

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA1011 Politics of Singapore

Pre-requisites : Nil

No. of AUs. : 3

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

This course will provide a broad overview of politics in Singapore. As a level 1000 module, it is designed to provide a basic understanding of the domestic politics of this city-state, the key determinants of Singapore's politics, political institutions, political culture, citizen participation and nation-building, *inter alia*. The module essentially examines the structural aspects of Singapore's political system. Students who are interested in understanding how politics in Singapore works should take this module. The module will also help students understand how public policy is formulated in Singapore, which will assist them in their careers in public service. Hopefully, after this module, you would be more interested in Singapore politics, and politics in general, such that you would read about it on your own.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

- 1) Discuss the basic mechanisms behind the functioning of Singapore's political system.
- 2) Describe the values, ideologies and principles that undergird Singapore politics.
- 3) Critically assess the state of Singapore's politics and society.
- 4) Debate on political events and issues in Singapore and provide constructive suggestions on improvements to the political system and/or public policy

Course Content

1. Introduction
2. Operation Coldstore – Singapore's Turning Point
3. Merger and Separation
4. Singapore's Key Ideologies
5. Political Institutions
6. Race and Religion
7. Civil Society
8. Electoral Politics

- 9. Nation-Building
- 10. Contemporary Challenges

Course Assessment

CA1 - Tutorial Participation	: 20%
CA2 - Reflection Paper on Service Learning	: 30%
Creative Assessment – Video	: 10%
Final Examination	: 40%
Total	----- 100%