Course Title/Code: Environmental Health Hazards and Interventions (MMPH6189)

School of Public Health **Department:**

Objective: The course objectives are:

To outline the history and scope of environmental health

To compare exposure vs. dose, hazard vs. risk, and the implications for risk-based policies

To classify hazards in different ways and discuss

intervention measures

To demonstrate to students of the local and global

environmental health issues

Course topics include: **Content:**

1. Introduction

- 2. Exposure, dose and risk analysis
- 3. Natural environment and health
- 4. Chemical hazards
- 5. Physical hazards
- 6. The atmosphere and air pollution
- 7. Water and food safety
- 8. Solid and hazardous waste
- 9. Environmental health in Hong Kong
- 10. Environmental health for all

Learning Outcomes: By the end of this Course, students should be able to:

> 1. Describe the scope of environmental health as a field of research and practice

- 2. Define the major sources and types of hazards in the environment
- 3. Distinguish the direct and indirect human health effects of major hazards in the environment
- 4. Recognize the general principles of environmental health protection
- 5. Evaluate the local, regional and international regulatory programs, guidelines and authorities on environmental health

Prerequisite: None

Duration: 3 hours/week; 30 contact hours

Continuous assessment Examination ratio:

40%/60%

Examination method