

SCO107 Challenging Sustainability

Level: 1

Credit Units: 2.5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

Synopsis:

SCO107 examines sustainability challenges faced by societies that are brought on by climate change. It will first introduce the three pillars of sustainability (social, economic, environment) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), as well as discuss the strategies for cooperation and coordination between private and public sectors at the global and regional levels. Next, it will outline sustainability challenges faced by Asia and examine how some societies in Asia and ASEAN have responded – through national strategies and initiatives by civil societies, while paying attention to the key factors (cultural, social, political, and economic) that influenced how these societies challenge sustainability agenda and issues. Finally, it will discuss in depth what sustainable development for Singapore entails (i.e. Singapore Green Plan 2030) and strategies adopted by civil societies in order to closely examine how private individuals should assess these initiatives and move to act.

Topics:

- Climate change, three pillars of sustainable development, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- International and regional Efforts at cooperation and coordination to address sustainability challenges
- Sustainability challenges in Asia and ASEAN region
- Key factors (cultural, social, political, economic) that shape responses to sustainability challenges by Asia countries
- Singapore sustainability agenda and initiatives in civil society's common space
- Assessing sustainability agenda, initiatives, and efforts for individual actions

Learning Outcome:

- Outline the 3-pillars of sustainability and the UN SDGs.
- Describe international and regional strategies of cooperation.
- Explain the sustainability challenges and responses by Asia and ASEAN.
- Identify cultural, social, political and economic factors that undergird responses in Asia.
- Illustrate Singapore's sustainability agenda and civil society initiatives with examples.
- Appraise sustainability solutions for individual action.

Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

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

Overall Continuous Assessment	DISCUSSION BOARD 1	40
Total		100