

Embark on an Educational Journey beyond Academics

Join SMU School of
Social Sciences (SOSS)



UNDERGRADUATE

MEET THE DEAN OF SOSS

Today's increasingly complex world demands a new generation of Social Science graduates who possess a robust foundation in social science theories and frameworks. More importantly, these graduates need to be versatile in managing complexities and solving problems.

At the SMU School of Social Sciences (SOSS), we offer four primary majors – Psychology, Political Science, Sociology, and PLE (Politics, Law and Economics), and three second majors – Sustainable Societies, Global Asia, and Public Policy and Public Management. The curriculum is rigorous, yet flexible. You may choose to focus on a single discipline or broaden your perspective by reading one of the many second majors offered by SMU's schools.

Our students are taught and mentored by a dedicated team of outstanding professors who come from the world's best universities and are experts in their fields. The research interests of our faculty are wide-ranging, covering topics such as subjective well-being, international migration, social networks, ageing, nation building, and comparative politics. There are also plenty of opportunities for you to conduct research and work on real-world problems. Our undergraduates have won multiple local and international research awards.

Upon graduation, you will not only be equipped with broad-based academic knowledge, but also with analytical and practical skills acquired through hands-on real-life application, industry collaborations, internships, and community projects. This experiential learning experience will empower you to thrive in a variety of vocations.

Join SOSS and embark on a journey that is personally transformative and fulfilling.

I look forward to welcoming you to our brand new building and our SOSS family.

Professor Chandran Kukathas

Lee Kong Chian Chair Professor of Political Science
Dean, School of Social Sciences



RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

- Students have access to faculty who are experts trained at leading research universities. Many of them are engaged in interesting and cutting-edge research in disciplinary and inter-disciplinary areas.
- Students and faculty have won multiple awards at international research competitions such as the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Research Paper Competition for the Undergraduate Category and Society for Personality and Social Psychology's Annual Convention.
- Students will be able to gain research experience through the following opportunities:
 - Attend interesting and thought-provoking seminars conducted by faculty members and leading scholars from renowned universities.
 - Serve as research assistants to faculty members.
 - Undertake a Senior Thesis, Independent Study or a Guided Research in Social Science course.*

*Students must fulfil the conditions for research-based courses in order to be eligible.



INTER-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH

- Students can choose to read a double degree or a second major* from a wide variety of options.
- PPS students can choose to specialise in Psychology, Political Science or Sociology by the end of their second year of studies after exploring the introductory courses to the different majors in their first year.
- Several courses adopt an experiential learning framework where students work collaboratively to apply what they have learnt to real world issues.
- Through active learning, students are guided to hone their critical thinking ability, presentation, and social skills, all of which are crucial for navigating one's future.
- Students from different disciplines will also have opportunities to work collaboratively.

*There are no prerequisites to reading a second major across all SMU schools.

WHAT MAKES SOSS THE PLACE FOR YOU?



INTERACTIVE PEDAGOGY

- Classes are conducted in a seminar style and have no more than 45 students. Students are encouraged to speak up and guided to present their opinions and arguments cogently.
- Vibrant discussions and debates in a collegial environment enable peer learning and make classes more enjoyable.
- Small cohorts mean a close-knitted community between faculty and students at SOSS.



MULTIPLE CAREER PATHWAYS

- More than 90% of SOSS graduates are employed in a wide variety of industries and roles within six months of graduation.
- SOSS graduates have made their mark professionally in industry and academia. Several of our graduates have also successfully established their own private practice and businesses.





CHECK OUT THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

CORE CURRICULUM (12)

Capabilities (6)

Communities (4)

Civilisations (2)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (15-17)

Political Science (15)

Psychology & Sociology (15)

Politics, Law and Economics (17)

Major Core	6	7	12
Major Elective	9	8	5

FREE ELECTIVES (7-9)

Psychology, Political Science, Sociology

Politics, Law and Economics

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ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (3)

