



SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES

Graduate Programmes



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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.



Here at the School of Humanities and Behavioural Sciences at SUSS, you will have opportunities to learn and re-learn knowledge and skills that will fuel your professional and personal growth. With supportive lecturers and a conducive eco-system for learning, our postgraduate programmes will enable you to expand your horizons and achieve your dream goals. I look forward to welcoming all of you as you embark on this new chapter of learning with us."

Associate Professor

EMILY ORTEGA

Dean

School of Humanities and
Behavioural Sciences



The School of Humanities and Behavioural Sciences provides an exciting and well-rounded education in languages, literature, and behavioural sciences. Our programmes develop dynamic individuals with the practical skills and specialised knowledge needed to excel in their chosen careers. Graduates can expect to find employment in the public and civil services as well as the corporate sector.

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Good Reasons to Study at Singapore University of Social Sciences



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CURRICULA



PRACTICE-ORIENTED
APPROACH

APPLIED LINGUISTICS (TESOL)

(Graduate Certificate | Graduate Diploma | Master's)



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Programme Overview

As English becomes the global language and communication skills in the English language have become critically important, there is a growing need for those who have mastery over the principles and practices of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). The graduate programmes in Applied Linguistics (TESOL) are designed to address this increasing demand in academe and industry in the age of AI.

Graduates can look forward to a fulfilling career in English language teaching or language curriculum/ programme management in public schools, private schools, tertiary institutions, etc., whether in Singapore or overseas.

With a comprehensive core curriculum and a wide range of specialised electives suitable for different TESOL contexts, the programmes provide a sound theoretical foundation and practical skills that cater to the needs of those who are currently working as language teachers, who plan to work in the language education industry in the future, or who simply have a passion for language learning/ teaching and would like to pursue further education in this field.

Our programme structure is stackable and you may opt for multiple pathways by enrolling in standalone courses, or graduating with the graduate certificate, graduate diploma or master's degree.

Whom is this for?

The Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics (TESOL) programmes are suitable for:

- Candidates who wish to pursue graduate training and a fulfilling career in English language teaching, including those considering a mid-career switch to English language teaching, either in Singapore or overseas
- All teachers of different backgrounds (from the public school system and tertiary institutions to the private sector such as international schools, language/enrichment centres)
- Both experienced and novice language instructors or administrators and professionals working in various education-related contexts

Career Prospects

Graduates can look forward to a fulfilling career in language teaching and language curriculum/programme management in public schools, private schools, tertiary institutions, etc.

Programme Structure

The Graduate Certificate in Applied Linguistics (TESOL) programme (15 credit units or CU) consists of three courses. The Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics (TESOL) programme (30 CU) consists of six courses. The MA in Applied Linguistics (TESOL) programme (60 CU) consists of 30 CU of core courses and 30 CU of elective courses.

Regular pathway (MATSL) is open to Singapore citizens, permanent residents or residents in Singapore only. Typically, students on the regular MATSL pathway take a maximum 15 CU of courses per semester and complete the programme in 2 years.

Accelerated pathway (MATSL-A) is open to international students as well as Singapore citizens, permanent residents or residents in Singapore. Students on the accelerated pathway take 30 CU of courses per semester and complete the programme in 1 year.

Courses can also be taken individually as Graduate Modular Courses, via Continuing Education and Training (CET).

Graduate Certificate in
Applied Linguistics (TESOL)¹



Core Courses
(Minimum 10 CU)



Elective Courses
(Maximum 5 CU)

Graduate Diploma in
Applied Linguistics (TESOL)¹



Core Courses
(Minimum 15 CU)



Elective Courses
(Maximum 15 CU)

Master of Arts in
Applied Linguistics (TESOL)²



Core Courses
(Total 30 CU)



Elective Courses
(Choose 30 CU)³

Core Courses

- TSL501 Fundamental Aspects of Language Structure
- TSL503 Fundamental Aspects of Language Meaning
- TSL505 Sociolinguistics and Education
- TSL507 Second Language Acquisition and Pedagogy
- TSL508 TESOL Methods
- TSL509 TESOL Curriculum

