

“Public Opinion and Project Research” for CSD Superintendents / Chief Officers (November 2006 – March 2007)

Instructions for Course Assignments 22 November 2006

Timelines

22 Nov 2006, morning	Course participants divide into four project groups
22 Nov 2006, afternoon	Division of labour among group members fixed
24 Nov 2006, 2359 the latest	<i>On-line completion of workshop evaluation questionnaire</i>
13 Dec 2006, 2359 the latest	Submission of group project proposal on-line
20 Dec 2006	Group project proposals marked and returned on-line
12 Feb 2007	Submission of group project report to CSD
5 Mar 2007	Group project report marked and returned to CSD
14 Mar 2007	Group presentation
16-22 Mar 2007	<i>On-line completion of programme evaluation questionnaire</i>

Topics for Group Project

- (1) Plan and conduct a small study on people's evaluation of correctional services.
- (2) Plan and conduct a small study on the morale of CSD officers.
- (3) Plan and conduct a small study on people's view on building a super prison.
- (4) Plan and conduct a small study on people's view on different disciplinary forces.

Format of Assignments

- English should be used in all written assignments, unless otherwise agreed by the lecturer.
- Flexibility in length and format is allowed and encouraged for all assignments.
- As a general guideline, project proposals could be of about 5 pages in length, and one of the sections of the proposal should spell out clearly which group member is responsible for which task(s).
- Also as a general guideline, the group project report could be of about 30 pages in length, excluding bibliography and appendix, if any.
- The final presentation will be marked by the lecturer and invited official guest(s), if any, during the presentation session. There is no need to submit any material or document for the presentation session.
- A final mark will be given to each group after the whole programme according to the following marking scheme: (a) project proposal – 20%, (b) project report - 60%, and (c) final presentation – 20%. Markers will, on the whole, look for the following qualities in all project works: (i) the level of critical thinking demonstrated by group, (ii) the level of knowledge in social research, and (iii) presentation skills, roughly in the ratio of 4:4:2 to be designed by the lecturer. Only group scores will be awarded, there will not be any assessment for individuals.