

## COURSE OUTLINE

**Course Code / Title** : HS5008 Understanding Culture and Globalization

**Pre-requisites** : NIL

**No. of AUs.** : 3

**Contact Hours** : 39

### Course Aims

Today, we seem to be living in an increasingly interconnected and 'globalized' world. This course presents a variety of ways to approach and understand the relationship between culture and global change.

Our themes include, but are not limited to: Hybridity, polarization, cosmopolitanism, urban space, tourism, Westernization, Asianization, cultural politics, (trans)nationalism, and cyberspace.

This course tackles how and why people and cultures change in different ways as a result of processes that broadly fall under the rubric of 'globalization'. You will learn that the idea of culture is a dynamic and interconnected social construct. One learning outcome of this course is your appreciation that globalization and culture are related in multiple and changing ways, and that these relations are context-specific, unpredictable, and often laden with questions of power.

The course will begin by tracing the conceptual underpinnings for multiple consideration of the relationship of globalization and culture. We will then proceed by pairing theoretical and empirical studies to analyze specific constellations of the global and the cultural. The course will use various media, including movies, discussion of current events and news, class discussion, clickers and student group presentations. You are encouraged to read regularly above and beyond the course literature to fully benefit from the lectures. You are also welcome to use the NTULearn discussion boards and the course blog.

### Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

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

1. Identify major debates about culture and globalization.
2. Explain various approaches to understanding culture and globalization
3. Apply course concepts to analyze specific empirical cases in and around Singapore.

### Course Content

To be advised by the teaching professor

**Course Assessment**

CA1 Class Participation : 10%

CA2 Quizzes : 15%

CA3 Group Presentation : 15%

Final Examination : 60%

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