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SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY
OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

2019 Undergraduate Programmes

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

(Part-time Programme)

S R NATHAN SCHOOL OF
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Programme Overview

Social work as a profession is becoming more attractive for those looking into joining the helping profession. With accreditation now in place, the profession has moved several notches up the recognition ladder and with that comes the benefit of more comparative remuneration. Many more are now considering upgrading into or switching to the social work profession.

Social work is a challenging but fulfilling profession and this programme prepares you to meet that challenge.

Our Programme

The Bachelor of Social Work programme emanates from the key foundational components of social work theory and practice. The focus is on the mastery and integration of an eclectic knowledge base and a broad spectrum of skills. A wide range of theoretical knowledge and practice skills underlying social work practice will be covered.

All these will prepare graduates in utilising a common helping process on multiple levels – with individuals, families, groups, organisations and communities and in implementing a wide range of intervention roles including advocate, broker, case manager, counsellor, group educator and mediator.

This programme will also prepare graduates to practise in a variety of settings and with diverse populations.

Our Edge

To ensure that graduates are well-trained to handle clients upon graduation, field experience is highly emphasised in these programmes. Graduates would have undergone at least 1 supervised practicum of 400 practice hours at a social work agency.

All courses are taught by established academics and professionals, in the various social work fields, with vast real-time experiences in the real world, ensuring that issues discussed are always kept current and relevant for practical application.

This programme is recognised by the Singapore Association of Social Workers (SASW) and is supported under the VWO Capability Fund (VCF) Local Training Fund. Graduates are eligible to register with SASW as registered social workers after completing the required number of practice hours.

Why is Singapore University of Social Sciences Unique?

Studying in Singapore University of Social Sciences means that working adults are able to enrich themselves academically without compromising their careers, families and social lives. All our classes are conducted in the evenings and during weekends on campus. To supplement the classes, study guides are provided so that self-study is possible to complement classroom learning.

Application of gained knowledge and skills is immediate as the curriculum is designed to be practical for working adults, resulting in greater knowledge retention and assimilation.

Programme Structure

This programme is built around strong social work competencies and adopt an academic-practitioner approach to the social worker education.

The electives included in the programme are identified to allow for specialisation in desired settings and clientele groups.

This programme has an honours option. Students who achieve a CGPA of 3.5 and above upon completion of their basic degree will be invited to enroll in the Honours programme, which will be offered only if the requisite number of students sign up for it.

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 university core courses. A total of 170 cu is required to graduate with honours, inclusive of 10 cu of university core courses.

All courses are in 5 cu unless stated otherwise.

CURRICULUM*

Year 1

Semester 1:

- Introduction to Psychology 1
- Introduction to Psychology 2
- Human Growth and Life-Span Development (Birth to Adolescence)
- Human Growth and Life-Span Development (Adulthood to Old Age)

Semester 2:

- Introduction to Social Services
- Introduction to Social Work
- Living Sociology
- Singapore Society

Year 2

Semester 1:

- Legal and Ethical Issues in Helping Professions
- Biological Influences on Human Behaviour
- Social Work Practice and Skills Lab I: Working with Individuals and Families (10 cu)

Semester 2:

- Social Science Research Methods
- Programme Evaluation
- Social Work Practice and Skills Lab II: Working with Small Groups (10 cu)

Year 3

Semester 1:

- Social Work Practice and Skills Lab III: Working with Organisations and Communities (10 cu)

Elective (choose 10 cu from the following):

- Children and Their Issues
- Families and Their Issues
- Social Work in Healthcare
- Eldercare
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation

Semester 2:

- Social Work Practicum and Field Seminar I (400 hrs) (10 cu)

Elective (choose 10 cu from the following):

- Children and Their Issues
- Families and Their Issues
- Social Work in Healthcare
- Eldercare
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation



Year 4 / Honours Year

Semester 1:

- Statistics
- Globalisation and Social Change
- Capstone Social Work Project (stretches across 2 semesters) (10 cu)

Elective for Semester 1 (choose 10cu from the following):

- Introduction to and Assessment Framework for Youth Issues
- Interventions for At-Risk Youths
- Approaches to Community Development
- Community Development: Practice and Strategies
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation

Semester 2:

- Capstone Social Work Project (10 cu)
- Social Work Practicum and Field Seminar II (400 hrs) (10 cu)

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

For more information on our Bachelor of Social Work, please visit suss.edu.sg/BSWK

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, NUS High School Diploma, SSI Higher Diploma in Social Service or a WSQ Diploma in Social Service. 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 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. 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 fee you pay in each semester depends on the number of courses you take in that semester. Course fees cover all study materials, classes, supervision, assignments and examinations. They do not include costs for textbooks and other additional items specified by the university from time to time.

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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