

SCO105 Transforming Work

Level: 1

Credit Units: 2.5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

Synopsis:

The nature of work and our perceptions about work have changed considerably with globalisation and technological advancements. Not only have many traditional jobs been phased out or substituted by automation, jobs created in the new economy also need to adapt to flexible work hours, multiple and borderless work locations, and contingent employment (e.g., contract work and freelancing). This course brings students through the changing nature and design of work, to a consideration of the future of work. It allows them to reflect on the significance of work and labour, with attention paid to workers who provide goods and services essential to the functioning of society, consider issues of inequality and precarity, and evaluate the impact of acquiring life-long skills while providing a spotlight on work contexts in Singapore and the ASEAN region.

Topics:

- Hierarchies of work and occupation in different labour contexts
- Labour as an extension of the worker: effort and property
- The Alienation of Labour
- Machines and the Future of Work
- Work, Diversity and Inequality
- New Forms of Work

Learning Outcome:

- Outline the evolving nature and design of work and workplace.
- State the impacts of technology and globalisation on the nature and design of work.
- Explain the effects of work through a sociological perspective.
- Discuss the value of work in contemporary society.
- Describe the nature and perception of work in local contexts.
- Show how socio-economic factors affect the work of foreign and local workers in Singapore.

Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRE-COURSE QUIZ 1	10
	DISCUSSION BOARD 1	40
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	50
Total		100