Digital Technology/Data Analytics

Sustainability

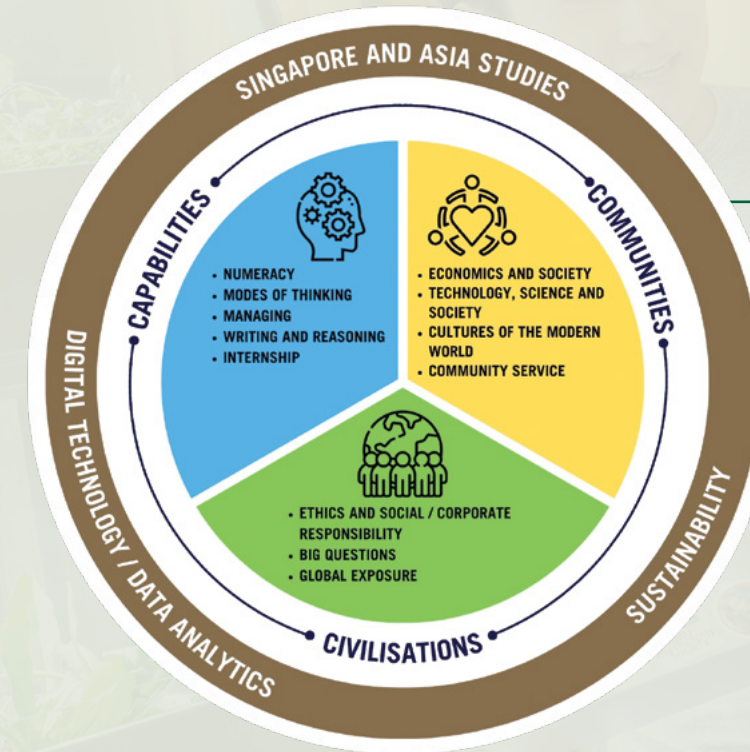
Singapore & Asia Studies

Note: The number in each parenthesis indicates the number of courses to be taken in each category.

HOW EXCEPTIONAL IS THE SMU CORE CURRICULUM?

A DYNAMIC AND HOLISTIC EDUCATION THAT PREPARES YOU FOR THE WORLD

The Core Curriculum is a menu of 12 carefully selected course units (CUs) to initiate undergraduates into their journey to become holistic SMU graduates. The Core Curriculum also serves as a means for students across all disciplines to bond through a common intellectual experience. It stands on three pillars of learning, or inter-related paths of development: Capabilities, Communities, and Civilisations.



CAPABILITIES

Students will also complete an internship, either locally or overseas.

Develop specific competencies and skills that are necessary to dexterously operate in an increasingly complex, digitised and data-driven working environment.



COMMUNITIES

Students will also complete a community service project, either locally or overseas.

Promote understanding of the economic, technological, and cultural systems that structure our interactions with our communities.



CIVILISATIONS

Students will complete a Global Exposure Experience.

Engage in critical dialogue and problem solving through immersion into fundamental and perennial debates that cut across time and space:

- Happiness & Suffering
- Wealth & Poverty
- War & Peace
- Global & Local

Additional Graduation Requirements - Digital Technology/Data Analytics (D/D), Sustainability, and Singapore and Asia Studies

Students can meet each graduation requirement by enrolling in specific courses, or, in select Schools, through programme or major core courses where the relevant content has already been integrated to meet the graduation requirement.

WHAT ARE THE FIRST MAJORS OFFERED?

The **Psychology, Political Science and Sociology (PPS)** majors give you a holistic, multi-disciplinary, and integrated approach to the study of phenomena in the social sciences and produces graduates for careers in the human services fields, education, management, and other analytical and social-intensive professions. Students may choose to major in one of three disciplines.



Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour and mental processes. Psychological theories and research can be applied in various sectors including education, public policy and business. Psychology majors will be competent in conducting empirical research in private and public sectors, and have a good understanding of the main pillars in psychological research, including social, organisational, personality, developmental and cognitive psychology.



Political Science addresses important topics like the causes of war and peace, the contrast between democracy and dictatorship, the emergence and development of multi-ethnic societies, and the formulation of public policy. You will master key concepts used in the study of politics and policy and acquire research skills relevant to analysing political phenomenon. At SOSS, we specialise in comparative politics and international relations, with a particular focus on East and Southeast Asia. Students who major in political science are well-prepared for careers in public service as well as the private sector.



Sociology aims to explain societal trends and institutions to make sense of culture, politics, and the economy. The courses are designed to develop critical thinking on causes and conditions of changes in societies around the globe, particularly in Asia. It also addresses challenges to societies derived from social inequality, migration, and urbanisation, and the role of networks in social outcomes such as fads and fashions.

