# Independent Study Module for Undergraduate Students

## NUS Geography

Modular 4660 credits: 5

Word Length: 4000 words essay (not including bibliography but including all quotations and footnotes) or equivalent GIS or Audio-Visual submission agreed with advisor.

The Independent Study Module (ISM) is designed to enable the student to explore an approved topic within the discipline in relative depth. The student should approach a lecturer to work out an agreed topic, readings, and assessment for the module. Students may like to pursue an ISM with their HT supervisor should they withdraw from the HT. ISMs are usually based on a combination of critical literature review and secondary data/archival research. In certain circumstances, and with supervisor guidance and approval, students may wish to undertake some limited primary data collection to inform their research. In this case, the appropriate safety and ethics forms will need to be completed and signed off by the supervisor before any fieldwork can commence.

1. Preliminary discussion with possible advisor
2. Departmental Registration for an ISM –Friday Week 2, 5pm of either semester
3. Formal meeting 1 with advisor by week 3
4. Formal meeting 2 with advisor (date to be decided)
5. Formal meeting 3 with advisor (date to be decided)
6. Submission of ISM Monday, 5pm, of week 13 in either semester

A formal, written agreement is to be drawn up, giving a clear account of the topic, programme of study, assessment, and other pertinent details. **This must be submitted to Mrs Chong Mui Gek geocmg@nus.edu.sg by Friday, 5pm, of Week 2 of the appropriate semester for registration of the ISM.** There is to be a maximum of three meetings between student and advisor after the initial preliminary meeting. PLEASE NOTE that you are required to notify your advisor if you decide to drop your independent study module. Your ISM supervisor is the sole marker for the ISM.

C.A.: 100%; Duration of examination: Nil

Please provide the following information:

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| Student name and matric number | | | |
| Advisor | | | |
| ISM Title | | | |
| Brief Summary (max. 200 words) | | | |
| Mode of Assessment | ☐ 4000 Word Essay | ☐ GIS Database | ☐ Other (please specify) |
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| Due date – choose one | 2020-2021 Sem 1: 09 November 2020 ☐ Sem 2: 12 April 2021 ☐<br>2021-2022 Sem 1: 08 November 2021 ☐ Sem 2: 11 April 2022 ☐ | | |

This agreement must be signed by all parties. Honour's coordinators do not sign.

Student Name/Date

Advisor Name/Date