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**Undergraduate Programmes**



**SCHOOL OF**



**HUMANITIES AND  
BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES**

**BA  
SOCIOLOGY  
WITH MINOR**

**(PART-TIME PROGRAMME)**



# BA SOCIOLOGY

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### 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 sociology degree programmes, which provide 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 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.

### Our Students

Our students come from a variety of academic and professional backgrounds – from the civil service to private organisations. The degree programmes suit 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.

The programmes are 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 'A' Levels. The programmes are open to all whose entrance qualifications meet Singapore University of Social Sciences' admission requirements.

### Programme Structure

Students may pursue Sociology as a single subject, or with a suitable minor. Compatible minors include Communication, Contemporary China Studies, Film Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Security Studies and others.

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. Of these 130 cu, students will complete compulsory social science core courses that 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.

### 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.

# CURRICULUM\*

## Social Science Core Compulsory Courses (Total 10 cu)

### Level 1

- Introduction to Social Sciences

### Level 2

- Social Science Research Methods

## Sociology Courses

(Students must complete at least 30 cu of Level 3 Sociology courses)

## Sociology Compulsory Courses (Total 35 cu)

### Level 2

- Living Sociology
- Singapore Society
- Gender Issues
- Social Stratification

### Level 3

- Sociological Theories and Perspectives
- Research Methods
- Methods of Data Analysis: Exploring Behavioural Sciences

## Sociology Elective Courses<sup>1</sup> (Total 65 cu)

### 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
- Globalisation and Social Change
- Political Economy of Asia
- Sociology of Law and Order (10 cu)

## General Electives (Total 10 cu)

Choose any course offered at  
Singapore University of Social Sciences

### Explanatory Notes

<sup>1</sup> Students reading programme with minor will only need to complete 25 cu of major electives.

### Important Notes

- Students must complete at least 30 cu of Level 3 Sociology courses for the major. Students reading a programme 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).

**\*Curriculum may be subject to changes.**

For more information on BA Sociology with Minors, please visit [suss.edu.sg/PT](https://suss.edu.sg/PT)

# ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

## Admissions

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 Technical 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 programmes may have additional requirements. Please visit [suss.edu.sg/PT](http://suss.edu.sg/PT) and refer to the individual programme pages for details.

Shortlisted candidates may be required to undergo one or more interview(s) and/or take written admission or other evaluation tests.

All applications are considered individually on merit, and the offer of admission depends on the number of places available. Admission is solely at the discretion of Singapore University of Social Sciences.

## How to Apply

Applications are to be made online via [suss.edu.sg](http://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

Our tuition fees are on par with those of other local universities. 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.

There may be additional items that are not covered by the tuition fees. These could include items such as additional recommended textbooks, re-sit examination fees, etc.

The tuition fee subsidy from the Singapore Government comes in the form of a tuition grant which is administered by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and is offered to eligible students studying for an undergraduate degree with the Singapore University of Social Sciences (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](http://www.skillsfuture.sg/credit)) to choose from the courses available on the SkillsFuture Credit course directory.

Please visit [suss.edu.sg](http://suss.edu.sg) for current tuition fees and eligibility criteria for the government subsidy and SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy.

## Internet Access

All Singapore University of Social Sciences' students must have access to a computer or laptop and the Internet in order to use the electronic and website facilities, which allow access to course, academic or administrative information.

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