Alternatively, you may choose the **Politics, Law and Economics (PLE)** major which provides you with a deep understanding of global political perspectives, economic transformations and the legal frameworks and contexts within which such changes take place. Graduates would be well-equipped with the knowledge and skills to handle multifaceted jobs in their chosen fields of public service, non-government organisations or private sector.



The **Politics, Law and Economics** major explores the relations among political, legal and economic dimensions of society – the complex interactions among power relations and structures, legal frameworks and processes, production, consumption and transfer of wealth. Students will hone strategic and analytical thinking skills and seek innovative solutions to real world problems.

HOW ABOUT SECOND MAJORS?

The School of Social Sciences offers three multidisciplinary second majors.



NEW

Inspired by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the **Sustainable Societies (SSOC)** second major instills an appreciation and sense of urgency about the complexities, trade-offs, and synergies that sustainability presents for the people and the planet that we inhabit.

The SSOC major's three main pillars – environment, society and the economy – mirrors the realities and challenges of sustainable development of today and the future. With emphasis on problem-solving perspectives and capabilities, and interdisciplinarity, the SSOC major aims to develop in students skillsets for current and future 'green' jobs across industries and sectors.



Global Asia (GA) is an area-focused inter-disciplinary second major committed to social science scholarship that studies contemporary Asia within a global context. The programme integrates knowledge from various fields including international relations, sociology, political science, economics, law, and cultural studies.

Designed to accommodate students from diverse degree programmes, GA equips students with the necessary skills to navigate Asia's changing social, economic, and geopolitical terrains. It is ideal for students who want to supplement their studies with specialised knowledge about Asia.



The **Public Policy and Public Management (PPPM)** second major is designed to provide students with a definitive grasp of public policy topics. It primes students for future careers that require an exposure to national and international policy-relevant subject matters, and a firm grasp of public sector relevant skills. It also builds students' knowledge and expertise on topics related to contemporary global governance.

PPPM develops students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are relevant to modern social dilemmas and growing public concerns such as climate change, poverty, and disease, while also providing students with a foundational understanding of public and non-profit workplaces and their political, psychological, and legal environments.

PSYCHOLOGY/ POLITICAL SCIENCE/ SOCIOLOGY

	PSYCHOLOGY	POLITICAL SCIENCE	SOCIOLOGY
MAJOR CORE	1. Introduction to Political and Policy Studies 2. Introduction to Psychology 3. Understanding Societies	4. South-East Asia Past and Present 5. Social Science Practicum	
	6. Psychology Research Methods I 7. Psychology Research Methods II	6. Research Skills Course [^] – to choose one from the following: a. Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science b. Policy Design and Analysis c. Mass Media and Public Opinion Research	6. Introduction to Sociological Theory 7. Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science
MAJOR ELECTIVE	Students to select 8 courses from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cognitive PsychologyCultural PsychologyCyberpsychology: Technology and the Human MindDevelopmental PsychologyEvolutionary PsychologyGuided Research in Social Science (Psychology)Health PsychologyIndustrial and Organisational PsychologyOverseas Project Experience (Applied Psychology in Asia)Psychology of Close RelationshipsPsychology of Group Processes and Decision-MakingPsychology of Individual DifferencesPsychology of Reasoning and ThinkingPsychology of SustainabilityPsychometrics and Psychological TestingSenior Thesis in PsychologySocial CognitionSocial PsychologySpecial Topics in PsychologySubjective Well-Being	Students to complete at least 2 CUs from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Comparing Political SystemsIntroduction to Public PolicyPolitical TheoryWorld Politics Students are required to complete the remaining 7 CUs from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">DemocracyDevelopment, Underdevelopment and PovertyElections and the MediaEuropean Union PoliticsGender Politics: Exclusion and EmpowermentIntervention and Justice in International RelationsPolitical Economy of DevelopmentPolitics of South East AsiaSenior Thesis in Political IssueSpecial Topics in Political IssuesThe Politics of Water in AsiaPolitical Economy of Inequality in Singapore [^] Students may choose to select courses from the 'Research Skills Course' group under Major Core to fulfill the major elective requirement.	Students to select 8 courses from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Contemporary South Asian SocietiesDeconstructing Singapore SocietyEconomic Sociology (New Directions in Capitalism)Food, Environment and SustainabilityGender and FamilyGlobal and Transnational SociologyGovernance and Development in the Global SouthInterAsian MobilitiesInternational MigrationMedical SociologySenior Thesis in SociologySocial NetworksSocial Stratification and InequalitySociology of EducationSociology of Terrorism and Political ViolenceSocial Entrepreneurship in the Indo-Pacific (SMU-XO)Special Topics in SociologyUnderstanding China's Economic Miracle: Social Origins and Social Impact

