

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

**Course Code / Title** : HU1001 Introduction to Geography

**Pre-requisites** : NIL

**No. of AUs.** : 3

**Contact Hours** : 39

### **Course Aims**

This is an introductory core module for the minor in Geography and Urban Planning. It is an introduction to the study of society and space. In addition to foundational themes in human geography, we will also cover some of the most pressing socio-spatial issues in our world today. These topics will draw out the wide-ranging local-global connections in the fields of social, cultural, urban, political and economic geography. We will draw upon case studies from Singapore and around the world to provide empirical contexts to the concepts discussed in lectures. Through the interdisciplinary lens of human geography, these contextual examples will reflect the diverse place-based practices, processes, problems and possibilities of life in contemporary societies.

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

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

1. Identify major themes and debates in human geography.
2. Explain key geographical concepts, including space and place, that are essential for future coursework in geography.
3. Apply geographical concepts to analyze general social and spatial processes, including globalization and migration.
4. Apply course concepts to analyze specific empirical cases, for example Singapore's urban spaces and regional development patterns.

### **Course Content**

1. Society and Space
2. Sustainability
3. Political economy and geopolitics
4. Urbanization and Development
5. Globalization
6. Migration
7. Social life in cities
8. Mapping

**Course Assessment**

CA1	Class Participation	: 10%
CA2	Reflective essay	: 30%
CA3	Group project: Photo-essay and presentation	: 30%
CA4	Quizzes	: 30%
<b>Total</b>		----- <b>100%</b>