

The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Faculty of Science
Science Academy for Young Talent
Summer Courses 2021
Course Outline

CUSA1007 Climate Physics and Chemistry
氣候物理與化學

Introduction:

This course presents an integrated scientific introduction to our climate system, focusing on the physics and chemistry of the atmosphere and ocean. The course applies basic scientific and mathematical principles to explain the history, current state and future projections of weather and climate, natural hazards, human-induced climate change, as well as their impacts on natural ecosystems and human society. Students will learn to build a simple climate model using computer software.

本課程綜合介紹我們的氣候系統，重點討論大氣層與海洋的物理和化學。課程利用基本科學和數學原理來解釋天氣及氣候的歷史、現狀和未來預測，探討在人為影響下所構成的自然災害及全球氣候變化，及其對自然生態和人類社會的影響。學生亦會運用電腦程式來學習建構簡單的氣候模型。

Medium of Instruction: English supplemented with Cantonese

Organising Unit:

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Course Content:

<p>18 August 2021 (Wednesday)</p> <p>9:30 am – 12:30 pm 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Lecture:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic physics of energy and radiation • Earth’s energy balance model • Greenhouse effect <p><u>Laboratory Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple climate model <p><u>Assessment:</u></p> <p>Exercises from the lab</p>
<p>19 August 2021 (Thursday)</p> <p>9:30 am – 12:30 pm 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Lecture:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate feedback mechanisms • Basic physics of the atmosphere and oceans • General atmospheric and ocean circulation <p><u>Laboratory Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate feedbacks in the simple climate model <p><u>Assessment:</u></p> <p>Exercises from the lab</p>
<p>20 August 2021 (Friday)</p> <p>9:30 am – 12:30 pm 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Lecture:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biogeochemical cycles • Marine chemistry and carbon cycle • Future climate change: observations and predictions <p><u>Laboratory Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student presentations on climate change adaptation and mitigation <p><u>Assessment:</u></p> <p>Exercises from the lab and presentations</p>
<p>21 August 2021 * (Saturday)</p> <p>9:30 am – 12:30 pm 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Make-up class</p>

Duration	3 whole day sessions (total 15 contact hours)
Date	18 – 20 August 2021 21 August 2021* (make-up class)
Time	9:30 am – 12:30 pm; 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Teaching Mode[#]	Face to Face (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)
Enrollment	20
Expected Applicants	Students who are studying S4-S6 (with background in physics, chemistry or mathematics)
Tuition Fee	HKD 3,000.00
Credit	1 Academy Unit Certificates or letters of completion will be awarded to students who attain at least 75% attendance.

*This date is reserved for make-up classes in case there is any cancellation of classes due to unexpected circumstances.

#This course is offered face-to-face lessons at CUHK campus. It may switch to online teaching in accordance with the pandemic development and the policy of the university.