

# WHY STUDY AT SMU SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES?



To Embark On **An Educational Journey Beyond Academics**



**SCHOOL OF  
SOCIAL SCIENCES**



# 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 – Arts and Culture Management, 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 six 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. In 2021, our Psychology undergraduates have won multiple research awards from the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Research Paper Competition, Society for Personality and Social Psychology's Annual Convention and Association for Psychological Society.

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.

We look forward to welcoming you to our brand new campus located in the city centre in 2022.

**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 interdisciplinary 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 or an Independent Study\*

*\*Students must fulfil the conditions for Independent Study and/or Senior Thesis in order to be eligible.*



## INTERDISCIPLINARY 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 apply what they have learnt in class to real world challenges.
- 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.

*\*Students must fulfil the conditions for the respective degree in order to be eligible.*

## WHAT MAKES SOSS THE PLACE FOR YOU?



## INTERACTIVE PEDAGOGY

- Classes are conducted in 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.
- Many graduates have made their mark in their profession, industry and academia. Several of our graduates have also successfully established their own private practice and businesses.





## WHAT DO STUDENTS THINK ABOUT SOSS?



"I chose to pursue Social Sciences at SOSS as I wanted an avenue to blend my love for the arts with my interests to gain a greater understanding of sociological theory and cultural diversity to shape the stories I am passionate about bringing to life as a filmmaker. At SOSS, I have enjoyed the depth of the course structure which allowed me to explore my interests within the Social Sciences. Thanks to the flexibility of the curriculum, I was able to specialise in Sociology after exploring the introductory courses for the PPS majors in my first year."



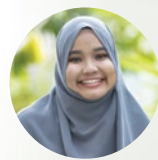
**Andrea Vincent**  
Year 2  
Majoring in Sociology and Arts and Culture Management

"Since joining SOSS, I have taken several courses that I find extremely interesting and useful. Some of the most notable courses that made a difference for me include courses like Film in Southeast Asia, Urban Cultures, Exploring Asian Identities, and Introduction to Public Policy. Social Sciences courses have allowed me to develop my skills and further my training as a historian and have trained me to view the world from the different disciplines, appreciating the environment and society for what it is."



**Russell James Jr Yap Way Shen**  
Year 4  
Majoring in Political Science and Communication Management

"In our first year, we read introductory modules for the three PPS majors. These modules allowed me to get a sense of my interest, which eventually helped me decide on my major. Although I leaned towards Psychology when I first enrolled in SOSS, my interest in Sociology quickly formed when I took "Understanding Societies", an introductory module for Sociology. The module exposed me to various social realities that I was, and still am, eager to learn more about. Personally, Sociology has challenged me to think more critically and beyond my pre-existing views, which to me, is an essential step in the learning process."



**Sheril Ameilda Alis Binte Ramlan**  
Year 4  
Majoring in Sociology and OBHR

"As many issues in the world are interdisciplinary in nature, an interdisciplinary course like PLE allowed 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 in which issues can be analysed. I have learnt to not take things at face value but rather to seek to find out why things are being done in a certain way."



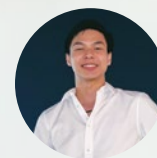
**Calixtus Lee E Aun**  
Year 2  
Majoring in Politics, Law and Economics

"On a personal level, being an SOSS student has allowed me to forge a deeper connection with myself. For example, the study of Mindfulness in Positive Psychology helped me understand the importance of being retrospective, bringing clarity and the ability to perform self-care in my life. On a professional level, my experience as a Social Sciences student allows me to understand my role as a global citizen and my impact on society. As we live in a world filled with unforeseeable challenges, I am confident in tackling the issues of a rapidly changing world with the analytical and critical thinking skills that SOSS has equipped me with."



**Poh Xin Yi**  
Year 3  
Majoring in Psychology and Marketing

"I've always been fascinated by how people think and behave differently and have always wanted to be able to better understand the reasons behind these differences. It was this curiosity and desire to learn more about the people around me that drove me to pursue a degree in Social Sciences. The flexibility to choose a second major from any school provided me with a peace of mind as I could specialise in Psychology purely out of interest and have a safety net of a second business major. I've also been granted the chance to pursue my academic aspirations under the Fast-Track Masters Programme offered by SOSS."



**Tai Yong En, Amos**  
Year 4  
Majoring in Psychology and OBHR

## WHAT DO ALUMNI SAY ABOUT THEIR SOSS EXPERIENCE?

"My experience and educational background in Political Science has enabled me to do international business better. Whenever I enter a new market in Southeast Asia, it has taught me to focus not just on the private sector, but the public sector as well which may be a major determinant of business success. My time at SOSS has also made me more environmentally and socially conscious when building my business and businesses of others."