Elective Courses

- TSL551 Global English and Language Teaching
- TSL553 Classroom Discourse
- TSL555 Literacy, Language and Education
- TSL557 Pragmatics and TESOL
- TSL561 Pedagogical Grammar
- TSL563 Materials Development
- TSL565 Language Testing and Evaluation
- TSL567 English for Specific Purposes
- TSL569 English Pronunciation and TESOL
- TSL571 Academic Discourse: English in a Global Context
- TSL573 Research Methods in Applied Linguistics
- TSL599 Independent TESOL Project (10 CU)⁴
- TSL688 Applied Research Project (10 CU)⁵

Explanatory Notes:

¹ Students will need a min cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.5 to be awarded Graduate Certificate in Applied Linguistics (TESOL) and Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics (TESOL).

² Students will need a min. CGPA of 3.0 to be awarded Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics (TESOL).

³ Up to 10 CU can be replaced by Graduate Unrestricted Electives.

⁴ Not applicable for Graduate Certificate in Applied Linguistics (TESOL).

⁵ Not applicable for Graduate Certificate in Applied Linguistics (TESOL) and Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics (TESOL).

Important Notes:

- All courses are 5 CU unless stated otherwise.

APPLIED RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

(Master's)



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Programme Overview

As society is constantly changing, advancing your career in the social sciences requires lifelong education. With this master's programme, you have the perfect opportunity to upgrade your skills and enhance your professional value by adding research experience to your capabilities.

Through our approach that focuses on both theoretical and practice-oriented development, the programme equips you with vital research and analytical skills in the field of social sciences. It is also a versatile education that suits those of you seeking research experience for a doctoral programme, or to switch to a research-oriented or an academic career.

Leveraging on the research expertise of the faculty from SUSS, this programme draws from and integrates across the various social science disciplines to widen your perspective on social issues. You have the option to focus on applied issues in social sciences or on positive psychology and well-being, while enhancing your ability to translate your skills and knowledge into outputs that make real impact.

Upon successful completion of the programme, with your training in a multidisciplinary social sciences research environment, you can look forward to opportunities in academic or research careers, or an applied career where you can draw on your knowledge and design research to address applied social sciences issues to serve the needs of the larger society.

Whom is this for?

With its emphasis on using social science knowledge and developing or applying research to address evolving societal issues, the MRESS programme is suitable for those who:

- are keen to formulate innovative solutions to contemporary social science issues
- are interested in advancing the understanding, measurement, and application of well-being
- aspire to synthesise the field of well-being from various social science disciplines
- are from non-social science backgrounds but working in relevant industries

Career Prospects

The MRESS programme is intended for graduates who seek to gain research experience in the social sciences. The programme equips them with the advanced research and analytical skills needed to conduct high-quality research independently, enabling them to acquire the requisite research experience for a research-oriented career, a doctoral programme, or an academic career.

Programme Structure

Students from the programme are required to complete 60 credit units (CU) to graduate. The MRESS curriculum consists of four courses (20 CU) and a research thesis (40 CU). The four courses include two compulsory core courses and two seminar courses (to be chosen from a basket of three electives).

There are courses which are eligible for SkillsFuture funding if taken via the CET/modular pathway. These courses can be recognised for credit when applying for admission to the MRESS programme.

The duration for a typical candidate is between two and three years. The minimum candidature for the MRESS is one year and the maximum candidature is five years.

The Master Thesis consists of the Qualifying Examination (QE, which includes the research proposal and oral presentation), the thesis, and oral defense. A few potential research areas that MRESS students may explore include:

- Applied issues in social sciences (e.g., special education; parenting styles)
- Contemporary issues in societies (e.g., economic inequality; misinformation)
- Workplace issues (e.g., ageism, older workers)
- Positive psychology (e.g., positive interventions for enhancing well-being)
- Well-being

Compulsory Courses

- RSS501 Advanced Social Research Methods and Design
- RSS503 Statistics and Data Analysis **OR** HDS501 Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis¹
- RSS699 Master Thesis (40 CU)



Elective Courses

(Choose any two of the three elective courses)

- RSS551 Current Debates and Developments in Positive Psychology and Well-being
- RSS553 Contemporary Issues in Societies from a Multidisciplinary Social Science Perspective
- RSS555 Structural Equation Modelling



Master of Applied Research in Social Sciences²

Explanatory Notes:

¹ This course is offered in the Master of Gerontology programme.

