

Assignment & Examination

15 Jan 2013

Marks Allocation

- Assignment (60%)
- Exams (40%)

Assignment

- Term paper
 - > Choose 1 out of several topics provided
 - > 5-page paper
 - Main body makes compelling case to address selected topic
 - Additional relevant supporting info may be placed in Annex (but do not assume it will read)
 - > Submission deadline
 - Due by 6 pm on 9 April 2013 (Tuesday)
 - Electronic (MS Word)
 - Submit to IVLE

Example Topic 1

- According to UNESCO, “e-Governance is the public sector’s use of information and communication technologies with the aim of improving information and service delivery, encouraging citizen participation in the decision-making process and making government more accountable, transparent and effective”. To what extent do you agree that the Singapore Government has succeeded in achieving these goals? Where are gaps and areas of improvement?

Example Topic 2

- Refer to the document on “Proposed Consumer Data Protection Regime for Singapore” issued by MICA on 13 September 2011.
- Prepare a response to MICA to provide your comments on the proposed regime. Share your views on why and where the proposal fell short of your expectations. Provide suggestions and propose changes.

Example Topic 3

- Prepare a study of eGovernment's new modes of engagement (choose one: open data, crowdsourcing, or social media) in Singapore. Comment on existing initiatives (e.g., REACH). Identify areas where more can be done. Discuss the challenges and propose recommendations to address them.

Example Topic 4

- Refer to the document on “Ten Principles for Opening Up Government Information” issued by the Sunlight Foundation on August 11, 2010.
- Prepare a critique on how a Singapore Government open data initiative satisfy the ten principles articulated.
- Identify shortcomings (if any). Provide suggestions and proposed changes to rectify them.

Example Topic 5

- ◉ Prepare a case study of an e-Government initiative in Singapore with primary data collection.

Project Teams

- ◉ Student presentations (on 9 Apr & 16 Apr 2013)
 - > Total time available = $120 \times 2 = 240$ mins
 - > Each slot 20 mins (including 5 mins for Q&A)
 - > No. of teams = $240 / 20 = 12$ (max)
- ◉ Forming teams
 - > No. of registered students: tbc
 - > Comprising x teams of y students each
- ◉ Topic selection completed by 5 Feb 2013

Assignment Marking Scheme

- Paper (40%)
 - > Benchmark (10%)
 - > Analysis (20%)
 - > Organisation & Readability (10%)
- Student presentation (20%)
 - > Argument (10%)
 - > Presentation (5%)
 - > Slides (5%)

Examinations

- ◉ Date: 8 May 2013 (Wednesday)
- ◉ Time: 5 pm
- ◉ Venue: tbc
- ◉ Open book exam
 - > To answer 5 short questions (each 8 marks)
 - > No choice of questions