



**SCHOOL OF
LAW**

**Graduate
Programmes**



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SCHOOL OF LAW



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.



Dreaming of becoming a lawyer?

At our law school, we help you make your dream a reality. We are an academic institution that prepares you for professional practice for the future. We take an innovative but practical approach to teaching and learning. Our graduates are both industry and future ready. Our courses are grounded in strong fundamentals which will prepare you for innovation and adaptation.

We teach you the academic fundamentals of law in context so that you can immediately translate these into practice. When you graduate you will be ready for professional practice.

We also help you understand your role as a lawyer in our society. Believing in the age-old adage, with privilege comes responsibility, we will help you reframe your mindset to be a professional who works for the common good. So, sign up and join us on an exciting journey of study and application!"

Professor
LESLIE CHEW
Senior Counsel and Dean
School of Law



At the SUSS School of Law, we offer three practice-oriented programmes: the Bachelor of Laws, Juris Doctor, and Master of Taxation. Our programmes are designed to equip students with a deep understanding of legal principles, critical thinking skills, and practical experience. Our degrees prepare graduates for diverse careers with particular knowledge and skills to excel in the fields of taxation, criminal and family law.

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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



LIFELONG EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES



FLEXIBLE AND
SELF-PACED LEARNING



WELL-DESIGNED ONLINE
LEARNING RESOURCES



OVER 47,000
ALUMNI



EXPERIENCED FACULTY
MEMBERS AND
INDUSTRY EXPERTS



FOCUS ON REAL-
WORLD LEARNING



INDUSTRY-RELEVANT
CURRICULA



PRACTICE-ORIENTED
APPROACH

TAXATION

(Graduate Certificate | Graduate Diploma | Master's)



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Programme Overview

Advanced tax training has been a part of SUSS ever since we were approached by the Tax Academy in 2007 to launch a Master of Taxation programme here in Singapore.

The taxation courses offered by the School of Law will provide tax professionals or adult learners with advanced training in taxation law and current practices, through a comprehensive programme of study in Singapore and international taxation. International taxation has grown in importance in recent years, and the tax courses offered here give you a thorough grounding in both substantive tax rules and tax policy to equip you for future practice.

The graduate programmes in taxation at SUSS aim to equip you with a framework of approach to enable you to deal with issues and challenges of the real world of taxation. They also strive to contribute to the continuous professional education of tax specialists by offering courses that keep you abreast of current developments and changes in taxation law and corporate reporting.

The taxation courses can be taken on their own, and individuals may opt for multiple pathways from which they can graduate with a graduate certificate, a graduate diploma or a master's degree. Students who have already completed the Income Tax Programme Level 3 (Advanced Tax Programme) offered by the Tax Academy of Singapore will receive credit recognition for 4 courses.

Whom is this for?

This programme aims to provide tax professionals and adult learners with advanced training in taxation law and current practices. It also aims to contribute to the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) of tax specialists by offering courses that cover current developments and changes in taxation.

Career Prospects

The programme aims to equip the student with thinking skills that will be useful in a variety of locations. Graduates from this programme are working in a wide range of employment, from advisory firms advising Small and Medium Enterprises to regional roles in multinationals and even within the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore.

Programme Structure

The programme is built around 3 areas:

- Tax and its environment – where tax and its relationship with wider world is explored e.g. the law, corporate governance, corporate accounting, the digital economy
- Domestic taxation – taxation within Singapore
- International taxation – the international principles that deal with taxation across domestic borders

Students are required to complete a total of 60 credit units (CU), comprising 12 courses, with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 to graduate with a master's degree. All courses are 5 CU unless stated otherwise. Each course lasts 4 Saturdays, and provides 30 hours of course instruction in addition to the self-study that is required to fully explore the topics within the course.

Each course can be taken individually for Continuing Professional Education purposes. If the student does not take any assessment, the student will be given a Certificate of Participation. If, however, the student actually takes assessments, then the student will be given a Course Certificate.

The courses may also be accumulated or “stacked” to build up a Graduate Certificate in Taxation, a Graduate Diploma in Taxation or a Master of Taxation.

- TAX501 Taxation – Legal Framework and Policy
- TAX503 Corporate and Individual Income Tax
- TAX505 Goods and Services Tax
- TAX507 Tax Planning and International Taxation
- TAX509 Selected Topics in Taxation
- TAX521 OECD Model Tax Convention
- TAX523 Cross-Border Tax Planning
- TAX525 Transfer Pricing
- TAX529 Taxation, Governance and the Wider Environment
- TAX531 Applying Transfer Pricing
- TAX533 Landmark Cases in Income Tax and Handling Tax Controversy
- TAX535 Taxation and the Digital Economy



Graduate Certificate in Taxation



Select any 6 courses

Graduate Diploma in Taxation



Complete remaining 6 courses

Master of Taxation



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Programme Overview

The SUSS School of Law is the Law School for practice. Our primary objective is to train and produce a pipeline of practitioners for the Singapore Bar, including lawyers practising two of the School of Law's areas of Laws - Criminal Law and Family Law.