² Candidates must attain a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of at least 3.0 (B-) for the 20 CU of courses, and pass the Qualifying Examination and Oral Defence for the Thesis Examination to be awarded Master of Applied Research in Social Sciences.

GLOBAL SECURITY AND STRATEGY

(Graduate Certificate | Graduate Diploma | Master's)



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Programme Overview

Global security today extends far beyond traditional defence. It now encompasses geopolitics, economic resilience, cybersecurity, climate change, and human security — complex issues that demand collaboration across governments, businesses, international organisations, and civil society.

The Global Security and Strategy (GSS) Graduate Programmes prepare professionals and leaders to address these challenges, drawing strength from Singapore's position as a trusted global hub for stability, trade, and international dialogue. This unique vantage point provides students with real-world insights into how security and strategy are shaped at the intersection of regional and global interests.

Blending academic rigour with applied learning, the programme prepares graduates to anticipate risks, craft effective solutions, and lead with responsibility — qualities essential for safeguarding peace and building a sustainable future.

Whom is this for?

The GSS graduate programmes are designed for professionals and leaders who engage with security and strategy in today's complex environment, including:

- Public sector leaders in government, defence, intelligence, law enforcement, and homeland security.
- Corporate executives and practitioners in risk, cybersecurity, sustainability, strategy, and global operations.
- International and non-profit professionals working in multilateral organisations, NGOs, and think tanks.
- Researchers, analysts, and career switchers seeking rigorous training to enter or pivot into the field.

Career Prospects

Graduates will be prepared for leadership and advisory roles that shape security and strategy in Singapore, the region, and beyond. Potential career pathways include:

- Security Analyst
- Intelligence Officer
- Policy Advisor
- Risk Management Consultant
- Cybersecurity Strategist
- International Security or Corporate Resilience Manager

