

**FAS2882J: Economy, Government and Society**  
**FASStrack 2025**

Note: This is a new course, pending NUS approval. Please note the class will be cancelled if the course is not approved by March. Otherwise, more course details will be updated when it is approved.

**Schedule: PM Session (2pm-6pm, Singapore Time)**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday**

**Tentative Course Description**

This course focuses on the complex interactions and relationships between the economy, society and government. With the economy as a fundamental entity, students will learn about key economic concepts to analyse government policies and the ensuing impact on society; how market failures emerge and the need for adroit government intervention including effective education and tax policies; and how societal changes steer policymaking to tackle issues such as equity-efficiency trade-offs. The module will introduce students to ideas of top thinkers in the field of political economy, such as Adam Smith, John Maynard Keynes and Max Weber.

**Tentative Course Syllabus**

Class 1 – Overview of Economy, Government and Society

Class 2 – Economy and Government: Market Failures and Intervention

Class 3 – Economy and Government: Value of Economic Freedom

Class 4 – Economy and Society: Social Implications of Economic Issues

Class 5 – Economy and Society: Impact of Globalisation

Class 6 – Government and Society: Policy Change versus Social Change

Term Break

Class 7 – Government and Society: Role of Interest Groups and Civil Societies

Class 8 – Economic Crises: Triggers and Consequences

Class 9 – Inequality and Poverty: Escaping the Trap

Class 10 – Labour and Migration: Why and How People Move

Class 11 – Tech sector: To Regulate or Not to Regulate

Class 12 – Recap of Key Ideas & Class Presentations