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POLITICS, LAW AND ECONOMICS MAJOR CURRICULUM

<p>POLITICS, LAW AND ECONOMICS CORE (12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Law Governance Through Law in Singapore: Institutions, Jurisprudence, and Values* Inter-disciplinary Perspectives and Methods Introduction to Political and Policy Studies Legal Theory and Philosophy Macroeconomics 1 Mathematics for Economics Microeconomics 1 Political Theory Politics of South East Asia Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science Social Science Practicum Strategic Thinking <p>POLITICS, LAW AND ECONOMICS ELECTIVES (5) Students must choose one of the following tracks by the end of Year 2 and take a minimum of 3 courses from Group A. The remaining 2 courses can be from Group A and/or B.</p> <p>Choice and Behaviour</p> <p>Group A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Microeconomics Economic Analysis of Law Elections and the Media Game Theory Law and Psychology Mass Media and Public Opinion Research Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science Senior Thesis in Politics, Law and Economics The Economics of Politics <p>Group B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evolutionary Psychology Power and Politics in Organisation Probability Theory and Applications Psychology of Group Processes and Decision Making Psychology of Reasoning and Thinking Sociology of Terrorism and Political Violence <p>Global Studies</p> <p>Group A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparing Political Systems Contemporary South Asian Societies Development Economics Economic Development in Asia European Union Politics Foundations of ASEAN Law and Policy Global Issues and Institutions International Economics Introduction to Chinese History, Culture, Economics, Politics and the Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law Study Mission to Asia Media and International Relations Political Science Study Mission to Europe Public International Law Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science Senior Thesis in Politics, Law and Economics The Politics of Water in Asia World Politics <p>Group B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global and Transnational Sociology International Migration Sociology of Terrorism and Political Violence Understanding China's Economic Miracle: Social Origins and Social Impact <p>Public Policy and Governance</p> <p>Group A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparing Political Systems Digital Intelligence for Lawyers Economics of Aging Environmental Economics Environmental Politics and Policy Family and Society: Economic Theory with Practices Health Economics Introduction to Public Policy Labour Economics Law and Policy of Ethnic Relations in Singapore Law and Regulation Macroeconomics 2 Microeconomics 2 Parties and Social Movements Policy Design and Analysis Political Economy Analysis of Institutions Public International Law Public Policy Taskforce Public Sector Economics Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science Senior Thesis in Politics, Law and Economics Urban Economics and Policy <p>Group B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deconstructing Singapore Society Education Policy – A Global Perspective Global and Transnational Sociology Governance and Development in the Global South International Migration Sustainability Management & Governance Sustainable Cities <p>Distribution and Justice</p> <p>Group A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparing Political Systems Conflict and Justice in International Relations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development, Underdevelopment and Poverty Economic Development in Asia Economic Growth Environmental Politics and Policy Gender Politics: Exclusion and Empowerment Global Political Economy Jurisprudence: Modern and Critical Theories of Law Macroeconomics of Income Distribution Political Economy of Development Political Philosophy Political Science Study Mission (China) Politics of Food Security Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science Senior Thesis in Politics, Law and Economics <p>Group B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fairness in Socio-technical Systems International Migration Social Stratification and Inequality Sustainability Management & Governance <p>Sustainable Futures *New*</p> <p>Group A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development Economics Development, Underdevelopment and Poverty Environmental Economics Environmental Politics and Policy Law & Technology Law and Development Political Economy of Development Politics of Food Security Politics of Water in Asia Sustainability Law & Policy The Law and Information Technology in Asia: Development Issues <p>Group B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biotechnology in a Global Society Climate, History, and Society Climate Change: Global and Local Solutions Environmental Science Globalization and Information Society Outbreak: Epidemics and Pandemics in the Modern World Science, Technology and Public Policy Sociology of Food Sustainability Management & Governance Sustainability Study Mission (Asia) Sustainability Study Mission (Globalisation) Sustainable Digital Cities Sustainable Growth in ASEAN: Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia Sustainable Entrepreneurship
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*Students intending to read a double degree in LLB or the SMU Juris Doctor (J.D.) programme should replace this course with LAW204 Constitutional & Administrative Law (1.5 CUs).

