

## GEOG4004 Directed Project in Urban Governance

*This capstone experience course is for Urban Governance majors only.*

**TIMETABLE ARRANGEMENT:** Annual; Full-year

**CREDITS:** 6

**COURSE COORDINATOR:** Professor Ben A. GERLOFS, Dr. He WANG

### ASSESSMENT:

#### COURSEWORK 100 %

- Research proposal (25%)
- Presentation (25%)
- Final written report (50%)

### OBJECTIVES:

The objective is to offer students an opportunity to engage themselves in empirical/ applied research projects under the supervision of a faculty member and gain hands-on experience in research work. Students will also have the chance to participate in oral presentation.

### COURSE SYNOPSIS:

The objective of this course is to offer Urban Governance majors an opportunity to engage themselves in empirical/ applied research projects under a faculty member's supervision 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 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	conduct research study on an urban governance-related topic	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Proposal, presentation & report
2	understand the process of developing and implementing research proposal		✓			✓	✓	Proposal, presentation & report
3	acquire the skills on data collection and analysis					✓		Proposal, presentation & report
4	undertake independent research skills					✓	✓	Proposal, presentation & report
5	acquire report writing skills					✓		Proposal, presentation & report
6	acquire analytical and oral presentation skills				✓	✓		Proposal, presentation & report

### **\*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.