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Undergraduate Programmes



SCHOOL OF



HUMANITIES AND

BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES

BA

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

AND LITERATURE

(PART-TIME PROGRAMME)

SUSS

SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY
OF SOCIAL SCIENCES



Programme Overview

The BA English Language and Literature (BAEL) programme combines the disciplines of language studies and literature. The linguistics courses will give you an understanding of the language system and broaden your perspective on language use and discourse in society, while the literature courses will introduce you to a range of literary genres, periods and styles, and teach you to critically analyse texts using key concepts and theories.

You may pursue English Language and Literature as a single subject or in combination with a minor in Business, Film Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Translation and many others. Please refer to the SUSS website for details of the minor courses.

Whom is this for?

This programme will be useful for people working in a variety of fields, particularly those who intend to teach English or use it professionally. Our graduates work in a wide variety of careers, such as teaching, publishing, journalism, public relations, advertising, and marketing.

Career Prospects

A BA in English will give you a strong foundation in English language and literature, and will expand your career options by equipping you with a better working knowledge, understanding and appreciation of English. You will sharpen your analytical, writing and communication skills, which can be advantageous in many fields. A degree in English language and literature will help enhance the careers of professionals who work primarily in English or write extensively in English, such as English teachers, journalists, public relations officers, writers and editors. Since English is the working language of international commerce, this programme will also suit professionals working in many areas, including business and marketing. Those wishing to further their studies after obtaining the BA degree may consider postgraduate studies locally or overseas. Graduates of the English programme have been accepted into postgraduate programmes in leading universities, including the National University of Singapore and the University of Oxford.

"SUSS offered me the open door of a chance to continue the journey of learning, with its enriching and stimulating English Language and Literature programme. Studying at SUSS has redefined me and granted me that valuable and indispensable opportunity to recapture my dreams, and lay firm foundations for new ones."

Quek Li Kang Jerrold

Alumnus

BA English Language and Literature



Programme Structure

Students are required to complete a total of 130 credit units (cu) to graduate with a basic degree, inclusive of 10 cu of SUSS Core courses.

This programme has an honours option. Students who achieve a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.5 and above upon completion of their basic degree may be invited to enrol in the honours programme, which will be offered if the requisite number of students is met. Students who accept the invitation will need to complete another 40 cu of courses to achieve 170 cu in total and have to satisfy all university requirements in order to graduate with an honours degree.

All courses are 5 cu unless stated otherwise.

English Language and Literature (130 cu)		English Language and Literature with Minor (130 cu)	
10 cu	SUSS Core Courses		
20 cu	Compulsory Level 1 English Language and Literature courses		
20 cu	Compulsory Level 2 English Language and Literature courses		
*80 cu	English Elective courses	*40 cu	English Elective courses
		40 cu	Minor courses
* Minimum 15 cu of Level 3 English Language electives and minimum 15 cu of Level 3 English Literature electives			

Compulsory Courses (Total 40 cu)

Level 1

- Understanding Components of Language
- An Introduction to Language Systems
- Analysing Prose: Short Fiction and Essays
- Understanding Poems and Plays

Level 2

- Language Structure: Sentences and Sounds
- Language and Society
- Analysing the Nineteenth-Century Novel
- Understanding Shakespeare: Plays and Sonnets

English Language Elective Courses¹ (at least 15 cu of Level 3 courses)

Level 1

- Principles and Practice of Communication²
- Discourse: Critique and Evaluation²

Level 3

- Literary Stylistics
- World Englishes
- Language and Literacy
- English in Singapore
- Semantics and Pragmatics
- Phonetics
- Discourse Analysis
- Phonology
- First Language Acquisition
- Second Language Learning
- Morphology

English Literature Elective Courses¹ (at least 15 cu of Level 3 courses)

Level 2

- Children's Literature

Level 3

- Jacobean Drama
- Topics in American Literature
- Contemporary Literature
- Modern Poetry
- Topics in Modernism
- Singapore Literature
- Film Adaptations: The Business of Reinterpreting Shakespeare³
- Scriptwriting: Telling a Compelling Story³

Honours Course

- Capstone Course (10 cu)
(English Language OR English Literature)

Explanatory Notes:

- ¹ BA English Language and Literature students are to complete 80 cu of Language and Literature elective courses. Students reading the BA English and Literature with Minor programme are to complete 40 cu of Language and Literature elective courses and 40 cu of minor courses.
- ² Courses for BA English Language and Literature students only (and not applicable for students in the BA English Language and Literature with Minor programme).
- ³ Courses for BA English Language and Literature and BA English with Film Studies students only.

For more information on our BA English Language and Literature, please visit suss.edu.sg/BAEL

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Admission Criteria

You must be a Singapore citizen, permanent resident or a resident in Singapore. In addition, you will need to meet these minimum requirements:

- GCE 'A' Level with two passes (prior to 2006) or two H2 passes (from 2006); or local Polytechnic Diploma; or International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma; or NUS High School Diploma. Applicants with a Diploma from ITE, or other Diploma qualifications plus an acceptable SAT or ACT (with Writing) score may be considered for admission on a case-by-case basis;
- Two years of full-time work experience, or currently employed on a full-time basis; and
- At least 21 years old.

In addition to the standard admission criteria for all the Singapore University of Social Sciences undergraduate programmes, applicants need to meet the following requirements:

- At least a Grade B4 in English Language in the GCE 'O' Level Examination, or
- At least a Grade B4 in GCE 'AO' Level General Paper (English), or
- At least a Grade B4 in English Paper 121, 1120 or 1119 at SPM, or
- At least a C in Literature in English/English Language and Linguistics/Knowledge and Inquiry in GCE 'A' level/H2 level or
- At least a Grade C in H1 General Paper, or
- At least a Grade 4 in English (for IB Diploma holders) or
- A CAP of 3.0 in English Language for NUS High School Diploma

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 would be considered as a substitute of the required English Language entry requirement.

[#] Test scores must be obtained within the last 5 years at point of admission.

Some minor courses may have additional requirements. Please visit suss.edu.sg for more details.

Shortlisted applicants may be required to undergo one or more interview(s) 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.

How to Apply

Applications are to be made online via suss.edu.sg. You must submit all the required documents together with your admission application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Tuition Fees and Government Subsidy

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.

The Tuition Fee Subsidy (TFS) from the Singapore Government comes in the form of a tuition grant administered by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and is offered to all eligible admitted students studying for part-time undergraduate programmes at SUSS. Singapore Citizens aged 40 and above who are pursuing MOE-subsidised undergraduate programmes with SUSS and who are eligible for the SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy will enjoy a higher subsidy.

All Singaporeans aged 25 and above can use their \$500 SkillsFuture Credit from the government to pay for a wide range of approved skills-related courses. Visit the SkillsFuture Credit website (www.skillsfuture.sg/credit) to choose from the courses available on the SkillsFuture Credit course directory.

Please visit suss.edu.sg for current tuition fees and eligibility criteria for the government subsidy and SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy.

Internet Access

All SUSS students must have access to a computer/laptop and the Internet in order to use the electronic and website facilities which allow access to course, academic and administrative information.

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