

## Independent Study Course for Undergraduate Students

### NUS Geography

Modular 4660 units: 4

Modular 4660HM units: 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 Course (ISC) 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 course. Students may like to pursue an ISC with their HT supervisor should they withdraw from the HT. ISCs 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 ISC –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 ISC **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](mailto:geocmg@nus.edu.sg) by Friday, 5pm, of Week 2 of the appropriate semester for registration of the ISC.** 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. Your ISC advisor is the sole marker for the ISC.

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

Please provide the following information:

Student name and matric number			
Advisor			
ISM Title			
Brief Summary (max. 200 words)			
Mode of Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> 4000 Word Essay	<input type="checkbox"/> GIS Database	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
Due date – choose one	2025-2026 Sem 1: 10 November 2025 <input type="checkbox"/> Sem 2: 13 April 2026 <input type="checkbox"/> 2026-2027 Sem 1: 9 November 2026 <input type="checkbox"/> Sem 2: 12 April 2027 <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

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Student Name/Date

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Advisor Name/Date