

GEOG4002 Directed Project in Geography

This is an optional capstone experience course for Geography majors only, and to be registered in the fourth year of study.

TIMETABLE ARRANGEMENT: Annual; Full-year

CREDITS: 6

COURSE TEACHER(S): Dr Ben A GERLOFS

ASSESSMENT:

COURSEWORK 100 %

- Written report & oral presentation

OBJECTIVES:

A major objective of the course is to give students an opportunity to propose, plan, implement and complete a geographical project. Students are also required to write a report to document the research process and results and to participate in an oral presentation.

COURSE SYNOPSIS:

The objective of this course is to offer Geography majors an opportunity to engage themselves in empirical/applied research projects under a faculty member's supervision in the Department and gain hands-on experience in research work. The directed project should normally comprise study of a well-defined and well-bound research topic/project through fieldwork. Students are required to propose, plan, implement and complete the projects; and to demonstrate a mastery of geographical field and practical techniques. Teachers may specify topics/projects considered suitable for small-scale investigation. After completing the projects, students are required to submit a written report (typed with double-line spacing on A4 sheets of paper with a minimum of 6,000 words in length; excluding tables, figures and references). An oral presentation of the completed work is also required. This course is useful to those major students who would be interested in acquiring the research skills for pursuing future research or other postgraduate studies.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs) After completing this course, students would be able to:		Alignment with Programme Learning Outcomes (PLOs)*						Course Assessment Methods
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	have a concentrated study on a geographic subject	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Written report & oral presentation
2	understand the process of developing and implementing research proposal	✓	✓	✓	✓			Written report & oral presentation
3	have knowledge on data collection and analysis		✓	✓	✓		✓	Written report & oral presentation
4	have an experience on independent research skills			✓	✓		✓	Written report & oral presentation
5	gain the report writing skills						✓	Written report & oral presentation
6	gain the analytical and oral presentation skills						✓	Written report & oral presentation

***Geography Major Programme Learning Outcomes (PLOs)**

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.