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COURSE EXEMPTION FOR SMU JURIS DOCTOR PROGRAMME

SMU PLE alumni who are admitted to the J.D. programme within three years of obtaining their bachelor's degree may be exempted for up to 9 course units from the 25 course units of the J.D. degree, if they have completed and obtained a minimum B grade for Law courses at SMU in the undergraduate degree. LGST courses and other universities' courses taken on exchange do not qualify for exemption. The grade point obtained for the Law courses exempted will be computed into the J.D. GPA. If, in addition to the exempted Law courses, a student has completed other SMU courses listed in the J.D. list of Law core courses, they do not have to take those courses again but will have to replace them with other J.D. Law electives.

SECOND MAJOR CURRICULUM

SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES (SSOC) *NEW*	PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT (PPPM)
<p>SSOC CORE – 3 COURSE UNITS</p> <p>Students are required to complete the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability and Social Science • Sustainability Practicum (SMU-X) • Sustainability Reasoning and Analysis <p>SSOC ELECTIVES – 5 COURSE UNITS</p> <p>Students are required to complete a minimum of 5 CUs of Sustainable Societies Second Major Electives. These must include at least 1CU from each pillar:</p> <p>Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate, History & Society • Gender and Family • Gender Politics • Innovations for Asia's Smart Cities • Psychology of Sustainability • Sustainable Digital Cities • Social Stratification & Inequality • Sociology & Education • Technological Innovations Enhancing Urban Sustainability <p>Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative Governance • Development, Underdevelopment & Poverty • Governing for Sustainable Futures • Introduction to Sustainability Law • Political Economy of Development • Refocusing Wealth & Poverty • Sustainability Accounting & Reporting • Sustainable Ocean Law & Governance <p>Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change: Global & Local Solutions • Environmental Politics & Policy • Food, Environment & Sustainability • Heated Debates: Climate Justice • Politics of Water • Sustainable Cities <p><i>The above reflects course options available in the year of launch – AY2023. More courses will be made available progressively.</i></p>	<p>PPPM CORE – 3 COURSE UNITS</p> <p>Students are required to complete the following courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Public Policy • Public Policy Task Force • Public Sector Management <p>PPPM ELECTIVES – 5 COURSE UNITS</p> <p>Students are required to complete a minimum of 5 CUs of Public Policy and Public Management Second Major Electives. These must include at least 1 CU from each of the following clusters.</p> <p>Public Sector Skills Cluster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics of Ageing • Governing, Managing and Protecting Knowledge in Globalisation • Managing Diversity in Asia • Organisational Aspects of Sustainable Innovation • Policy Design and Analysis • Political Economy Analysis of Institutions • Political Participation and Policy • Public Sector Economics • Strategic Management of Public Issues and Campaigns • Understanding Government: Public Sector Change <p>Public Policy in Asia and Global Governance Thematic Issues Cluster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinese Foreign Policy • Deconstructing Singapore Society • Economic Development in Asia • Economics of Globalisation • Gender Politics: Exclusion and Empowerment • Globalisation and Transnational Sociology • Governance and Development in the Global South • Health Systems and Policy • Inter Asian Mobilities • International Migration • Law and Regulation • Political Economy of Development • Religion and Policy in Asia • Social Stratification and Inequality • Sustainability Management and Governance • Sustainable Cities • Urban Economics and Policy

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UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

At SMU, we believe strongly in staying curious, asking questions, and discovering solutions. Research allows us to do exactly that. At SOSS, a dedicated team of outstanding faculty members with wide-ranging research interests passionately mentor students on their learning journey via research-focussed courses. With the exception of Guided Research in Social Science, these courses are student-initiated.

1. Independent Study (1 CU course)



The Independent Study Course is designed to give undergraduate students the opportunity to study a specific topic of interest that is not available in offered courses, under a faculty supervisor. The course typically culminates in a written report that summarises, unifies, and interprets the results of the study.

2. Senior Thesis (2 CU course over 2 terms)



As part of the Senior Thesis course, students will be able to undertake all stages of an original theoretical or empirical research study under the supervision of a faculty member. This course is completed over 2 consecutive terms, and students will be required to defend their final thesis at the end of the course.

3. Guided Research in Social Science (GRSS, 1 CU course)



GRSS is a 1 CU course conducted over one term, where a small group of students will work with a faculty member on a substantial research-based project.

