

Creating a course to explore Hong Kong diaspora in Canada



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Introduction

Historical context: Multiple waves of Hong Kong (HK) immigration to Canada, most notably in the '70s, '90s, and now - current wave has hit historical levels (Young, 2022), creating significant HK diasporic population in Canada.

Developments in HK Studies at UBC: Hong Kong Studies Initiative (HKSI) convened at UBC in 2017 (HKSI, n.d.), and Department of Asian Studies recently created new minor in Asian Language and Culture (Hong Kong; HKSI, n.d.) with desire to bridge with UBC's Asian Canadian and Asian Migration (ACAM) program to support HK diasporic studies

New course: Addresses need to academically support HK Studies at UBC, and further bridge with ACAM

The Process

2-year process to create course

Background research

2022-2023

Consolidation

2023

Course offered

2024

Background research:

- Contacted other departments in Canada and USA and collected relevant syllabi
- Interviewed community members soliciting important themes
- Searched for relevant academic & non-academic work

Consolidation

- Distilled themes, set out reading list, identified potential guest speakers
- Determined appropriate assessments

Teaching

- Discussion-based course involving Piazza, discussion questions/responses, and final project

Course Work

Course culminates in a final project completely of the student's choosing, including:



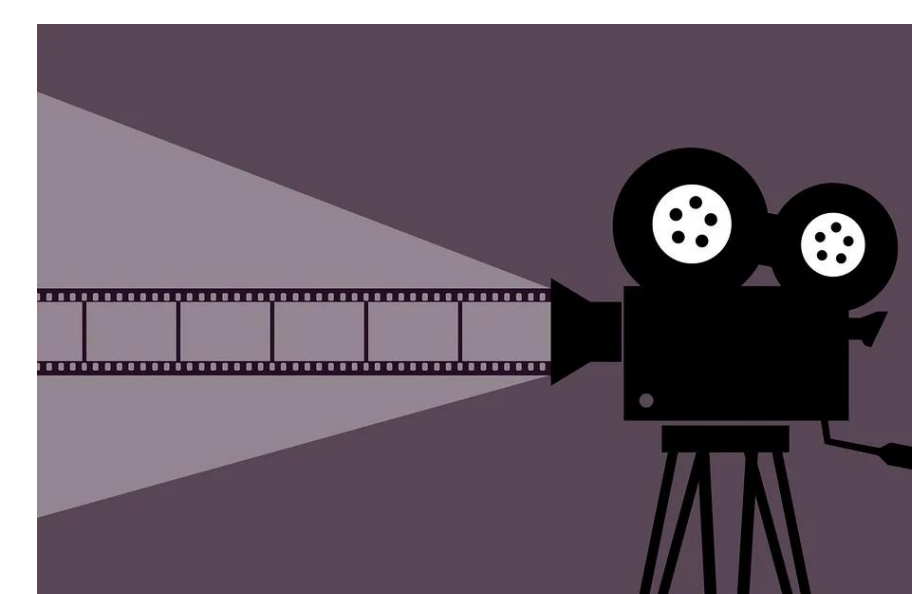
Podcasts



Written Work

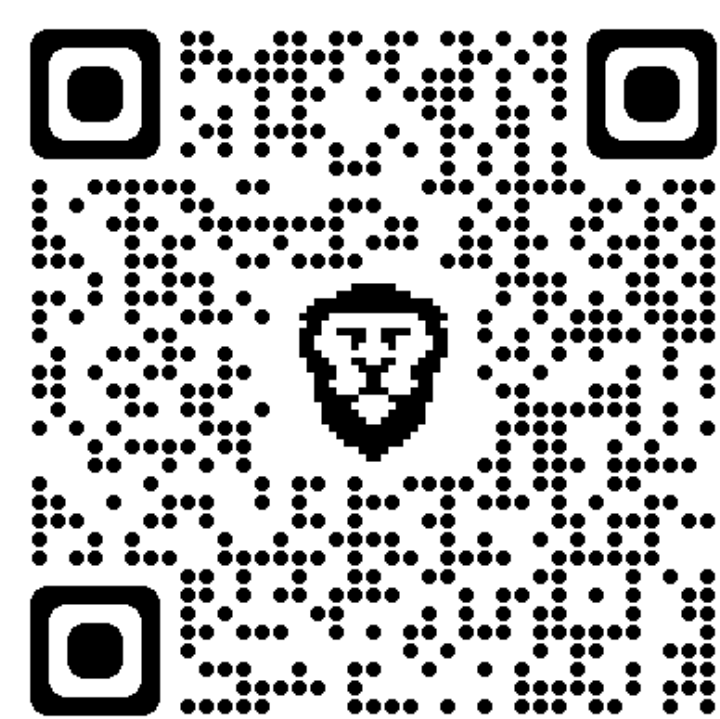


Visual Art



Multimedia

Syllabus



Impact

"I'd like to truly thank you for facilitating another super engaging and successful course. I've learned so much about Hong Kong diaspora this semester, and I'm excited to show you what I've taken away through the final project."

Overall assessment of the course: 4.54 (out of 5), SD = 0.52

Overall impact course had on student: 4.45 (out of 5), SD = 0.52 (1 = Strongly Neg; 5 = Strongly Pos)

Change in interest in the course from Sept: 4 (out of 5), SD = 1.00 (1 = Much Less, 5 = Much More)

References

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