

## COURSE OUTLINE

**Course Code / Title** : HA3001 Political Analysis of Public Policy

**Pre-requisites** : HA1003, HA1012

**No. of AUs.** : 3

**Contact Hours** : 39

### Course Aims

This course aims to introduce you to the theoretical and practical foundations of policy analysis with a specific focus on socio-political analysis in the context of Singapore and internationally. The course is designed to develop understanding of “what is the right thing to do” (core values in public policy) and “how to do things right” (political feasibility). Policy analysis deals with societal problems the solutions to which cut across all disciplines. This course, therefore, will be useful to any students who are interested in learning how to approach analysis of socio-political issues and find feasible solutions.

### Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

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

1. Discuss the critical policy issues in Singapore and globally.
2. Identify the essential components and steps of policy design and evaluation.
3. Apply the knowledge and skills essential for policy design and evaluation.

### Course Content

1. Introduction  
*The legacy of pragmatic thinking*
2. Economics in public policy making  
*Beating pragmatic thinking: How to determine the right thing to do in policymaking?*
3. Efficiency and its critiques
4. Equity
5. Security
6. Liberty
7. Happiness
8. Presentation  
*Moving beyond thinking: How to put things into practice in a political arena?*
9. Agenda setting
10. Issue framing

11. Decision making
12. Action taking
13. Presentation

**Course Assessment**

Class Participation : 20%

Policy memos : 20%

Final Examination : 60%

**Total** -----  
**100%**