Students will learn and engage in all stages of research on a defined topic. They will be guided to analyse and synthesise data, and report their research findings.

SOCIAL SCIENCE PRACTICUM (BSOCSC CORE COURSE)

The Social Science Practicum (SSP) is a compulsory course for all BSocSc students, where students from all disciplines under SOSS will embark on a substantial group project dealing with a real-world problem. With guidance from the course instructor, students will learn to conduct basic social science research and apply their knowledge from the various disciplines to find solutions.

GLOBAL ASIA (GA)

GA CORE – 2 COURSE UNITS

Students are required to complete the following courses:

- Contemporary Asia: Power, Diversity & Change
- Exploring Asian Identities

GA ELECTIVES – 6 COURSE UNITS

Students are required to complete a minimum of 6 CUs of Global Asia Second Major Electives. These must include the pre-determined minimum number of CUs for each of the following clusters.

Engaging the Field Cluster (1 CU)

- Business Study Mission (Asia)
- Entrepreneurship Study Mission (Asia)
- GA Study Mission
- Independent Project
- Law Study Mission to Asia
- Social Technopreneurship Study Mission (Asia)
- Sustainability Study Mission (Asian Studies)

Electives (5 CUs)

GA students who wish to take a language course can only count one from the language courses below as a GA elective.

- Arts, Culture and the Global City
- Bahasa Melayu (Language)
- China's Belt and Road Initiative: Practical Legal and Commercial Aspect of Cross-Border Projects on the New Silk Route
- Chinese Foreign Policy
- Contemporary South Asian Societies
- Cultural Relations and Diplomacy in Asia
- Economic Development in Asia
- Innovations for Asia's Smart Cities
- InterAsian Mobilities
- Introduction to Chinese History, Culture, Economy, Politics and Law
- Japanese (Language)
- Korean (Language)
- Managing Diversity in Asia
- Mandarin (Language)
- Politics of South East Asia
- Popular Culture in Asia
- Religion and Policy in Asia
- Singapore: Imagining the Next Fifty Years
- Thai (Language)
- Understanding China's Economic Miracle: Social Origins and Social Impact

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WHAT EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

SOCIAL SCIENCE STUDY MISSIONS

Study missions typically comprise site visits, networking sessions and presentations by specialists and experts in various Social Science fields. They inspire and educate students by combining theory and practice through their practical fieldwork experience. These study missions provide valuable opportunities to network and gain insights, and often enable students to secure overseas internships or even full-time employment.

As part of the Political Science Study Mission, students have visited rural China to learn about poverty and development in those areas. The Sociology Study Mission brought students to Guangzhou, China, where they attended various seminars and site visits to study the process of urbanisation in contemporary China. Students involved in the Psychology Study Mission had the opportunity to visit Tainan, Taiwan, where they visited various culturally-related sites and also attended workshops conducted by renowned entrepreneurs and scholars, which helped in their understanding of cross-cultural collaborations and creative thinking.



OVERSEAS EXCHANGES

The overseas academic exchange offers students a unique platform to be exposed to different cultures, education systems and work practices.

Undergraduates can choose to complete a term or a year of their degree overseas. Relevant modules completed will be credited towards their degree at SMU.

SMU has an extensive network of partner universities, including Oxford University (United Kingdom), Carnegie Mellon University (United States), Fudan University (China), Seoul National University (South Korea), University of New South Wales (Australia), Waseda University (Japan), and many more.



SUMMER STUDY PROGRAMMES

This short-term, four-week programme allows students to study at a designated top university for a low fee. Students will benefit from a high-quality academic and cultural experience while living in a different country over the summer.

