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Undergraduate Programmes



SCHOOL OF



**HUMANITIES AND
BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES**

BA

**TAMIL LANGUAGE
AND LITERATURE
(WITH MINOR)**

(PART-TIME PROGRAMME)



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Programme Overview

Singapore University of Social Sciences is the only local university that offers an undergraduate programme in Tamil language and literature. This degree programme caters to the needs of adults who aspire to enhance their competence and knowledge levels in Tamil language and literature. It is jointly developed by Singapore University of Social Sciences and scholars from Tamil Nadu. The programme is similar to that being offered in Tamil Nadu. At the same time, local content has been specially integrated into the curriculum to make it more relevant and palatable for students in Singapore. Furthermore, courses on linguistics and translation have been incorporated to suit our local needs of our bilingual society.

The language courses enhance students' understanding of linguistic concepts and language discourse from a functional grammar perspective. The literature courses offer an insight into a range of literary genres, periods and styles. The programme is taught by qualified lecturers.

This programme admits students only for its July intake.

Whom is this Programme for?

This programme is meant for anyone irrespective of their career background but has passion for the language. Particularly, for those who have no degree but work in Tamil related area such as Tamil language teachers, court interpreters, and broadcasters could upgrade their academic qualifications.

Programme Structure

Students are required to complete a total of 130 credit units (cu) to graduate with a basic degree. Tamil students should also read 10 cu of SUSS Core compulsory courses. Students are encouraged to read these courses in English. However, for those who experience difficulty in the English language, they will have the option to read these courses in their primary language of instruction i.e., Tamil. The students from BATL with major-minor combination will read SUSS Core in English.

The breakdown of the cu to be completed is:

- 10 cu SUSS Core compulsory courses; and
- 120 cu Tamil core courses.

CURRICULUM*

BA Tamil Language and Literature

SUSS Core Courses (10 cu)

- Why Do Good?
- New Empires: The Reach and Frontiers of the Tech Sector
- Space, Place, People and the City

Level 1

- History of Tamil Literature
- Introduction to Tamil Literary Criticism
- Modern Tamil Poetry
- Modern Tamil Prose
- Folk Arts
- Folk Literature
- Tamil Phonology
- Tamil Morphophonemics

Level 2

- Epic Literature
- Didactical Literature
- History of Tamils
- Indian Contacts with Southeast Asia
- Devotional Literature
- Minor Literature
- Tamil Morphology
- Tamil Syntax

Level 3

- Theory of Translation
- Practice of Translation
- Theoretical Linguistics
- Applied Linguistics
- Tamil Prosody
- Tamil Poetics
- Sangam Classical Poetry of Love (Agham)
- Sangam Classical Poetry of Heroism and Others (Puram)

BA Tamil Language and Literature Major Courses

SUSS Core Courses (10 cu)

- Why Do Good?
- New Empires: The Reach and Frontiers of the Tech Sector
- Space, Place, People and the City

Compulsory Courses (80 cu)

Level 1

- Modern Tamil Poetry
- Modern Tamil Prose
- Tamil Phonology
- Tamil Morphophonemics

Level 2

- Epic Literature
- Didactical Literature
- Devotional Literature
- Minor Literature
- Tamil Morphology
- Tamil Syntax

Level 3

- Theory of Translation
- Practice of Translation
- Theoretical Linguistics
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*Curriculum may be subject to changes.

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.

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

- A pass in Tamil at GCE 'A', 'AO' or 'O' level.

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. 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) 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 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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