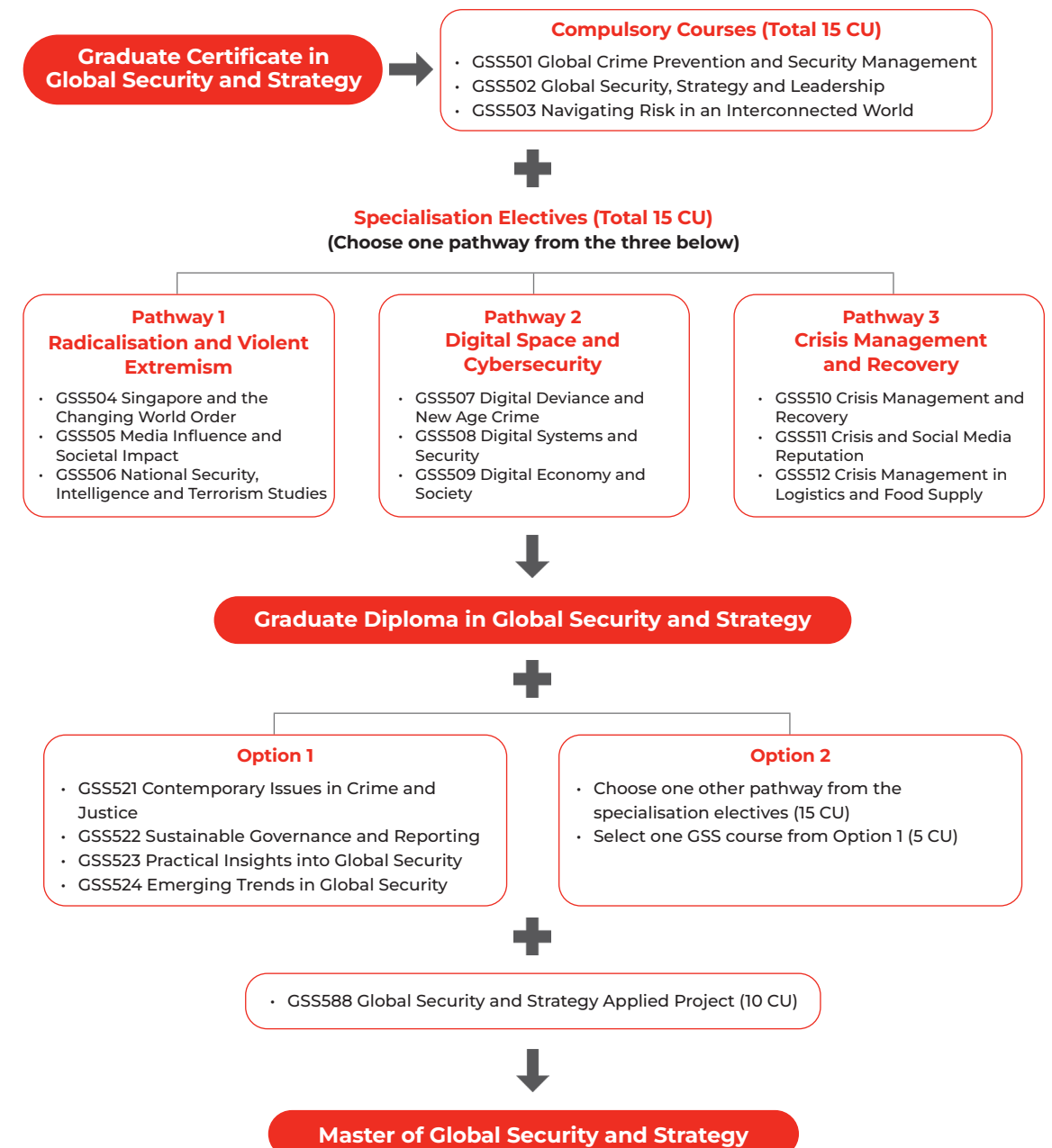
Programme Structure

The Graduate Diploma in Global Security and Strategy (GDGSS) programme offers three specialisation pathways:

- Radicalisation and Violent Extremism
- Digital Space and Cybersecurity
- Crisis Management and Recovery

To graduate with the GDGSS, students are required to complete 30 credit units (CU). Graduates from the GDGSS will be eligible to enrol into the Master of Global Security and Strategy, Master of Management and Master of Social Sciences.

To graduate with the Master of Global Security and Strategy, students are required to complete a total of 60 CU with a minimum CGPA of 3.0.



PSYCHOLOGY

(Graduate Diploma | Master's)



Programme Overview

The psychology graduate programmes offered by SUSS are the first in Singapore that focus on specialist training in the fields of forensic psychology and organisational psychology.

Note that there are two distinct entry pathways for the postgraduate psychology programme: the Master of Psychology for psychology degree holders training to become psychologists and the Graduate Diploma in Psychology for non-psychology degree holders who are not training to become psychologists.

Master of Psychology

Aligned closely with the SkillsFuture Framework for Psychologists, the Master of Psychology is a professional postgraduate training programme for psychology degree holders to specialise and work as forensic psychologists or organisational psychologists. Building on the foundations learnt from the psychology degree, this postgraduate training focuses on core research skills and the application of the science of psychology in two distinct fields — forensic psychology or organisational psychology.

Whom is this for?

Anyone who wants to learn more about organisational psychology but does not have a degree in psychology and does not want to practice as a psychologist. Specifically, this graduate diploma would be a useful complement for HR professionals and those in leadership positions in organisations.

The Master of Psychology is for psychology graduates who intend on furthering their education in either organisational or forensic psychology. An honours degree in psychology is preferred. Applicants without an honours degree in psychology will be required to complete 30 CU of preparatory courses at honours level.

