COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA4044 Policy Values and Debates

Pre-requisites : HA1003

No. of AUs. : 4

Contact Hours : 52

Course Aims

This course aims to introduce you to the theoretical and practical foundations of policy analysis with a specific focus on socio-political analysis in the context of Singapore. The course is designed to develop understanding of "what is the right thing to do" (core values in public policy) and "how to do things right" (political feasibility). The course also goes one step further by encouraging students to critically analyse what is understood as "successful policies", traditionally defined by the two aforementioned factors. The course ultimately aims to push students to carefully consider a multitude of factors when brainstorming and implementing new policies.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

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

1. Discuss the critical policy issues in Singapore and globally.
2. Identify the essential components and steps of policy design and evaluation.
3. Apply the knowledge and skills essential for policy design and evaluation

Course Content

1. Introduction
   The legacy of pragmatic thinking
2. Economics in public policy making
   Beating pragmatic thinking: How can we determine the right thing to do in policymaking?
3. Critical Analysis Topic 1: Efficiency
4. Critical Analysis Topic 2: Equity
5. Critical Analysis Topic 3: Security
6. Critical Analysis Topic 4: Liberty
7. Critical Analysis Topic 5: Happiness
8. Presentation
   Moving beyond thinking: How can we feasibly implement policies?
9. Agenda setting
10. Issue framing
11. Decision making

12. Action taking
13. Presentation

Course Assessment

Peer Evaluation	: 10%
Individual report	: 25%
Class Participation	: 20%
Discussion Lead	: 30%
Participatory budgeting project	: 15%
Total	--------
	100%