**FUNH 5000 L01**

**Introduction to Function Hub For Sustainable Future**

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**Office hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 15:00-16:00 or by appointment

**Course format:** 110-minute lectures on **Monday 9:00-10:50 am**

**Location:** **Lecture Hall A, HKUST-GZ**

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**Course Description:**

This course covers background knowledge of the Function Hub thrusts, including Advanced Materials (AMAT), Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences (EOAS), Microelectronics (MICS), and Sustainable Energy and Environment (SEE). Students will learn about the overall academic structure of HKUST-GZ and the role Function Hub plays in supporting the academic goal of HKUST-GZ. Students will also learn how the 4 Function Hub Thrusts contribute to addressing challenges facing our society through innovative research.

**Course Objective:**

* Help students understand the fundamentals of the physical world.
* Enrich students’ knowledge of the interplays between human activities and the environment.
* Develop students’ creative thinking skills to conduct interdisciplinary research.
* Broaden students’ horizons by applying state-of-the-art technologies to solve environmental problems.

**Course Assessment:**

***4 essays, 25 points each.*** Students will be required to finish four essays on topics related to the course lectures. Essay topics will be provided at the end of 2nd, 5th, 8th, and 11th lectures. Late submissions will get a reduction of 10 points. Each essay should have more than the required lengths (750 or 500), excluding references.

**Deadlines for essays**

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| Essay 1 | Sep 29th, Sunday |
| Essay 2 | Oct 27th, Sunday |
| Essay 3 | Nov 17th, Sunday |
| Essay 4 | Dec 15th, Sunday |

**Schedule of lectures**

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| **Lecture #** | **Date** | **Topics** | **Instructor** |
| 1 | Sep 2nd, Monday | Introduction: Function Hub research in HKUST-GZ/ Material and Civilization | Qichun Yang |
| 2 | Sep 9th, Monday | Polymers | Qichun Yang |
| 3 | Sep 23rd, Monday | Graphene | Qichun Yang |
| 4 | Sep 30th, Monday | Atmosphere and Monsoon Climate | Guest lecture by Prof. Zhen Liu |
| 5 | Oct 14th, Monday | Water | Qichun Yang |
| 6 | Oct 21st, Monday | Ocean | Qichun Yang |
| 7 | Oct 28th, Monday | Energy Production | Qichun Yang |
| 8 | Nov 4th, Monday | Renewable Energy | Qichun Yang |
| 9 | Nov 11th, Monday | Energy Storage | Qichun Yang |
| 10 | Nov 18th, Monday | Computer History | Qichun Yang |
| 11 | Nov 25th, Monday | Guest Lecture | MICS faculty |
| 12 | Dec 2nd, Monday | Supercomputing | Qichun Yang |

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** All members of the university community share responsibility for maintaining and promoting the principles of truth and academic honesty. Cheating or plagiarism in any form will NOT be tolerated. Cheating includes but is not limited to, copying work or allowing your work to be copied.

Students are allowed to use artificial intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., ChatGPT) to enhance their learning experience and course performance. **However, using AI to generate essays directly is not allowed. If AI tools or software (e.g., Grammarly) are adopted for improving assignments or reports, students must provide a statement briefly describing how the AI tool(s) was used, including the exact prompts used and the rationale for the choices made in submitted files.** Screenshots of the prompts and outputs should also be attached.

**If no AI tools or software are used to assist your writing, you should also provide a statement to explain how the essays are prepared**. AI content detectors will be employed to check those submissions. **False statements will be treated as cheating.**

Plagiarism includes resubmitting previously graded homework/essays/reports from previous semesters, even if it was your own work. If academic dishonesty has occurred on any homework, test, or other assignments, the incident will be reported to Academic Registry Services (ARS) and Vice President Teaching & Learning Office (VPTLO). Students involved in cheating or plagiarism will receive NO credit (a score of zero) for this course. A second incident of cheating or plagiarism may result in dismissal from the university.

**ATTENDANCE:** Absence without leave will result in a reduction of **15** points from the final score. Requests for leave need to be made before lectures. Being late for lectures by more than 15 minutes will result in a penalty reduction of **7.5** points.