Career Prospects

The Graduate Diploma in Organisational Psychology does not enable you to practice as a psychologist in Singapore. This graduate diploma is designed to empower you with the skills and knowledge to apply organisational psychology principles at the workplace.

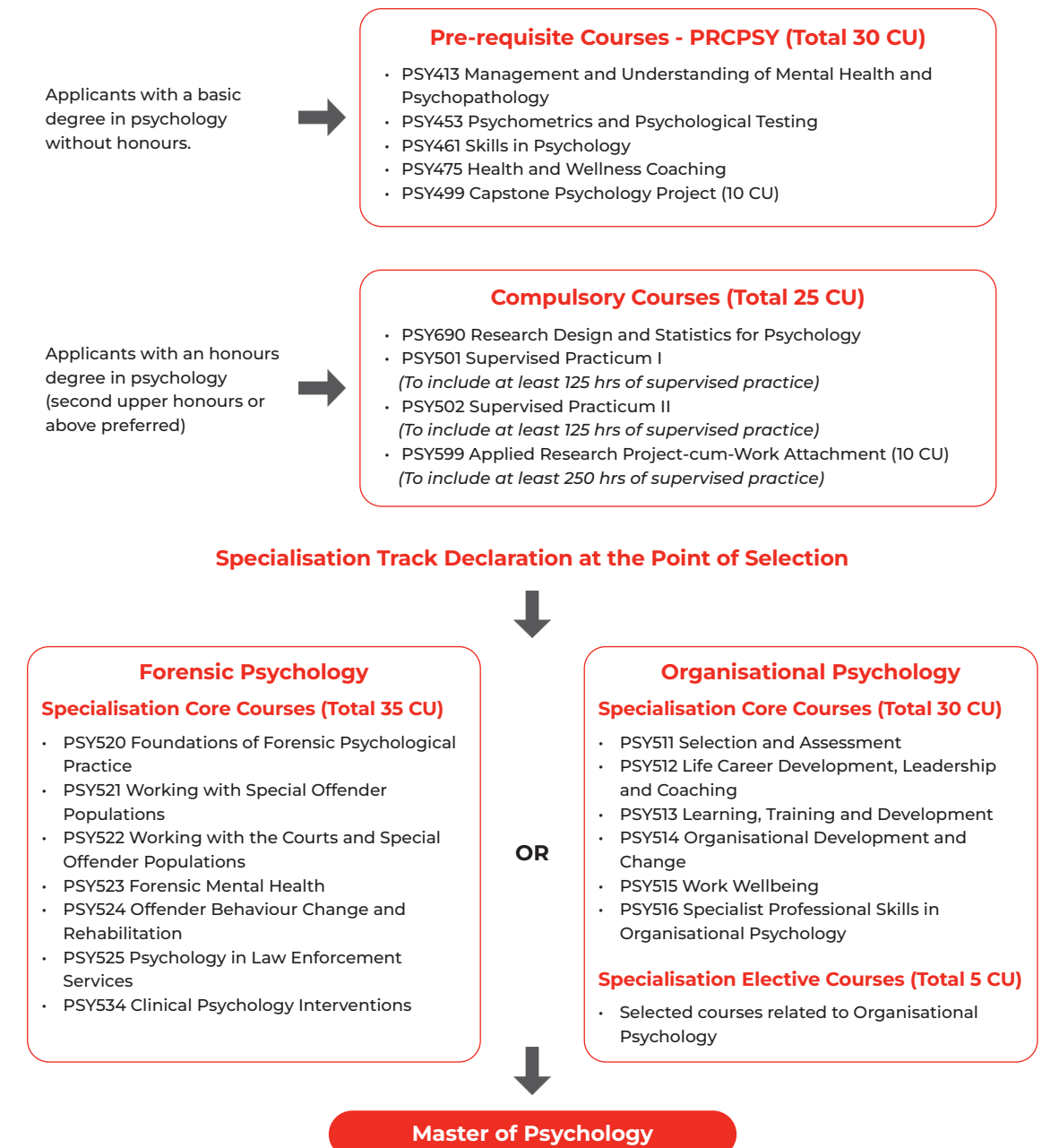
The Master of Psychology will provide you with the research and professional skills needed to practice as an Organisational Psychologist or a Forensic Psychologist in Singapore.

