GEH1022 GEOPOLITICS: GEOGRAPHIES OF WAR & PEACE

Geopolitics: Geographies of War & Peace introduces key ideas and contemporary themes of geopolitics. Geopolitics draws upon a lot of "popular" geopolitics materials in the form of video, film, blogs, images and other multi-media to illustrate key issues. Students will learn about the geography of conflict, war and peace-making in the twentieth century. Students will be led to understand the current and future trends and debates, including issues such as the New (and old) World Order, terrorism, peacekeeping and conflicts in and over 'cyberspace' and natural resources. The course introduces students to a wide-range of sources and encourages critical use of media, academic material and internet resources. The objective of the course is to develop a deeper and life-long understanding of the geography of international affairs.

**Mode**: University-taught course  
**Pre-requisite**: H2 Geography or History  
**Assessment** : Students undertake the following components:  
- Continuous Assessment (one group project, one individual project)  
- Final Examinations

MA1101R LINEAR ALGEBRA I

Linear Algebra I serves as an introduction to the fundamental concepts in linear algebra that are routinely applied in fields like science, engineering, statistics, economics and operations research. The vector spaces within which the general ideas are developed are all real vector spaces. The objective of the course is to inculcate a facility in both the algebraic and geometric viewpoints of linear algebra. Proofs of results will be presented in the concrete setting for a proper understanding of the fundamental concepts and techniques. The course will develop basic skills in computing with vectors and matrices (with or without any mathematical software). It will also highlight examples of the more important applications of linear algebra in other fields.

The major topics included are: systems of linear equations; matrices; determinants; Euclidean n-space; subspaces; linear independence; basis and dimension; rank of a matrix; orthogonality and orthonormal bases; eigenvalues and eigenvectors; diagonalization; linear transformations from Rn to Rm; and, applications.

**Mode** : University-taught course  
**Pre-requisite** : H2 Mathematics  
**Assessment** : Students sit for the following:  
- Assignment  
- Computer Lab Quiz  
- Mid-Term Test  
- Final Examination
LSM1103 BIODIVERSITY

The course aims to inculcate in students with a grasp of the diversity of microbial, plant and animal life, the intricate balance of nature and the morality of conservation. The student will be introduced to the science of classification and the characteristics and diversity of major groups of living organisms within the three domain system. They will learn about the relationships between major taxa and their fundamental differences and similarities in the lectures and through an examination of specimens during laboratory sessions. Students will be introduced to tropical ecosystems and their characteristic communities through an introduction to a terrestrial and marine ecosystem in Singapore. Additionally students will learn to write an academic essay as well as prepare themselves for safe and effective fieldwork in tropical ecosystems.

Mode : University-taught course
Pre-requisite : H2 Biology or equivalent,
Assessment : Students sit for the following:
  • Essay Assignments
  • Practical Test
  • Final Examination

PC1144 INTRODUCTION TO MODERN PHYSICS

This module introduces the ideas of modern physics to students, with an emphasis on conceptual understanding. Topics covered are (a) Einstein's theory of special relativity, including time dilation, length contraction, and his famous equation E=mc2, (b) Quantum physics, where the observed phenomena of black body radiation, the photoelectric effect and Compton scattering, leading to the quantization of angular momentum and energy, atomic transitions and atomic spectra, (c) Introduction to quantum mechanics, introducing the Heisenberg uncertainty principle, wave-mechanics and wave particle duality, and the use of wavefunctions in predicting the behaviour of particles trapped in potential wells, (d) Nuclear physics, introducing radioactivity and decay processes, nuclear interaction and binding energy, fission and fusion, and (e) Sub-atomic elementary particles and their classification. The module is targeted at science students who are interested in learning about the more recent developments in physics, and is an essential for physics majors.

Mode : University-taught course
Pre-requisite : H2 Physics
Assessment : Students sit for the following:
  • Practical Test
  • Mid-Term Test
  • Final Examination