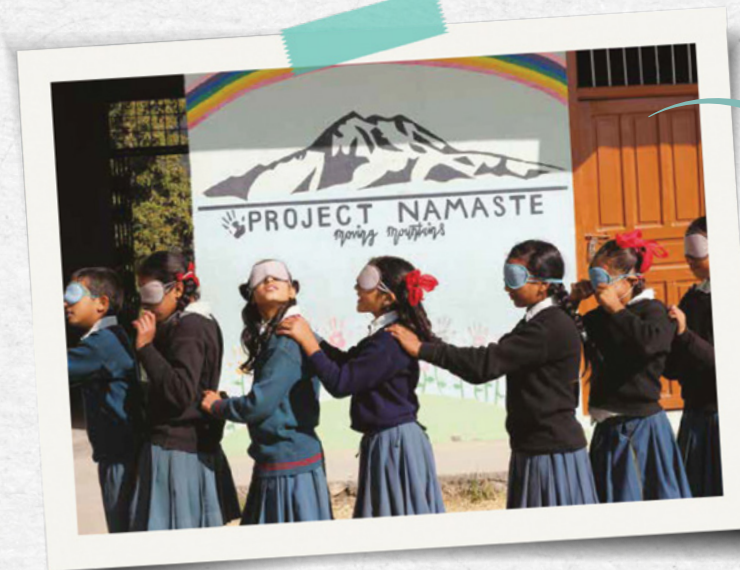
SMU Summer Study Programme Partners include Copenhagen Business School (Denmark), University of Leeds (United Kingdom), Universitas Gadjah Mada (Indonesia) and more.

MORE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNSHIPS

SMU internships benefit students in multiple ways – providing exposure to working life, developing real-world perspectives, gaining insights into career choices, and building valuable business networks.

Most students complete between two and six local or international internships, attesting to the value these experiences bring. Many of them are talent-spotted and offered jobs even before they graduate.



OVERSEAS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS

Overseas community service projects provide students with opportunities to make an impact in communities beyond their home ground. SOSS students have been to countries such as Cambodia, China, Laos, Nepal and Thailand to help the underprivileged and disadvantaged.



WHAT DO STUDENTS & ALUMNI THINK ABOUT SOSS?

"I have always wanted to pursue an education which involves a human touch and working with people with special needs is something I hold dear to my heart. SOSS checked these boxes, and I decided to major in Psychology to be able to learn how and why humans think and behave the way we do. Marrying my interest in serving people with disabilities and my academic pursuit in Psychology, I completed an internship at Pathlight School where I supported students with autism. At SMU, I was also given the opportunity to embark on 2 short-term summer programmes in Brunei and Indonesia. These global experiences enriched my academic journey, provided exposure to global culture and traditions, and gave me lasting friendships!"



MUHAMMAD HAIRULRIZAL
Year 3
Majoring in Psychology

"The social sciences have always been a keen interest of mine. At SOSS, I have been able to gain rich and valuable insights into how the world works, and better appreciate how social institutions and complex mechanisms are interwoven with our own lives. To me, it is always exciting and profound to learn about ourselves and our connection with one another in society. Relatedly, I believe that learning is never a solitary activity. SMU's smaller class sizes provided me with opportunities to engage with professors and classmates, exchanging ideas in ways that challenge my thinking and broadened my horizons."



MARIO TENG
Year 2
Majoring in Sociology and Political Science

"I've always been interested in the study of social sciences, and the SOSS experience did not disappoint. I think the interactive pedagogy really helped to hone students' analytical skills, as we would question our beliefs and try to understand opposing views. This has really helped in my profession as I'm required to analyse the impact of my work on the different categories of people in the company when putting up my proposals for improvement, thus helping me to value add to current processes as well as to come up with more well-rounded policies."



JANICIA LIM
Class of 2019
HR Benefits Analyst
Bank of America

"As many issues in the world are inter-disciplinary in nature, an inter-disciplinary course like PLE enabled me to appreciate how the world around me works. My time at SOSS has taught me to engage with and better appreciate the many aspects by which issues can be analysed. I have learnt to not take things at face value but rather to find out why things are being done in a certain way."



CALIXTUS LEE E AUN
Year 4
Majoring in Politics, Law and Economics

"I truly appreciate the opportunities SMU offers not only to further our understanding, but also to apply this learning outside of seminar rooms. SMU-X and Social Science Practicum modules involve working with a client or an organisation on a project, allowing us to put our theoretical knowledge to the test in the real world, even before stepping into the workforce. SMU's inter-disciplinary focus, both within the PPS programme and in guaranteeing a second major, has widened my perspective beyond just the scope of Political Science, my primary major. Analysing how issues in different fields and domains interact and form our everyday experiences has allowed me to appreciate their complexity."



KAMALINI KRISHNAMOORTHY
Year 3
Majoring in Political Science and Legal Studies

"My life at SMU had been the four best years in my life. I lived every moment doing what I wanted and loved it. I took modules that I was interested in, participated in CCA actively, and went for as many overseas trips as I could. What I wanted and eventually achieved at SMU was not just a degree - it is more than an education, it was the best experience I could ask for."



