OBJECTIVES:
This course provides students with an overview and fundamental understanding of the ways in which political issues are dealt with through geographical and spatial perspectives.

COURSE SYNOPSIS:
This course provides students with an overview and fundamental understanding of the ways in which political issues are dealt with through geographical and spatial perspectives. Major concepts and definitions in Political Geography will first be introduced, and this is to be followed by a brief introduction of the intellectual history and lineage of Political Geography. Theoretical issues and empirical cases, grouped into a number of topics, will then be presented. The tenet of this course is to show how world order and the lived experiences of people are shaped by, but also reshape, the respective capacities of, and interactions between, state regimes. It is to show that sovereignty, territoriality and nation-state matter a great deal in defining global economy, social transformation and culture. Topics investigated in the course include: classical geopolitical theories; global economy and the world-system; critical geopolitics; globalization and the regulation of difference; imperialism and post-colonial geographies; territoriality, sovereignty and the border; nation-state, nationalism and citizenship.

LECTURE TOPICS:
- Intellectual history of political geography and classical geopolitical theories
- Basic concepts in political geography
- Geopolitics and the practice of international relations
- Imperialism and colonialism
- Territorial power of the state
- Nation-state, nationalism and citizenship
- Democracy, Democratisation
- Social Movements in an era of globalization

RECOMMENDED READING LIST:
Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)
After completing this course, students would be able to:

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In order to meet the demands and challenges in this dynamic and ever-changing world, the Department has designed a series of well-structured and contemporary courses to cater to the different interests of students. Its courses are designed to align with the University’s educational aims which hope to nurture future generations not only with a critical and intellectual mindset, but also with a passion to contribute to society in general.

After completing the programme, Geography Major students should be able to:

PLO1 critically analyse the geographical aspects of the relationship between people and the natural environment;
PLO2 demonstrate and develop an understanding of how these relationships have changed with space and over time;
PLO3 identify, collect and utilize primary and secondary data to investigate and analyse the issues and problems facing people, places and society;
PLO4 integrate, evaluate and communicate information from a variety of geographical and other sources;
PLO5 participate in promoting social, economic and environmental sustainability at the local, regional and global scales; and
PLO6 effectively apply a range of transferable skills in academic, professional and social settings.

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