

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HU2004 Borders, Power, and Culture

Pre-requisites : NIL

No. of AUs. : 3

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

Borders and bordering processes are a fundamental field of study within human geography and adjacent fields of social science. This course is designed for Geography and Urban Planning students to begin exploring the basic theoretical and empirical elements of borders in a variety of contexts. This will help you understand the workings of our world, undertake more advanced courses in this program, and prepare for future careers that involve bordering processes, such as design, planning, politics, policy, and tourism.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

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

1. Compare and contrast several different theoretical perspectives regarding borders
2. Draw conceptual connections between a speculative novel and the real world of Singapore and the surrounding region
3. Present personal reflections supported with theoretically-appropriate language
4. Create a collaborative group mapping project and convey its content

Course Content

Week 1: Introduction: Why Study Borders

Week 2: Self and other

Week 3: Region, continent, and method

Week 4: Singapore and surrounds

Week 5: State, nation and empire

Week 6: Sex and gender

Week 7: Real and imaginary

Week 8: Town and city

Week 9: Race and religion

Week 10: Refugees and border crises

Week 11: Human and non-human

Week 12: Natural, artificial, and the future

Week 13: Presentations and integrations

Course Assessment

CA1	Reflective essay	: 25%
CA2	<i>Reading Presentation</i>	: 15%
CA3	<i>Brief reading responses</i>	: 10%
CA4	<i>'Thick Mapping' exercises</i>	: 25%
Total		----- 100%