

# GLOBAL OUTREACH

Social Sciences Experiential Learning in Action (SOSC3006)

GE Capstone course (GCAP3146)

**SEMESTER 1, AY2023 / 24**

**Application Deadline**  
**13 APRIL 2023**

## DURATION

4+ weeks (total 120 hours  
between Jun - Nov 2023)

## ELIGIBILITY

UGC-funded undergraduates of  
Year 3 standing  
or above in AY2023/24

## ACTIVITY

Self-initiated non-local  
experience learning activities  
(individual / group basis)

For more details!



soscela@hkbu.edu.hk

(852) 3411 2681 / 3411 5367



## Social Sciences Experiential Learning in Action (SOSC3006) / GE Capstone course (GCAP3146)

**Semester 1, AY2023/24**

### What is the course about?

This Experiential Learning course aims to enrich students' awareness of and respect for the diversity of cultures and people across the globe. Students are required to engage in **4+ weeks (or equivalent) of non-local experiential learning activity(ies)**. They are expected to spend roughly **120 hours** (6 hours per day, 30 hours per week), and the total workload may include the time spent on field trips/visits, services, research and data collection, conferences, workshops, seminars, lectures, tutorials, assignments/reports, etc. Through the non-local outreach experience, students are expected to develop global perspectives on various social, political, economic, and environmental issues across different cultures and geographical regions.

Students are required to **initiate their own global outreach activities (physical or virtual) on either an individual or a group basis (maximum 5 students)**. Proposal of the self-initiated global outreach activity(ies) will be vetted by the Faculty.

Non-local experiential learning activities may include but not limited to the following:

- Voluntary/humanitarian work/community projects/service programmes organised by NGOs
- Summer school programmes or short courses offered by overseas universities
- Overseas conferences/seminars/workshops
- Overseas field-work or attachments
- Overseas internship or short exchange programme

### Remarks:

1. To avoid the double-counting of credit units of the same non-local activity(ies), the following situations are **NOT accepted**:
  - Participating in a non-local internship/attachment which is registered for and counted as the coursework requirement of another course offered by HKBU
  - Transfer of credit units from a course taken overseas, which is counted as the non-local activity(ies) of SOSC3006/GCAP3146 Global Outreach, to another course offered by HKBU
2. To minimise the effect of sudden changes on students' Global Outreach activity(ies) plan, students should provide a **contingency plan** addressing the following potential situations:
  - The non-local experiential activity(ies) may change to virtual mode
  - The activity(ies) may be cancelled

## Social Issues

Through non-local outreach experience, students are guided to address the **social issue(s)** identified in the following areas:

- **Environmental and Urban Systems**  
(e.g. Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Development, Urban Renewal)
- **Populations and Well-being**  
(e.g. Public Health, Child & Youth Development, Social Welfare, Education Needs, Ageing, Gender, Ethnicity and Equal Opportunities, Social Inequity, Human Rights)
- **Learning, Praxis and Governance**  
(e.g. Cultural Diversity, Heritage and Community Collective Memory, Political Governance)

## When will the global outreach activity(ies) be taken place for Semester 1, AY2023/24?

- Between **1 June 2023 to 30 November 2023**

Remarks:

1. Students have to engage in 4+ weeks (120 hours) of non-local experiential learning activity(ies) within the period.
2. Students will be enrolled in the course in Semester 1, AY2023/24.
3. If the activities go beyond 30 November 2023 under unpredictable situation, the course assessment will be postponed to Semester 2, AY2023/24 and "I (Incomplete)" grade will be temporarily recorded in the grade record of Semester 1, AY2023/24.

## Which course code should I choose?

The course titled "Global Outreach" is double-listed as two course types: **(1) Social Sciences Experiential Learning in Action** and **(2) GE Capstone** with two different course codes for respective groups of target students.

