

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. This course brings students through the changing nature and design of work, and to a consideration of the future of work, and allows them to reflect on the significance 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
- Employment, Underemployment and Unemployment
- Dehumanisation of Work
- Equality and 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.
- Describe the nature and perception of work in local contexts.

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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