an overview of the background and provision of the Hong Kong National Security Law and related issues

Content of the 3-hour Online Lecture on Law-abiding Leadership

01

The concept and theories of law-abidance; the importance of obeying laws in society

02

Law-abiding leadership and socially responsible leadership

03

The concept and importance of national security

04

The Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the Hong Kong National Security Law)

05

Overview of the four major offences in the Hong Kong National Security Law

06

Issues and myths surrounding the Hong Kong National Security Law

07

Brief introduction of the "Century of Humiliation" and restoration of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China in 1997, including the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (Hong Kong Basic Law) and the constitutional principle of "one country, two systems"

In addition to the 3-hour online lecture, 60 lecture notes will be distributed to the students. These notes cover the modern Chinese history, the Constitution, the Basic Law and the Hong Kong National Security Law. Students are required to spend 7 hours of self-study on the related materials.

Assessment

Students are required to pass an assessment which allows for multiple attempts. They have to take a test with 20 multiple-choice questions and must attain a minimum score of 16/20 to get a pass grade.

Arrangement

The online module is embedded in the mandatory non-credit bearing subject “Essential Components of General Education” which should be completed within the first year of study (Semesters One and Two). Students should take the 3-hour online module on Moodle. After completion of the online module and self-study of the 60 lecture notes, students may take the assessment (20 multiple-choice questions).