Course Type	Social Sciences Experiential Learning in Action	GE Capstone
Course Code & Title	<b>SOSC3006</b> <b>Global Outreach</b> <a href="#">Download Course Outline</a>	<b>GCAP3146</b> <b>Global Outreach</b> <a href="#">Download Course Outline</a>
Target students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students studying the UGC-funded undergraduate programmes offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences; <u>AND</u></li><li>• Students of Year 3 standing or above in AY2023/24</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students studying the UGC-funded undergraduate programmes in HKBU; <u>AND</u></li><li>• Students of Year 3 standing or above in AY2023/24</li></ul>
Fulfilment	Students completed and passed the course will fulfil a <b>3-unit requirement of SOSC ELA</b>	Students completed and passed the course will fulfil a <b>3-unit requirement of GE Capstone</b>
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This course <b>CANNOT</b> be counted towards a GE Capstone</li><li>• Students majoring in GEOG/GIS/HIST/SOC may apply for double-counting a recognised GE Capstone course* towards <i>SOSC3006 Global Outreach</i></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GE Capstone course <b>CANNOT</b> be counted as Free Elective</li><li>• Students majoring in GEOG/GIS/HIST/SOC may apply for double-counting <i>GCAP3146 Global Outreach</i> (GE Capstone*) towards SOSC ELA requirement</li></ul>

\*Remarks: Please check the GE Capstone courses list for double-counting towards SOSC ELA and respective replacement courses list on [GEO's website](#)

### [Important Note for SOSC students]

As the two course codes **(SOSC3006 vs GCAP3146)** represent different course types, eligible students should **pay attention to the course code they have enrolled** after the confirmation of non-local experiential learning activity(ies) or release of course application result. Students are advised to plan ahead if they will apply for double-counting of GE Capstone towards SOSC ELA requirement so as to apply the course with the respective course code. **They CANNOT change and register another course code after course enrolment.**

Visit our webpage for more details:

<https://sosc.hkbu.edu.hk/en/programmes/undergraduate/sscc/SOSC3006/>

## What is the upcoming course application timeline?

Course offering period & Enrolment Period	Period of Non-local experiential learning activities	Course Application period (in the previous semester)
Semester 1, AY2023/24	Summer 2023; Semester 1, AY2023/24 (Jun – Nov 2023)	Semester 2, AY2022/23 <b>NOW Opens</b>
Semester 2, AY2023/24	Semester 2, AY2023/24 (Dec 2023 - Apr 2024)	Semester 1, AY2023/24 (Oct-Nov 2023)

Note: Students with confirmed non-local experiential learning activities vetted by the Faculty will be enrolled in the course in the aforementioned course offering period. The course enrolment will be done by the Academic Registry, students do NOT need to register the course by themselves.

## Timeline for course application for Semester 1, AY2023/24

Required Actions			Timeline
Plan for Global Outreach Activity	Students should prepare the following before course application: 1. Plan and propose the non-local experiential learning activity(ies) 2. Prepare the tentative 4+ weeks (120 hours) weekly planner and detailed information of your proposed non-local experiential learning activity(ies) 3. Prepare a contingency plan 4. Consider identifying a Course Supervisor according to your social issue(s) with his/her consent		Mar - Apr 2023
Course Application	Complete the <a href="#">Online Course Application Form - Global Outreach</a> (SSOid login required) with the initial proposal of 4+weeks (120 hours) non-local experiential learning activity(ies)		<b>By 13 Apr 2023</b>
Result of Course Application	Announcement of course application results to students via HKBU email		By 26 May 2023
Signing of Undertaking Agreement	Signing of Student Undertaking Agreement		By 30 May 2023 or before the start of activity(ies) (whichever is earlier)
Nomination of Course Supervisor	Nomination/Confirmation of Course Supervisor by the Department concerned according to the social issue(s) chosen by the students		Jun 2023
Course Registration	Course enrolment will be done by AR for Semester 1, AY2023/24		Mid-July 2023
Global Outreach Activity	Students' engagement in the physical or virtual non-local experiential learning activity(ies)		Jun - Nov 2023

## How to apply?

Fill in the [Online Course Application Form - Global Outreach](#) (SSOid login required) **by 13 April 2023 (Thur)**. Each student should fill in his/her own course application form regardless of activity(ies) are in an individual or a group basis.



