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**Graduate Programmes**



**SCHOOL OF**



**HUMANITIES AND**

**BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES**

**MASTER OF**

**APPLIED RESEARCH**

**IN SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**SU:SS**

SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY  
OF SOCIAL SCIENCES



## Programme Overview

The Master of Applied Research in Social Sciences (MRESS) programme offers a master's degree by research and is primarily designed for social science graduates who are interested in upgrading their qualifications, knowledge and skills.

The programme is intended for graduates who seek to gain research experience in the social sciences. It equips them with the requisite research and analytical skills and experience for a research-oriented career, a doctoral programme, or an academic career.



## Unique Features

The MRESS programme leverages on the research expertise of the faculty in the Singapore University of Social Sciences, and draws from and integrates across the various social science disciplines. This enables students to adopt a broader perspective to social issues. Students can opt to focus on applied issues in social sciences or on positive psychology and well-being, while learning to translate their research skills and knowledge into applicable outputs and projects with real impact.

With its emphasis on using social science knowledge and developing or applying research to address evolving societal issues, the programme is suitable for those who:

- are keen to formulate innovative solutions to contemporary social science issues
- are interested in advancing the understanding, measurement, and application of well-being
- aspire to synthesise the field of well-being from various social science disciplines
- are from non-social science backgrounds but working in relevant industries.

For more information, please visit the programme page at [suss.edu.sg/MRESS](https://suss.edu.sg/MRESS)

## Programme Structure

Students taking the MRESS programme are required to complete 60 credit units (cu) to graduate. The MRESS curriculum comprises four courses (20 cu) and a research thesis (40 cu). The four courses include two compulsory core courses and two seminar courses (to be chosen from a basket of four elective courses).

### Compulsory Courses

- Advanced Social Research Methods and Design
- Statistics and Data Analysis<sup>1</sup> **OR** Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis<sup>3</sup>
- Master's Thesis



### Elective Courses

Choose any two of the three elective courses

- Current Debates and Developments in Positive Psychology and Well-Being<sup>2</sup>
- Contemporary Issues in Societies from a Multidisciplinary Social Science Perspective<sup>2</sup>
- Economic and Political Development for Social Well-being<sup>4</sup>



## Master of Applied Research in Social Sciences

#### Notes:

<sup>1</sup> This course is available for SkillsFuture Series Funding as a CET course.

Please refer to [suss.edu.sg/CET](http://suss.edu.sg/CET) for more information.

<sup>2</sup> These courses are from the MRESS programme.

<sup>3</sup> This course is offered in the Master of Gerontology programme.

<sup>4</sup> This course is offered in the Master of Community Leadership and Social

Development programme.

## Graduation Requirements

Candidates must attain a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 3.0 (B-) for the 20 cu of courses, and pass the Qualifying Examination and Oral Defense for the Thesis Examination.

## ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

### Admissions

Applicants must possess an undergraduate degree or an equivalent qualification from a recognised institution.

For SUSS graduate programmes that are conducted in the English Language, you must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR) of having at least an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 580 (paper-based) or 237 (computer-based) or 85 (Internet-based) [IELTS/TOEFL score must be obtained within the last 2 years at point of application] IF:

- your undergraduate degree is not awarded by an English-medium university, OR
- your undergraduate degree is awarded by an English-medium university but the language of instruction was not English.

Applicants with an undergraduate degree that was conducted in English but awarded by a non-English medium university must produce an official letter from the university to certify as such in order to seek waiver of the ELPR requirement.

Shortlisted candidates may be required to undergo one or more interviews and/or take such written admission or other evaluation tests as may be prescribed by the Singapore University of Social Sciences from time to time.

The offer of admission is dependent on the number of places available in individual programmes. The decision of the Admissions Committee of the University is final and binding. The University reserves the right to refuse admission and is not obliged to offer an explanation for the non-admission of unsuccessful candidates.

## Tuition Fees

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.

## Concessions

SUSS offers the following course fee concessions:

- Applicants who are 60 years old and above will enjoy a 20% course fee concession.
- Alumni (Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral programmes) of SUSS and SIM will enjoy a 20% course fee concession.

Students will enjoy only one of the two categories of concession. The above concessions are applicable to all programmes offered and awarded by SUSS unless specified otherwise.

The concessions are not applicable to students under any scholarship or sponsorship schemes, as well as courses offered with external institutions/organisations. They are also not to be used concurrently with any other concessions.

To encourage further education and upgrading by our alumni, graduates from the Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral degree programmes awarded by SUSS will enjoy an additional 30% course fee concession for the first two master's courses when they enrol for a Graduate Diploma and/or Master's programme with the University.

Please visit [suss.edu.sg](http://suss.edu.sg) for current tuition fees and concession details.

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