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Undergraduate Programmes



SCHOOL OF



HUMANITIES AND

BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES

BA

SOCIOLOGY

(PART-TIME PROGRAMME)



Programme Overview

Did you know that illness, wellness and ageing mean different things in different cultural contexts? Are health policies and changing medical technologies and professions improving healthcare or contributing to new problems? In an era of rapid technological change, how does the growing influence of new media transform national identities and personal lives? How do we understand Singapore's multiculturalism and inter-ethnic issues? How do we make sense of unequal educational opportunities and do current educational practices address these effectively?

Do you wish to obtain the skills and knowledge to understand contemporary social issues and society in a systematic way? Would you like to learn how eminent social thinkers have explained the great societal (and global) transformations you have experienced this century? Or do you wish to obtain training to read and conduct research about social issues, problems and everyday life?

If you have answered 'yes' to any of these questions, the BA Sociology (BASOC) programme, which provides a study of human behaviour and society through contemporary social issues, will appeal to you. We provide students with a strong foundation in analytical, theoretical and methodological skills applied to contemporary issues relating to globalisation and social change, medical sociology, social stratification (race, class and ethnicity), popular culture, family, gender, education and society, urban sociology, law and order. These are studied in the light of developments in the Singapore society, regionally as well as within a global context. Such core skills and knowledge are essential in today's workplace, and these courses cover important subject areas and issues in the contemporary world, preparing our graduates to understand a fast-changing and increasingly complex world and equipping them with a foundation for related careers.

Students may pursue Sociology as a single subject or in combination with a minor.

Please refer to the SUSS website for details of the minor courses.

Our Students

Our students come from a variety of academic and professional backgrounds – from the civil service to private organisations. The degree programme suits all who wish to develop skills and enhance their competencies in their respective careers, or those who wish to obtain strong foundational knowledge and skills to pursue careers in areas such as health, education, social policy and community development, media and market research, cultural research, etc.

Because all our students are working adults, you will bring to the programme your vast experiences as employees, professionals, parents, employers and citizens, and in turn as students of sociology, learn to think in new perspectives about the developments in Singapore, the region and the world that affect you, your work and your home.

This programme is suitable for those who are currently working in (or wish to pursue careers within) industries and organisations described above, graduates with polytechnic diplomas in any area (including the health sciences or media and communications), or graduates with GCE 'A' Levels. The programme is open to all whose entrance qualifications meet the Singapore University of Social Sciences' admission requirements.

Whom is this for?

This programme is very suitable for those already working in — or wish to pursue careers within — industries and organisations such as the civil service and public administration, in social service sectors involving health, community and social development, in education, in the arts, media and creative industries, or in the private sector such as market research companies. Those who are looking to upgrade their qualifications to enhance their skills within these professions, and who wish to develop knowledge and competencies in the area of social and cultural research, education, community and social development, market research, journalism or media are welcome to join us.

Our courses also suit students who deal with social deviance and law and order, social work and counselling in their work.

Career Prospects

Graduates with a general degree in sociology, who have strong analytical and research skills, are proficient in handling data, and versed in social trends and contemporary social issues, can be found working in the civil service and public administration, the private and commercial sector, the social service sector, and community and non-profit organisations. Sociology provides training for those involved in education, community and social development services, media and creative industries, public relations and human resources, research and marketing, policy and planning, and others.

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, 10 cu of Behavioural Science Core courses, which will provide a smooth transition into the programme, sociology courses, and courses from the minor discipline, if applicable. All courses are 5 cu unless stated otherwise.

Using a variety of assignments, projects and exams, our modes of assessment include dynamic opportunities for you to interact with and analyse your everyday and work environments — from interviewing women and men to understand gender issues in your workplace to visiting sites to appreciate the social and political nature of your urban environment in Singapore.

Behavioural Science Core Compulsory Courses (Total 10 cu)

Level 1

- Understanding Contemporary Society: The Social and Behavioural Sciences

Level 2

- Research Methods for the Social and Behavioural Sciences

Compulsory Courses (Total 35 cu)

Level 2

- Living Sociology
- Singapore Society
- Gender Issues
- Social Stratification
- Statistics and Data Analysis for the Social and Behavioural Sciences

Level 3

- Sociological Theories and Perspectives
- Research Methods

Elective Courses (Total 65 cu)¹

Level 2

- Urban Sociology
- Sociology of Family
- Sociology of Education
- Social Psychology
- Religion in Contemporary Societies

Level 3

- Popular Culture
- Social Gerontology
- Southeast Asian Societies
- Medical Sociology
- Globalization and Social Change
- Political Economy of Asia
- Sociology of Law and Order (10 cu)

General Elective Courses (Choose 10 cu)¹

- Choose any courses offered under the General Studies Programme (course pre-requisites apply)

Explanatory Note:

¹ Students reading the BA Sociology with Minor programme are to complete only 25 cu of major elective courses and 10 cu of General Electives OR 20 cu of major elective courses and 15 cu of General Electives.

Important Notes:

- Students must complete at least 30 cu of Level 3 Sociology courses for the major.
- Students reading the BA Sociology with Minor must also complete at least 10 cu of Level 3 courses from the minor electives.
- Students are strongly advised to follow the proper progression of course levels (i.e. take Level 1 courses before Level 2, and Level 2 before Level 3).

For more information on our BA Sociology, please visit suss.edu.sg/BASOC

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.

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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