Introductory to Social Science and Culture
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Introduction

Module Description

- The module addresses the issue of the relationship between human being and its surrounding environments in order to develop such a sense of involvement and responsibility particularly for students in sciences. Man and woman are not created from nothing. Since the beginning, their life has been inextricably linked either to cultural tradition of their ethnic/racial or religious communities, the geographical environments they live in, the government policies that affect them in/directly or the industrial and technological innovations they have growth with. Sufficed to say, they should understand clearly what their own social/political roles are in the complex fabric of the current modern society

Outcome

- To equip students with a critical thinking and understanding to the changeable social environments either stimulated by natural causes, government policies, technological innovations, cultural adaptations etc.

Module Materials

1. Re-discovery of Man
2. Understanding Culture
3. The Social Meanings of being Human
4. What make us civilised? Understanding Human Civilisation
5. Globalisation and its dis/content
6. Equality and Diversity: Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Class and Religion

Module Materials .. (Cont)

7. The Reasoning of Social Norms

8. State, Nationalism and Citizenship

9. Double Edge of Technological Innovations

10. Baby Booms and the Fate of Human Population

11. Back to Nature: Living in the Dangerously Beautiful Land

Module Assessment

1. Clippings of articles from newspapers/magazines, academic journals (including online) with short commentaries chosen from the above module materials. Minimum number of article is 5; and commentaries are about 500 words per each article.

Module Assessment .. (Cont)

2. Writing Essay from the topic chosen from the above module materials. The length of the essay should be about 2000 words

Note: Both commentaries and essay can be written both in English (preferably) or *Bahasa Indonesia*.