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Course Modules

With India as a study model, the International Summer School (ISS) offers undergraduate course modules which introduce the students to a range of issues and debates that are shaping contemporary developing societies. As such, the academic syllabus at the ISS provides an Indian perspective of the following:

a. Democracy, Governance & International Relations

IPDGI - 3 units, 30 hours - 16-20 lectures during Weeks 1-4

b. Growth, Development & Sustainability

IEGDS - 3 units, 30 hours - 16-20 lectures during Weeks 1-4

c. Society, Culture & Heritage

ISSCH - 3 units, 30 hours - 16-20 lectures during Weeks 1-4

d. Service Learning

FWVSL - 4 units, 45 hours - Volunteer & fieldwork experience during Weeks 5-6

Horizontal linkages across these four modules have been identified to facilitate an interdisciplinary approach to learning. Additionally, students are engaged with individual research/study and group activities that complement the academic syllabus.

Assessment

To facilitate the international mobility of students, the ISS issues an e-transcript to those who successfully complete the program.

Each of the compulsory first three modules mentioned above is assessed, subject to the fulfilment of attendance requirements, through essays that cover the following:

- (i) Literature review; and
- (ii.a) Comparative research between India and their own country (overseas nationals); or
- (ii.b) Comparative research between India and another country being represented at the ISS (Indian nationals).

Assessment for the optional fourth module -- Service Learning -- is carried out through the evaluation of research work that is submitted in the form of journal entries and/or blogs as well as group project submissions.