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GRADUATE STUDIES



DREAM, DARE, DO.

SUSS is a powerhouse of change, unleashing the potential within individuals and propelling them to be impactful change-makers.

Fueled by a deep sense of purpose, their transformations transcend personal growth, enriching not only their lives but also the lives of those around them.

Their unwavering commitment empowers them to conquer challenges, embodying the unstoppable '**Dream, Dare, Do**' spirit of SUSS.

United in action, we dream big, dare greatly, and do what it takes to leave an indelible mark on our learners, industry, and community.



As a university committed to social good and lifelong learning, SUSS offers more than just a degree. We provide a platform to challenge yourself, engage with like-minded peers, and create solutions for today's most pressing challenges.

Whether you are looking to advance your career, broaden your horizons, or contribute meaningfully to society, we are here to support you with industry-relevant curricula, flexible learning options, and an inclusive community."

Associate Professor
FANG ZHENG
Director
Graduate Studies



With a focus on industry relevance, applied learning and innovation, SUSS graduate programmes empower individuals to upskill, advance careers, and address societal challenges, through curricula designed collaboratively by experienced faculty and industry experts.

Its stackable programmes enable professionals to progressively attain qualifications from Graduate Certificates and Diplomas to Master's and Doctoral degrees.

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Good Reasons to Study at Singapore University of Social Sciences



ONE OF THE SIX
AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITIES
IN SINGAPORE



HIGH ACADEMIC
STANDARDS



EXPERIENCED FACULTY
MEMBERS AND
INDUSTRY EXPERTS



OVER 47,000
ALUMNI



LIFELONG EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES



FLEXIBLE AND
SELF-PACED LEARNING



INDUSTRY-RELEVANT
CURRICULA



FOCUS ON REAL-
WORLD LEARNING



WELL-DESIGNED ONLINE
LEARNING RESOURCES



PRACTICE-ORIENTED
APPROACH

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

(Doctoral)



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Programme Overview

The Doctor of Philosophy programme at SUSS focuses on applied research to develop practice oriented thought leaders for the industry and society. It caters to those who wish to conduct applied research work that addresses issues and challenges pertinent to society, industry or professional practice.

While students may choose to specialise in a specific discipline, they are encouraged to adopt an interdisciplinary approach in their research. This is in view of the complexity inherent in many contemporary issues and challenges.

Students in the programme research on a spectrum of contemporary topics in the social sciences, including Adult Learning, Desistance from Crime, Learning Analytics, Social & Psychological Well-Being.

Whom is this for?

Candidates who wish to conduct applied research work that addresses issues and challenges pertinent to society, industry or professional practice.

Career Prospects

As the PhD programme focuses on the applied research addressing issues and challenges pertinent to society, industry or professional practice, apart from joining institutes of higher learning as faculty, graduates from this programme may also join applied research institutions, government agencies or private sectors organisations such as research firms and consultancy firms.

Programme Structure

Students are expected to complete 40 CU of research methodology courses and discipline-specific courses before passing the Qualifying Examination. Upon successfully completing the Qualifying Examination, the student will embark on the completion of the Dissertation. The final stage of the PhD study will be the examination of the dissertation and the Oral Defence.

The minimum candidature is 3 years and maximum is 7 years. Students must attain a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 3.0 for the 40 CU of courses and pass the Qualifying Examination and Oral Defence for the Dissertation Examination.

Coursework (Total 40 CU)¹

Research Methodology (Minimum 10 CU and Maximum 20 CU)

- Research and Evaluation in Counselling
- Applied Research in Gerontology
- Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis
- Research Methods in Science and Engineering
- Advanced Social Research Methods and Design
- Statistics and Data Analysis
- Social Research and Programme Evaluation
- Research Methods in Applied Linguistics
- Independent Study 1²
- Independent Study 2²
- Students may also select MOOC courses or courses offered by other universities. This should be done in consultation with their supervisors.

Discipline Knowledge (Minimum 10 CU and Maximum 20 CU)

- Independent Study 1²
- Independent Study 2²
- Students may select courses from the existing suite of graduate-level courses offered by SUSS
- Students may also select MOOC courses or courses offered by other universities. This should be done in consultation with their supervisors.

