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# **MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY STUDIES**

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SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY  
OF SOCIAL SCIENCES



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*Singapore University of Social Sciences' School of Business welcomes your interest in our programmes and appreciates the time taken to read this brochure. You have now taken the first and most important step in developing your path towards life-long learning.*

There are two main activities called the Security Studies Distinguished Scholar Series of Talks and Security Studies Distinguished Visitor Series of Talks that keep the students in touch with experts from the industry. These include military officers, senior police officers as well as diplomats and academics. A third activity involves site visits to security-sensitive and confidential agencies including Central Narcotics Bureau, the Internal Security department, and the Changi Airport Aviation Security Division.



*Reading is a habit that has to be cultivated. Whether one studies at Singapore University of Social Sciences, at work, or in the comfort of one's home, good students will always learn more by developing an interest in reading widely. Remember: it is never too late to learn about issues in Security Studies such as terrorism, cybersecurity, food security and the impact of environmental and population change on states and governments.*

*We bring the business world into the classroom and the class into the business world. The Management and Security Studies programme is one of many programmes at the Singapore University of Social Sciences School of Business.*

## What is Security Studies?

Security Studies is a growing sub-field within the academic discipline of political science. Security Studies cannot be defined in a few sentences but tends to involve the intellectual examination of how security is achieved and maintained. Security Studies encompasses both traditional security and non-traditional security (NTS). The former involves the study of power, authority, justice, equality, legitimacy and governance. The latter or NTS is about the study of feminism, women and gender; environmental security; health security; cybersecurity and information security. Security studies takes a modern approach to understanding how security is achieved and maintained, and investigates why some organisations and communities are more susceptible to insecurity than others.

The aftermath of 9/11, Prague Spring, Arab Spring, the Syrian debacle, and Thai "protest culture" are only a handful of incidents where public demonstrations had overwhelmed governments. Regimes are always in danger of being toppled. Regimes rise and fall under the weight of their own legitimacy and non-legitimacy; but this is only a small reason why Security Studies is interesting. There are also many thought-provoking personalities and leaders in Southeast Asia, the Pacific, Europe, South Asia, America, and the Far East. The political and security arena is replete with fascinating theories, concepts, ideas and facts.

Our Instructors will lead you along rational and logical analyses of burning issues such as corruption, human trafficking, and drug enforcement in Southeast Asia. There is a degree of focus on Southeast Asian security because we live in this part of the world and ought to know it better than those who do not.



## Programme Overview

This degree programme provides you with contemporary management and Security Studies knowledge with additional competencies in business and general management. It equips you with managerial, numerical and analytical skills that every security analyst and security manager requires.

This programme is designed for applicants who are Singaporeans and Singapore PRs in the following groups: Singapore Police Force (SPF) officers, including Police National Service Men (PNSmen) and Volunteer Special Constabulary (VSCs), other Home Team Department (HTD) officers and Auxiliary Police Officers (APOs), other Public Service Officers (including MINDEF) and members of the public working in the security related industry (e.g. private security firms, hotel security, etc.)

This programme will enable you to widen your horizons as a graduate of Singapore University of Social Sciences in a rapidly globalising world. The modular structure of the degree offers you the flexibility of scheduling your courses in a way that allows you to balance your studies with career, family and social responsibilities.

The robust academic standards, dedicated faculty, effective administrative and student support, and the latest technology will help you grow and thrive in an independent learning environment.

BSMSS emphasises self-study. This is because without self-study, even the best minds will be unable to thrive. Self-study is part of our life-long journey in learning. Self-study does not end, but renews itself every day.

Graduates of this programme have career opportunities in the following areas:

- Aviation Security Management
- Corporate Communications
- Industrial Security Services
- Military Security
- Business Intelligence
- Foreign Affairs
- Security Research
- Finance and Banking (Physical and IT Security)
- Home Team and Interior Ministries
- Criminology and Departments of Correctional Services
- Drug enforcement administration and anti-narcotics
- Civil Defence
- Counselling of prison inmates

After completing their Programme, graduates can expect to acquire skills such as teamwork, leadership, case study research, the importance of ethics and integrity in the workplace, intelligence-gathering, counterterrorist tactics, and basic knowledge of accounting and financial management. Our graduates work in most of the major security agencies in the private and public sector with many crossing over from the public sector to the private security industry. Therefore our Singapore University of Social Sciences degree in Security Studies enhances graduates' occupational mobility. A number went on to complete a Master's degree in political science from RSIS, Nanyang Technological University.



*Security Studies is broad ranging because it also involves psychology, sociology, anthropology, statistics, management, and economics.*

The School of Business offers various programmes designed to prepare managers and strategic thinkers in the highly competitive business world. Our programmes ensure that graduates are well equipped with broad business fundamentals in general, and the capability to fulfil the specialist needs of their chosen industries in particular. Graduates can expect to have a good mix of both theoretical and practical learning that will broaden their security and managerial knowledge and skills, strategically positioning them to be effective leaders and decision-makers.

## **Our Faculty**

The teaching faculty consists of lecturers who have both academic knowledge and industry experience. Most of them have at least 10 years of teaching at various tertiary institutions in Singapore. All our lecturers have considerable industry experience in Security as well as Security Consultancy. With their experiences locally and overseas, they will bring to life the theoretical concepts and share how these are applied in real world situations.

## Curriculum Plan

To graduate with a basic degree, students are required to complete a total of 130 credit units (cu) of courses, inclusive of 10 cu of SUSS core courses. Students are required to complete 40 cu of Security Studies courses and 80 cu of other courses that include interesting choices from Sociology and Psychology.

This programme has an honours option and is currently the only Business School programme with an Honours Year for qualified students. Those students who achieve a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.5 and above upon completion of their basic degree will be invited to enrol in the Honours programme. A total of 170 cu is required to graduate with honours, inclusive of 10 cu of SUSS core courses.

The breakdown of the cu to be completed for a basic degree is:

- 60 cu of business compulsory courses
- 40 cu of Security Studies compulsory courses
- 10 cu of SUSS core courses
- 20 cu of elective courses

For more information on our BSc Management and Security Studies, please visit [suss.edu.sg/BSMSS](http://suss.edu.sg/BSMSS)

## Financial Loans and Assistance

Various kinds of financial loans and assistance are available to Singapore University of Social Sciences students in general. However, the Singapore Police Force through its Training Command (TRACOM) offers special MHA-SPF Sponsorships of up to 100% of the total costs plus other allowances.

Home Team officers should contact their respective Land Divisions or Home Team agencies to find out more.

<http://www.suss.edu.sg/admissions/Undergraduate/PT/Pages/FinancialAid.aspx>



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# 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 the 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.

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](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 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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