

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Social Sciences Experiential Learning in Action (SOSC3006) / GE Capstone course (GCAP3146)

Semester 2, AY2026/27

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 must engage in at least **4 calendar weeks of non-local experiential learning activity(ies)**. They are expected to spend minimum **120 hours**, 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 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)

What is the eligible global outreach activity(ies) period for Semester 2, AY2026/27?

- Between **1 January and 30 April 2027**

Remarks:

1. Students **must engage in at least 4 weeks and 120 hours** of non-local experiential learning activity(ies) within the above period.
2. Students will be enrolled in the course in Semester 2, AY2026/27.
3. In the exceptional case that the activities have to go beyond 30 April 2027 under unpredictable situations, the course assessment may be postponed to Semester 1, AY2027/28. In addition, course will be withdrawn and re-enrolled in the coming semester (Semester 1, AY2027/28), with Faculty's approval. Final-year students should note that this may affect their graduation time.

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. Units earned for SOSC3006 / GCAP3146 cannot be double-counted for the same non-local activity towards other HKBU courses.

Course Type	Social Sciences Experiential Learning in Action	GE Capstone
Course Code & Title	**SOSC3006** **Global Outreach** Download Course Outline	**GCAP3146** **Global Outreach** Download Course Outline
Target students	• Students studying the UGC-funded undergraduate programmes offered by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; AND • Students of Year 3 standing or above in AY2026/27	• Students studying the UGC-funded undergraduate programmes in HKBU; AND • Students of Year 3 standing or above in AY2026/27
Fulfilment	Students completed and passed the course will fulfil a **3-unit requirement of SOSC ELA**	Students completed and passed the course will fulfil a **3-unit requirement of GE Capstone**
Remarks	• This course **CANNOT** be counted towards a GE Capstone • Students majoring in GEOG/GIS/HIST/SOC may apply for double-counting a recognised GE Capstone course* towards *SOSC3006 Global Outreach*	• GE Capstone course **CANNOT** be counted as Free Elective • Students majoring in GEOG/GIS/HIST/SOC may apply for double-counting *GCAP3146 Global Outreach* (GE Capstone*) towards SOSC ELA requirement

*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 FASS 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://fass.hkbu.edu.hk/en/campus-life-support/experiential-learning/common-core.html

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 2, AY2026/27	**Semester 2, AY2026/27** (Jan – Apr 2027)	**Semester 1, AY2026/27** **NOW Opens**
Semester 1, AY2027/28	**Summer 2027; Semester 1, AY2027/28** (Jun – Nov 2027)	**Semester 2, AY2026/27** (Mar – Apr 2027)

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 2, AY2026/27

Plan for Activity → Course Application → Result of Course Application → Signing of Undertaking Agreement → Global Outreach Activity

	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	Sept – Nov 2026
Course Application	Complete the **Online Course Application Form - Global Outreach** (SSOid login required) with the initial proposal of at least **4 calendar weeks and 120 hours** of non-local experiential learning activity(ies)	**By 6 Nov 2026**
Result of Course Application	Announcement of course application results to students via HKBU email	By 9 Dec 2026
Signing of Undertaking Agreement	Signing of Student Undertaking Agreement	By 16 Dec 2026 (before the start of activity(ies))
Nomination of Course Supervisor	Nomination/Confirmation of Course Supervisor by the academy concerned according to the social issue(s) chosen by the students	Late-Dec 2026 – Jan 2027
Course Registration	Course enrolment will be done by AR for Semester 2, AY2026/27	Jan 2027
Global Outreach Activity	Students' engagement in the physical or virtual non-local experiential learning activity(ies)	Jan – Apr 2027

How to apply?

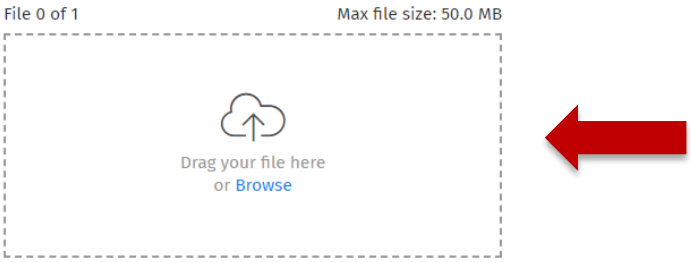
Fill in the **Online Course Application Form - Global Outreach** (SSOid login required) **by 6 November 2026 (Fri)**. Each student should fill in his/her own course application form regardless of activity(ies) are in an individual or a group basis.

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

Part 1:	Student Information
1.1	HKBU email address and non-HKBU email
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 AY2026/27)
1.7	Study Load (Semester 2, AY2026/27)
1.8	Type of Student (Local / Non-local)
1.9	Student Status (Semester 2, AY2026/27)
1.10	Study Programme

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

Part 3:	Proposal of Global Outreach Activity
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 Academy 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 (at least 4 calendar weeks and 120 hours) and Contingency Plan. The Planner should cover the following areas: (1) Intended Learning Outcomes (2) Detailed information of each proposed activity - Social issue(s) to be addressed in the activity(ies) and the assignments *The social issues mentioned in the planner should be equivalent to those noted on the application form (Applicants may select up to 3 social issues only) - Venues and description of proposed activity(ies) - Rationales/ Objectives of the proposed activity(ies) (3) Weekly planner of the proposed activity (at least 4 calendar weeks and 120 hours) (4) Contingency plan **Submission Steps:** 1. Use the **TEMPLATE** to develop your Weekly Planner & Contingency Plan 2. Upload your Planner to the course application form with the following required format and name in the online application form: • *File Format:* ***PDF (in one file)*** • *File Name:* ***GO_Planner_studentID_SURNAMEGivenName,*** *e.g. GO_Planner_22345678_CHANTaiMan* 
3.11	Upload Supporting documents (e.g. confirmation(s) of participation of activity(ies) with dates and name) *Applications with no relevant supporting documents of the proposed activity will not be considered for vetting.
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 weekly planner, examples can be referred in the weekly planner template.
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

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