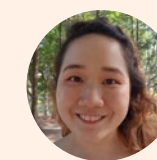
**Farhan Firdaus**  
Class of 2014  
Partner, Meet Ventures

"As a SOSS undergraduate, I was exposed to a wide variety of psychological domains such as cognitive, cultural and organizational psychology through my classes. This exposure was very useful in helping me gain clarity in my research interests. I also had many opportunities to take up research and teaching assistantship with my professors. These opportunities provided me with a good perspective of what a career in research would be like and also became great credentials that enhanced my application for postgraduate studies."



**Shuna Khoo**  
Class of 2015  
PhD in Psychology Candidate, SMU

"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

"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







# 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

7

8

12

Major Elective

8

7

5

## FREE ELECTIVES (7-9)

Psychology, Political Science, Sociology

Politics, Law and Economics

9

7

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (3)

Singapore Studies

Asia Studies

Global Exposure

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



## 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 is designed to prepare future leaders and thinkers with a deep understanding of global political and economic transformations and the legal frameworks and political contexts within which such changes take place. Exploring the synergies among the fields of politics, law and economics will hone your strategic and analytical thinking skills, you will be empowered to seek innovative solutions to real world problems.

## HOW ABOUT SECOND MAJORS?

Students may choose to declare a second major in another social science discipline (Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology) or in one of the many second majors offered by the six schools at SMU. The School of Social Sciences offers the three multidisciplinary second majors.



The **Arts and Culture Management (ACM)** second major provides a multidisciplinary blend of conceptual and skills-based learning to provide students with the foundational knowledge, critical awareness, and managerial aptitude for a future career in the art, culture, and creative industries.

The ACM programme uniquely blends theory, arts-based knowledge, and skills development, to equip students from all disciplines with professional and practical knowledge of the arts, cultural and creative sectors. In ACM, students engage with conceptually-sound and up-to-date debates surrounding different challenges facing the arts in today's fast-changing urban cultural economy, including audiences, access, cultural policy, cultural relations, identity, and sustainability. The programme also delivers transferable skills to prepare students for future employment in culturally-diverse environments, and to equip them to be reflexive citizens committed to the betterment of society.

As the only institution with a university-level ACM programme in Singapore, and one of the few in South-East Asia, the strengths of the SMU ACM programme are its student-centric teaching methodologies, and the practical exposure to the stimulating and extensive arts ecosystems in Singapore and the region.



**Global Asia (GA)** is an area-focused interdisciplinary 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 supplement their studies with specialised knowledge about Asia.

A special feature of GA is a compulsory 'Engaging the Field' component where students must complete either a study mission to an Asian country or an intensive independent project on an aspect of Asia's diverse societies. GA also embeds activities enriched with partner organisation collaborations, special internships with international organisations and NGOs, and joint programs/partnership arrangements with leading universities in East and Southeast 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.

A key feature of PPPM is the Public Policy Task Force Programme that applies academia to real policy problems, where students engage in collaborative, client-oriented, and problem-solving projects on critical public policy and management issues.