Programme Structure

To graduate with the Graduate Diploma in Organisational Psychology, students are required to complete 30 credit units (CU) which consists of six compulsory core courses and attain a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.5 (out of 5.0).

To graduate with Master of Psychology, students are required to complete 60 CU of courses and attain a minimum CGPA of 3.0 (out of 5.0). Students will need to take compulsory practicums conducted mostly during weekday business hours as well as complete 1,000 hours of practicum.

Throughout the Master of Psychology programme, students will have an estimated 500 hours of practicum training under PSY501, PSY502 and PSY599. Students will be required to complete the remaining hours (estimated 500 hours) with their self-sourced practicums.



PSYCHOLOGY (CLINICAL)

(Master's)



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Programme Overview

There has been growing recognition of the importance of mental health and its impact on individuals, families, and society. In response to rising mental health needs, Singapore's National Mental Health and Well-being Strategy emphasises a tiered, whole-of-society approach to mental health care. Clinical psychologists are highly trained professionals who are an important part of this national mental health ecosystem. They have specialised expertise in psychological assessment, diagnosis, and the delivery of evidence-based interventions. They work across diverse settings, including hospitals, community-based agencies, schools, and government organisations, and frequently collaborate within multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary teams to enhance mental health outcomes and quality of life.

The Master of Psychology (Clinical) is a comprehensive professional training programme designed to develop competent, ethical, and reflective Clinical Psychologists. With a strong emphasis on applied skills training, the programme equips students with the clinical competencies required to work effectively with diverse populations, as well as engage in collaborative professional practice. Students will also develop strong research capabilities, preparing them to function as scientist-practitioners who integrate research evidence with clinical expertise.

Whom is this for?

This programme is designed for psychology graduates with experience working in a mental-health related field who intend to further their education in clinical psychology.

Career Prospects

There is a significant demand for clinical psychologists in Singapore as part of the national mental health well-being strategy. Clinical psychologists work in various settings, from public hospitals, community agencies, and the ministries.

This programme is designed to provide the minimum number of hours to be eligible for registration as a Registered Psychologist with the Singapore Psychological Society (SPS).

Overseas recognition and registration are dependent on the country/area of practice. You will need to refer to the respective accreditation bodies in the country of practice for their registration/practice requirements.

Programme Structure

The programme uses a flipped classroom learning approach. Students engage in self-learning of new content prior to lessons and then participate in face-to-face lessons through hands-on activities and discussions.

This is a 2-year full-time programme conducted mostly during weekday business hours. The programme consists of compulsory coursework, practicum and research components.

To graduate with a Master of Psychology (Clinical), students must complete and pass 75 credit units (CU) of courses, and attain a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 (out of 5.0).

Applicants without a Second Upper Honours for psychology/psychology-related degree



Pre-requisite Courses - PRCPSY (Total 30 CU)

- PSY413 Management and Understanding of Mental Health and Psychopathology
- PSY453 Psychometrics and Psychological Testing
- PSY461 Skills in Psychology
- PSY475 Health and Wellness Coaching
- PSY499 Capstone Psychology Project (10 CU)

Compulsory Courses (Total 75 CU)

Skills-Based Coursework

- PSY531 Adult Psychopathology
- PSY532 Child and Adolescent Psychopathology
- PSY533 Psychological Assessment and Formulation
- PSY534 Clinical Psychology Interventions
- PSY535 Clinical Neuropsychology
- PSY536 Health Psychology in Singapore
- PSY537 Professional Practice and Ethics in Clinical Psychology



Practicum

- PSY503 Master's Seminars and Clinical Placement 1
- PSY504 Clinical Placement 2 (10 CU)
- PSY505 Clinical Placement 3 (10 CU)



Research

- PSY690 Research Design and Statistics for Psychology
- PSY699 Master's Dissertation (10 CU)



Master of Psychology (Clinical)

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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

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