The Juris Doctor (JD) programme offers a comprehensive, practice-oriented, and multidisciplinary legal education. In particular, our students will also, possess the knowledge and skills to excel in the fields of Criminal Law and Family Law. To better prime and prepare our graduates for practice in the community, students will be offered relevant non-law subjects as part of their core curriculum. These subjects will include compulsory courses in Social Services and Forensic Science.

The SUSS School of Law adopts an applied learning approach rather than a purely academic approach in pedagogy. Students engage with real-world cases and scenarios drawn from actual legal practice. Through a structured Legal Clerkship Programme, students will have the opportunity to work on live cases alongside practising lawyers and prosecutors.

At the SUSS School of Law, students learn from faculty who are experienced legal practitioners. The faculty are not just academically qualified but also lawyers who have practised and who know firsthand what it means to practise law.

Whom is this for?

One of the mandates of the SUSS School of Law is to train lawyers with a heart for and who will eventually practise as lawyers within the community, preferably in criminal law and family law. Accordingly, our student recruitment will focus on and give preference to applicants who have a fair amount of work experience, especially those who have worked for some time in related fields such as social work, law enforcement and the prison service. Other applicants who can show current involvement in community work will also be given preferred consideration.

Career Prospects

The JD is a recognised degree under the Legal Profession Act, and provided the student graduates with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.5, he/she will be a 'qualified person' under the Legal Profession Act and will be eligible to sit for Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations. This is a primary route of admission to the Singapore Bar.

The graduate is qualified to practise law in any area, but he/she will have particular knowledge and skills to excel in the fields of community law such as criminal and family law.

Programme Structure

The JD degree programme is primarily meant for students who already have a Bachelor's degree in other disciplines. Students in the JD programme will take about 4 years to complete their studies. All School of Law students are expected to complete their degree within 6 years.

Graduates of the JD programme are required to complete 150 credit units (CU) comprising:

- 5 CU of Preparatory Course
- 105 CU of Legal Knowledge Courses
- 15 CU of Allied Knowledge (relevant non-law) Courses
- 15 CU of Professional Courses
- 10 CU under the Legal Clerkship Programme

Graduates are also required to complete as a condition of graduation, the following:

- 20 hours of *pro bono* services as required under the rules of the Singapore Institute of Legal Education.

SUSS Core

In light of the content of the Preparatory Course, and the compulsory Allied Knowledge courses, students of the law programmes will not have to take any SUSS Core courses.

Preparatory Course

The Preparatory Course introduces the students to the nuts and bolts of the study of law and reinforces the importance of being able to read and write well.

Legal Knowledge

Students take 105 CU of legal knowledge courses covering foundational legal knowledge, and other subject areas commonly encountered by the legal practitioner.

Throughout these courses, the students will also be developing their skills of reading, listening, legal research, analysis, and advocacy. The students will spend a substantial part of their studies on criminal and family law, procedure and evidence, a feature designed to produce law graduates with skills focused on community legal practice. This is one of the distinguishing features of this programme.

Allied Knowledge

All law students will take at least 15 CU of Allied Knowledge courses introducing them to social services in Singapore, forensics (the science behind crime scene investigations), and financial reporting for lawyers.

Professional Courses

The professional training section echoes the requirements of the report of the 4th Committee on the Supply of Lawyers for there to be elements of practical/vocational training in this degree. In this, the students will be given training in trial advocacy, ethical legal practice and client care, as well as in mediation. For our students, exposure to practical professional issues this early ensures that these skills will be firmly reinforced when encountered again at Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations.

Legal Clerkship Programme

Practical and experiential training within the JD programme is a unique feature of the School of Law. The Legal Clerkship Programme will provide students with structured training in the application of their legal and professional knowledge. This clinical training would be the most appropriate platform for authentic practical training in real-life situations. The training would be arranged through institutions that work with criminal and family law, such as the Courts, the Law Society's Pro Bono SG, or the Criminal Legal Aid Scheme and relevant state agencies such as the Attorney-General's Chambers.

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ADMISSION CRITERIA

TAXATION (GRADUATE CERTIFICATE | GRADUATE DIPLOMA | MASTER'S)

- Applicants must possess an undergraduate degree or an equivalent qualification from a recognised institution
- Professional qualifications e.g. ACCA, CA (Sing), CPA (Aust) may be accepted in lieu of a degree
- Applicants will be required to provide a full CV detailing their work experience

LAW (JURIS DOCTOR)

- Applicants must possess at least a Bachelor's degree and substantial work experience
- Demonstrate aptitude to practise law through taking the Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT)¹
- Applicants will be required to provide a full CV detailing their work experience

These programmes are currently unable to take in international students, i.e., you must be a Singapore citizen, permanent resident or a resident in Singapore (e.g., Employment Pass holder) in order to apply for admission.

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.

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.

¹ LNAT is a registered trademark of LNAT Consortium Limited. Details of the test, including training for it is available at <http://www.lnat.ac.uk>

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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