# PSYCHOLOGY/ POLITICAL SCIENCE/ SOCIOLOGY MAJOR CURRICULUM



	PSYCHOLOGY	POLITICAL SCIENCE	SOCIOLOGY
<b>MAJOR CORE</b>	1. Introduction to Political and Policy Studies 2. Introduction to Psychology 3. Understanding Societies  <i>*All students who have been granted provisional enrolment into BSc (Econ) secondary degree will have to take Introduction to Statistical Theory instead of Introductory Statistics.</i>	4. Introductory Statistics/Introduction to Statistical Theory* 5. South-East Asia Past and Present 6. Social Science Practicum	
	7. Psychology Research Methods I 8. Psychology Research Methods II	7. Research Skills Course^ – to choose <b>one</b> from the following: a. Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science b. Policy Design and Analysis c. Mass media and Public Opinion Research	7. Introduction to Sociological Theory 8. Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science
<b>MAJOR ELECTIVE</b>	Students to select <b>7 courses</b> from the following:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abnormal Psychology</li> <li>Cognitive Psychology</li> <li>Developmental Psychology</li> <li>Health Psychology</li> <li>Industrial and Organisational Psychology</li> <li>Psychology of Group Processes and Decision-Making</li> <li>Psychology of Individual Differences</li> <li>Social Psychology</li> <li>Subjective Well-Being</li> <li>Cultural Psychology</li> <li>Evolutionary Psychology</li> <li>Psychology of Close Relationships</li> <li>Psychology of Emotions</li> <li>Psychology of Motivation</li> <li>Psychology of Reasoning and Thinking</li> <li>Psychometrics and Psychological Testing</li> <li>Social Cognition</li> <li>Psychology of Mating</li> <li>Psychology Study Mission</li> <li>Special Topics in Psychology</li> <li>Senior Thesis in Psychology</li> </ul>	Students to complete <b>at least 2 CUs</b> from the following:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to Public Policy</li> <li>World Politics</li> <li>Comparing Political Systems</li> <li>Political Theory</li> </ul> <p>Students are required to complete the remaining 6 CUs from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development, Underdevelopment and Poverty</li> <li>Elections and the Media</li> <li>European Union Politics</li> <li>Global Political Economy</li> <li>International Political Economy</li> <li>International Relations of East Asia</li> <li>Political Economy of Development</li> <li>Political Economy of East Asia</li> <li>Political Science Study Mission</li> <li>Politics and Society of India</li> <li>Politics of China</li> <li>Politics of Food Security</li> <li>Politics of South East Asia</li> <li>Politics of the Two Koreas</li> <li>Security Studies</li> <li>Special Topics in Political Issues</li> <li>The Politics of Water in Asia</li> <li>Senior Thesis in Political Issue</li> </ul> <p><i>^Students may choose to select courses from the 'Research Skills Course' group under Major Core to fulfill the major elective requirement.</i></p>	Students to select <b>7 courses</b> from the following:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contemporary South Asian Societies</li> <li>Deconstructing Singapore Society</li> <li>Economic Sociology</li> <li>Gender and Family</li> <li>Global and Transnational Sociology</li> <li>Governance and Development in the Global South</li> <li>International Migration</li> <li>Media and Society</li> <li>Nation-Building in Asia</li> <li>Population and Society</li> <li>Science, Technology and Public Policy</li> <li>Social Innovation: Tools for Social Changes</li> <li>Social Networks</li> <li>Social Stratification and Inequality</li> <li>Sociological Theories of Crime and Deviance</li> <li>Sociology of Education</li> <li>Sociology of Fads and Fashion</li> <li>Sociology of Food</li> <li>Sociology of Terrorism and Political Violence</li> <li>Sociology of Work</li> <li>Sociology Study Mission</li> <li>Special Topics in Sociology</li> <li>Understanding China's Economic Miracle: Social Origins and Social Impact</li> <li>Senior Thesis in Sociology</li> </ul>

\* Course listings are not exhaustive and are subject to change from term to term.

# POLITICS, LAW AND ECONOMICS MAJOR CURRICULUM

## POLITICS, LAW AND ECONOMICS CORE (12)

- Business Law
- Governance Through Law in Singapore: Institutions, Jurisprudence, and Values\*
- Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Methods
- Mathematics for Economics
- Introduction to Political and Policy Studies
- Legal Theory and Philosophy
- Macroeconomics 1
- Microeconomics 1
- Political Theory
- Politics of South East Asia
- Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science
- Social Science Practicum
- Strategic Thinking

## 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.

### Choice and Behaviour

#### Group A

- 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

#### Group B

- Power and Politics in Organisation
- Probability Theory and Applications
- Evolutionary Psychology
- Psychology of Group Processes and Decision making
- Psychology of Reasoning and Thinking
- Sociology of Terrorism and Political Violence

### Global Studies

#### Group A

- Chinese Foreign Policy
- 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
- Global Political Economy
- International Economics
- Introduction to Chinese History, Culture, Economics, Politics and the Law

- Law Study Mission to Asia
- Media and International Relations
- Political Economy of Globalization
- Political Science Study Mission to Europe
- Public International Law
- Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science
- Security Studies
- Senior Thesis in Politics, Law and Economics
- The Politics of Water in Asia
- World Politics

#### Group B

- Global and Transnational Sociology
- International Migration
- Sociology of Terrorism and Political Violence
- Understanding China's Economic Miracle: Social Origins and Social Impact

### Public Policy and Governance

#### Group A

- 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

#### Group B

- Deconstructing Singapore Society
- Global and Transnational Sociology
- Governance and Development in the Global South
- International Migration
- Education Policy – A Global Perspective
- Sustainability Management & Governance
- Sustainable Cities

### Distribution and Justice

#### Group A

- Comparing Political Systems
- Conflict and Justice in International Relations

- 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

#### Group B

- Fairness in Socio-technical Systems
- International Migration
- Social Stratification and Inequality
- Sustainability Management & Governance

### Sustainable Futures \*New\* (offered from AY2022/23)

#### Group A

- Environmental Economics
- Development Economics
- Law & Technology
- Sustainability Law & Policy
- Law and Development
- The Law and Information Technology in Asia: Development Issues
- Poverty, Development, and Underdevelopment
- Political Economy of Development
- Politics of Water in Asia
- Politics of Food Security
- Environmental Politics and Policy