SEAH TIONG KIAT
Class of 2018
Head (Strategic Planning)
People's Association

WHAT ARE MY CAREER PROSPECTS?

Many Diverse Pathways To Choose From

With a broad repertoire of skills and a critical understanding of social issues, SOSS graduates will enjoy access to a wide range of career opportunities in close to 30 industries and gain admission into top postgraduate programmes around the world.

ADVERTISING, MARKETING, PUBLIC RELATIONS

- JCDecaux
- MediaCorp
- Meta (Facebook)
- Singapore Airlines
- Singapore Press Holdings
- SingTel
- The Smartlocal Group
- WPP (Grey, Kantar & Ogilvy)
- Young & Rubicam



POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

- Cornell University
- Harvard University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Pennsylvania
- London School of Economics and Political Science
- University of Birmingham
- University of Oxford
- Korea University, Seoul
- University of Melbourne



A MYRIAD OF CAREER OPTIONS

PUBLIC SECTOR

- Economic Development Board
- Ministry of Defence
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Social and Family Development
- Ministry of Trade and Industry
- Monetary Authority of Singapore
- Prime Minister's Office
- Singapore Tourism Board



SOCIAL SECTOR

- Autism Resource Centre
- Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore
- Dyslexic Association of Singapore
- Institute of Mental Health
- Samaritans of Singapore



CONSULTING, FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES, MANAGEMENT

- Accenture
- Bloomberg
- Credit Suisse
- Deloitte
- Goldman Sachs
- JPMorgan
- Oliver Wyman
- Procter & Gamble
- Unilever
- Visa Worldwide



Note: Information gathered based on alumni's feedback. The list of postgraduate placements and industries are non-exhaustive.


“WHAT MAKES AN SMU EDUCATION VITAL, EXCEPTIONAL AND BREATHTAKING?”


WE LET YOU INTEGRATE LEARNING ACROSS DISCIPLINES SO YOU WILL BE PREPARED FOR A COMPLEX, GLOBALISED WORLD

Because that’s what you need for a promising future with many different and exciting career paths. That’s why we are always improving our transformational undergraduate programme. That’s what it takes to transform you into a dynamic, confident and accomplished individual for a changing global economy!

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DIGITAL BUSINESS (2ND MAJOR)

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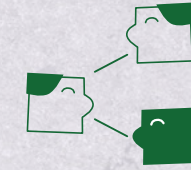
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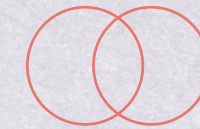


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- Accounting
- Accounting Data and Analytics (to be taken as a 2nd major)
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LEE KONG CHIAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

- Communication Management
- Communication Management with track in Data, Design, & Communication
- Finance
- Finance with track in Finance Analytics
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- Marketing with track in Marketing Analytics
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- Operations Management with track in Operations Analytics
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- Organisational Behaviour & Human Resources
- Quantitative Finance
- Strategic Management
- Digital Business (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Sustainability Management (to be taken as a 2nd major)

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

BSc (INFORMATION SYSTEMS) DEGREE INFORMATION SYSTEMS MAJOR:

Students can take 1 to 2 tracks from:

- Business Analytics
- Financial Technology
- Product Development
- Smart-City Management and Technology

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- Artificial Intelligence
- Cybersecurity
- Cyber-Physical Systems

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- IT Solution Management

For BSc (Information Systems), BSc (Computing & Law) and BSc (Software Engineering) students only:

- Computing Studies with specialisation in one of the following:
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Cybersecurity
 - Cyber-Physical Systems

For BSc (Computer Science), BSc (Computing & Law) and BSc (Software Engineering) students only:

- Technology for Business Solutions with specialisation in one of the following:
 - Business Analytics
 - Financial Technology
 - Product Development
 - Smart-City Management and Technology

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- Economics with track in Real Estate
- Actuarial Science (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Actuarial Science with Industry Integration Track (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Health Economics & Management (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Data Science and Analytics (to be taken as a 2nd major)

YONG PUNG HOW SCHOOL OF LAW

- Law
- Legal Studies (2nd major for non-Law students)

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Politics, Law and Economics (to be taken as a 1st major only)
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- Psychology
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- Global Asia (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Public Policy and Public Management (to be taken as a 2nd major)
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