

POL103e Government and Politics of Singapore

Level: 1

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

E-Learning: BLENDED - Learning is done MAINLY online using interactive study materials in Canvas. Students receive guidance and support from online instructors via discussion forums and emails. This is supplemented with SOME face-to-face sessions. If the course has an exam component, this will be administered on-campus.

Synopsis:

This course provides an orientation to the government and politics of Singapore. Much has changed since Singapore gained its independence. This course will cover both Singapore's political history as well as the present landscape of governance and politics in Singapore. The course provides students with the knowledge and background needed to understand why governance and politics are framed as they are in Singapore.

Topics:

- Politics and Governance in Singapore
- Factors Affecting Singapore's Internal and External Politics
- Singapore's Political History
- The Singapore Political System
- An Unchallenged One-Party Hegemonic State?
- The Singapore Civil Service
- National Building and National Identity
- Political Leadership and the Challenge of Renewal
- Civil Society and Democratisation
- New Developments in Singapore
- The 2011 Singapore General Elections – A Watershed?
- Whither Politics and Governance in Singapore

Textbooks:

: Understanding Singapore Politics
ISBN-13: 9789813209237-AA

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Learning Outcome:

- Describe the social and political landscape of Singapore.
- Appreciate the uniqueness of the Singapore political system.
- Identify key issues relevant to the government and politics of Singapore.
- Explain the uniqueness of the Singapore political system.
- Apply Political Science concepts and frameworks to understand the Singapore political system.
- Discuss the evolution of Singapore's political landscape.

Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	5
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Wiki	15
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	25
Sub-Total	50

Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
Written Exam	50
Sub-Total	50

Weightage Total **100**