FMD1201 POLICIES FOR BUILDING SUSTAINABLE CITIES

This is a Freshman Seminar Module. It is intended for students in the School of Design and Environment (SDE) who are in their first year on the various programmes offered in SDE. This module is different from the other modules on any of the programmes at SDE. The differences lie in the size of the class, the teaching and learning approach, as well as the assessment of the students’ performance.

Learning Outcomes:
At the end of the module, students should be able to:

i. realise an enhancement in their ability to undertake research in a systematic manner and to propose innovative solutions to real, practical problems, in particular, those relating to cities

ii. understand how international agreements on issues relating to sustainable development are reached, how they are interpreted at the national level, how appropriate policies and programmes are formulated and how the relevant national and city-level programmes are implemented

iii. appreciate what the future regarding sustainable development in cities will be like, and what needs to be done at various levels.

Module Structure:
The module carries 4 modular credits and may be used to satisfy unrestricted elective requirements. This module is open only to students of SDE in their first two semesters at NUS.

Grading:
The module is graded on the basis of 100% continuous assessment. There will be no examination for the module.

Class Size:
To meet the aims of the teaching approach which is adopted on this module, the size of the class will be limited to 16 students. The minimum size of the class will be 10 students.

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