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The Department's first GE course, GE1204 "Living with the Unexpected and Unknown in Modern Society", launched to an enthusiastic reception from students in Semester A 2011/12. The class was full only hours after registration opened, with students attracted from twenty-nine undergraduate programmes.

GE offers students a broad sampling of academic areas. When choosing GE courses, they are advised to read through course titles, the course catalogue or course material highlights and to make sure their expected combination



Guest speaker Mr David Chiu from the Department of Biology and Chemistry receiving a token of appreciation from Dr Wong



GE1204 course poster

of courses satisfies the graduation requirements of their programmes.

The value of this approach was highlighted as GE1204 progressed through the semester. At times the students were so immersed in the topics that they didn't want to leave the classroom. This was particularly true for the group presentation and ensuing Q&A session on the plastic surgery allegedly received by local celebrities and the screening of the TV documentary series "Life in Hong Kong during SARS".

If you want to improve your Risk IQ, register early for GE1204!