

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

**Course Code / Title** : HS4033 Urban Sojourns: The City as Laboratory

**Pre-requisites** : HS1001 Person and Society  
HS2001 Classical Social Theory  
HS2002 Doing Social Research  
HS3001 Contemporary Social Theory  
HS3002 Understanding Social Statistics

**No. of AUs.** : 4

**Contact Hours** : 52

### **Course Aims**

Using the city-state, Singapore, as both an example and a living laboratory, this course provides a grounded introduction to the discipline of urban geography. Singapore is a tremendous place to consider the problems and possibilities presented by urban life. Yet, Singapore also continues to evolve in a world of cities. This course goes beyond addressing the fundamentals of Urban Geography through investigating Singapore's unique particularities, such as its global connections and its economic, social, cultural and political dynamics. You will have opportunity to interrogate a range of continuities and changes, paradoxes, problems and potentials across cities' dense and intense urban fabric.

### **Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)**

By the end of this course, you (as a student) would be able to:

1. Outline major theoretical perspectives in Urban Geography.
2. Discuss critically the promises and problems of the city and urban life.
3. Identify key facets of economic, social, infrastructural and institutional dynamics within urban spaces.
4. Critically analyse the intricate networks and connections embedded within and across urban spaces.
5. Draw on the course themes to critically explore the specific context of our own urban environments.

### **Course Content**

Week 1: Introducing Urban Geographies-The Urbanizing World

Week 2: How Urban Geographers Study Urban Change

Week 3: Geographical explorations of the city

Week 4: Gentrifying the city  
Week 5: The everyday urban  
Week 6: Arrivals and departures  
Week 7: Sheltering the city- urban living  
Week 8: Necro and narco geographies of city spaces  
Week 9: Coexisting in urban public spaces  
Week 10: Extending the metropolis - special economic zones  
Week 11: What is beyond the city?  
Week 12: Student presentations  
Week 13: Feedback and summary

### **Course Assessment**

CA1	Literature review	: 25%
CA2	Film review	: 25%
CA3	Final group project	: 40%
CA4	Class participation	: 10%
<b>Total</b>		----- <b>100%</b>