Students should prepare the information listed below **before** filling in the form.

<b>Part 1: Student Information</b>	
1.1	Student ID
1.2	English Surname and Given Name (e.g. CHAN Tai Man)
1.3	Name in Chinese (if applicable) (e.g. 陳大文)
1.4	Mobile Number
1.5	Non-HKBU Email
1.6	Study Year (as of AY2023/24)
1.7	Study Load (Semester 1, AY2023/24)
1.8	Type of Student (Local / Non-local)
1.9	Student Status (Semester 1, AY2023/24)
1.10	Study Programme

<b>Part 2: Course Application</b>	
2.1	Course code and title (SOSC3006 / GCAP3146) - SOSC students can choose either course code

<b>Part 3: Proposal of Global Outreach Activity</b>	
3.1	Individual / Group (max 5 students)
3.2	Activity in Group - Information of all participants (if applicable)
3.3	Period of the proposed activity(ies) (Start & End dates)
3.4	Type(s) and Mode(s) of proposed activity(ies)
3.5	Other type of activity(ies) & its mode(s) (if applicable)
3.6	Location(s) of proposed activity(ies)
3.7	Social issue(s) to be addressed in the activity(ies)
3.8	Which Department is the most relevant to the social issue(s) identified
3.9	Name of the Supervisor (if available, with his/ her consent)
3.10	Upload Tentative Weekly Planner (4+ weeks / 120+ hours) and Contingency Plan. The Planner should cover the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Intended Learning Outcomes</li><li>(2) Detailed information of each proposed activity<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Social issues(s) to be addressed in the activity(ies) and the assignments</li><li>- Venues and description of proposed activity(ies)</li><li>- Rationales/ Objectives of the proposed activity(ies)</li></ul></li><li>(3) Weekly planner of the proposed activity (120+ hours)</li><li>(4) Contingency plan</li></ul> <p><b>Submission Steps:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Use the <a href="#">TEMPLATE</a> to develop your Weekly Planner &amp; Contingency Plan</li><li>2. Upload your Planner to the course application form with the following <u>required format and name</u> in the online application form:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• File Format: <b>PDF (in one file)</b></li><li>• File Name: <b>GO_Planner_studentID_SURNAMEGivenName</b>, e.g. <b>GO_Planner_22345678_CHANTaiMan</b></li></ul></li></ol>



<div style="border: 1px dashed gray; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>File 0 of 1 <span style="float: right;">Max file size: 50.0 MB</span></p>  <p>Drag your file here or <a href="#">Browse</a></p> </div> <div style="position: relative; height: 100px; margin-top: -100px; left: 450px;">  </div>	
3.11	Upload Supporting documents (if any) (e.g. confirmation(s) of participation of activity(ies) with dates and name)
3.12	Additional Information (if any)

## Vetting

Your Proposal of Global Outreach Activity will be assessed by the vetting panel of the Faculty, according to the following criteria:

1. Provide **enough and detailed information/description** for the proposed non-local experiential learning activity in the 4+ weeks planner
2. Based on the information provided, the proposed non-local experiential learning activity is **relevant to the social issue(s)** that the student would like to address
3. Clearly describe **the benefit of the activity** on student's global outlook, and/or academic development, and/or personal development, and/or professional development, and/or other areas
4. Clearly describe the **action plans** to achieve learning objectives (*feasibility and ability* to undertake the activity will be considered)
5. Overall action plans of the proposed non-local experiential learning activity are **workable and achievable**

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to provide more details to facilitate the vetting process of proposed activities. Course application results will be notified by the Faculty via HKBU email.

## Enquiry

Social Sciences Experiential Learning in Action

Faculty of Social Sciences

Hong Kong Baptist University

Email : [soscela@hkbu.edu.hk](mailto:soscela@hkbu.edu.hk)

Tel : (852) 3411 2681 / (852) 3411 5367/ (852) 3411 2682