

SCO113 Why Work?

Level: 1

Credit Units: 2.5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JULY

Synopsis:

The nature of work and our perceptions of work have changed considerably with globalisation and technological advancements. Not only have many traditional jobs been phased out or substituted by automation, but also jobs created in the new economy need to adapt to flexible work hours, multiple and borderless work locations, contingent employment (e.g. contract work and freelancing), and a consideration of the impact of work on the community and environment. What is the meaning of work to the modern employee and how should he/she respond to these changes? This course brings students through the changing nature and design of work, and allows them to develop their own meaning of work and labour, with a focus on the context of Singapore and the ASEAN region.

Topics:

- Organisation of Work
- Evolution in Social Contracts
- Emerging Forms of Work
- Collaborative Efficiency
- Dehumanisation of Work
- Social Identify and Meaningful Work

Learning Outcome:

- Outline the evolving nature and design of work and workplace
- Show the differences between work and labour
- State the impacts of technology and globalisation on the nature and design of work
- Explain the effects of work
- Discuss the value of work
- Develop personal meaning of work

Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
PRE-COURSE QUIZ	10
GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT	30
PROGRESS REPORT	40
PRESENTATION	20
Sub-Total	100

Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
Sub-Total	

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