Compulsory Courses (Total 10 CU)

- Doctoral Research Study I
- Doctoral Research Study II

Doctoral Dissertation Course

Qualifying Examination

Submission of Research Proposal; and an oral presentation of the research proposal



Confirmed as PhD Candidate



Data Collection, Analysis and Writing of Dissertation



Dissertation Examination and Oral Defence



Doctor of Philosophy

Explanatory Notes:

¹ Students must fulfil the minimum CGPA of 3.0 to stay in the Doctor of Philosophy programme.

² These two courses can be taken as either Research Methodology or Discipline Knowledge electives. Students will need to seek their supervisor's approval prior to taking the courses.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

(Master's)



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Programme Overview

Addressing real-world issues often requires a breadth of knowledge and skills that go beyond the boundaries of a single discipline. The Master of Social Sciences programme offers a unique opportunity for interdisciplinary education, enabling individuals to integrate two different disciplines in order to tackle contemporary challenges within their profession, industry, or society as a whole.

This programme is designed for students who are entrepreneurial and self-directed, taking charge of their own learning journey to prepare for the future of work. It serves as an alternative pathway for students seeking to equip themselves with interdisciplinary knowledge. The curriculum provides students with exposure to formulating innovative solutions and offers them the chance to apply interdisciplinary knowledge to address the rapidly evolving challenges of our world.

Whom is this for?

The programme is suitable for those who are keen to formulate innovative solutions and apply the cross-disciplinary knowledge to address the challenges facing a fast-changing world.

Programme Structure

Students are required to complete 60 credit units (CU) of relevant courses from two graduate diplomas and a 10 CU applied research project.

To graduate with the Master of Social Sciences, students are required to achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 (out of 5) and the duration taken to complete both graduate diplomas must be within a maximum candidature period of 4 years, not including the time taken to complete 10 CU of applied research project.

Select any TWO Graduate Diplomas (Total 60 CU)¹

- Graduate Diploma in Analytics and Visualisation
- Graduate Diploma in Artificial Intelligence for Business
- Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics
- Graduate Diploma in Digital Marketing
- Graduate Diploma in Financial Technology
- Graduate Diploma in Gerontology
- Graduate Diploma in Human Capital Management
- Graduate Diploma in IP and Innovation Management (IP)
- Graduate Diploma in Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Graduate Diploma in Organisational Psychology
- Graduate Diploma in Professional Life-coaching
- Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Management
- Graduate Diploma in Taxation
- Graduate Diploma in Education
- Graduate Diploma in Global Security and Strategy



Applied Research Project (10 CU)



Master of Social Sciences²

Explanatory Notes:

¹ The graduate diplomas available may be subject to change.

*Scan to view the courses offered in each graduate diploma



² Upon completion of 70 CU of courses, students will need a minimum CGPA of 3.0 to be awarded Master of Social Sciences.

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Applicants must possess an undergraduate degree or an equivalent qualification from a recognised institution.

For SUSS graduate programmes that are conducted in the English Language, you must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR)* **if** your undergraduate degree is not awarded by an English-medium university, **or** your undergraduate degree is awarded by an English-medium university but the language of instruction was not English.

** at least an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5, or a TOEFL score of 580 (paper-based) or 85 (internet-based), or a PTE Academic score of 58, or C1 Advanced score of 180 [score must be obtained within the last 2 years at point of application].*

Applicants with an undergraduate degree that was conducted in English but awarded by a non-English medium university must produce an official letter from the university to certify as such in order to seek waiver of the ELPR requirement.

Some programmes may have additional requirements. Please refer to the individual programme pages for details.

Shortlisted applicants may be required to undergo one or more interviews and/or take written admission or other evaluation tests as may be prescribed by SUSS from time to time.

All applications are considered individually on merit, and the offer of admission is dependent on the number of places available in individual programmes. Admission is solely at the discretion of SUSS and the decision is final and binding. SUSS reserves the right to refuse admission and is not obliged to offer an explanation for the non-admission of unsuccessful candidates.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Applications are to be made online via suss.edu.sg/apply.

You must submit all the required documents together with your admission application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.



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TUITION FEES

The amount of course fees you pay in each semester depends on the number of courses you take in that semester. The course fees cover all study materials, classes, tutor supervision, assignments and examinations. They do not include fees for textbooks, and other additional items specified by SUSS from time to time.



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SCHOLARSHIPS AND SPONSORSHIPS

Committed to the promotion of lifelong learning, SUSS offers a number of scholarships and sponsorships to new and continuing students in recognition of their excellent academic achievements, leadership qualities and special talents and contributions.



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