#### Group B

- Sociology of Food
- Globalization and Information Society
- Science, Technology and Public Policy
- Environmental Science
- Climate Change: Global and Local Solutions
- Climate, History, and Society
- Biotechnology in a Global Society
- Outbreak: Epidemics and Pandemics in the Modern World
- Sustainable Entrepreneurship
- Sustainability Management & Governance
- Sustainability Study Mission (Asia)
- Sustainability Study Mission (Globalisation)
- Sustainable Growth in ASEAN: Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia
- Sustainable Digital Cities

\*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

PLE students who are admitted to the J.D. program within three years of obtaining their bachelor degree will be exempted for up to 5 course units from the 25 course units of the J.D. degree, if they have completed five 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 exempted Law Courses will be computed into the J.D. GPA. If a student has completed other SMU courses listed in the J.D. list of Law core courses (on top of the five exempted Law courses), they will have to replace them with J.D. Law electives, to bring the total completed course units in the J.D. degree to 20 course units.



# SECOND MAJOR CURRICULUM



ARTS AND CULTURE MANAGEMENT (ACM)	GLOBAL ASIA (GA)	PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT (PPPM)
<p><b>ACM CORE – 2 COURSE UNITS</b></p> <p>Students are required to complete the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to Arts and Cultural Management</li> <li>Advanced Arts and Cultural Management</li> </ul> <p><b>ACM ELECTIVES – 6 COURSE UNITS</b></p> <p>Students are required to complete a minimum of 6 CUs of Arts and Culture Management Second Major Electives. These must include at least 2 CUs from each of the following clusters:</p> <p><b>Level One Cluster</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art and History I: From the Beginnings to the Revolutions</li> <li>Art and History II: The Modern, Postmodern and the Contemporary</li> <li>Foundations in Strategic Communication</li> <li>Intercultural Communication</li> <li>Fundamentals of Media Engagement</li> <li>Public Relations Writing</li> <li>Crisis Management and Communication</li> <li>Storytelling for Organisations and Brands</li> <li>Communication Strategies in Digital Age</li> <li>Exploring Asian Identities</li> <li>History of Southeast Asia</li> <li>Social Entrepreneurship</li> <li>InterAsian Mobilities</li> </ul> <p><b>Level Two Cluster</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to Performing Arts Management</li> <li>Introduction to Visual Arts Management</li> <li>Arts and Culture Study Mission</li> <li>Introduction to Literary Arts Management</li> <li>Arts and Audiences</li> <li>Arts and Cultural Marketing</li> <li>Cultural Relations and Diplomacy in Asia</li> <li>Arts, Culture Industries and Everyday Life</li> </ul> <p><b>Level Three Cluster</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACM Industry Project</li> <li>Cultural Policy and Practice</li> <li>Arts, Industries and Markets</li> <li>Arts, Partnerships and Publics</li> <li>Arts, Culture and the Global City</li> </ul>	<p><b>GA CORE – 2 COURSE UNITS</b></p> <p>Students are required to complete the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploring Asian Identities</li> <li>Contemporary Asia: Power, Diversity &amp; Change</li> </ul> <p><b>GA ELECTIVES – 6 COURSE UNITS</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Engaging the Field Cluster (1 CU)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GA Study Mission</li> <li>Independent Project</li> <li>Law Study Mission to Asia</li> <li>Business Study Mission (Asia)</li> <li>Entrepreneurship Study Mission (Asia)</li> <li>Sustainability Study Mission (Asian Studies)</li> <li>Social Technopreneurship Study Mission (Asia)</li> </ul> <p><b>Electives (5 CUs)</b></p> <p>GA students who wish to take a language course can only count one from the language courses below as a GA elective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultural Relations and Diplomacy in Asia</li> <li>Arts, Culture and the Global City</li> <li>Economic Development in Asia</li> <li>Popular Culture in Asia</li> <li>Managing Diversity in Asia</li> <li>Singapore: Imagining the Next Fifty Years</li> <li>Japanese (Language)</li> <li>Korean (Language)</li> <li>China's Belt and Road Initiative: Practical Legal and Commercial Aspect of Cross-Border Projects on the New Silk Route</li> <li>Introduction to Chinese History, Culture, Economy, Politics and Law</li> <li>Mandarin (Language)</li> <li>Innovations for Asia's Smart Cities</li> <li>Bahasa Melayu (Language)</li> <li>Politics of South East Asia</li> <li>Chinese Foreign Policy</li> <li>Religion and Policy in Asia</li> <li>Contemporary South Asian Societies</li> <li>Understanding China's Economic Miracle: Social Origins and Social Impact</li> <li>InterAsian Mobilities</li> <li>Thai (Language)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PPPM CORE – 3 COURSE UNITS</b></p> <p>Students are required to complete the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to Public Policy</li> <li>Public Sector Management</li> <li>Public Policy Task Force</li> </ul> <p><b>PPPM ELECTIVES – 5 COURSE UNITS</b></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><b>Public Sector Skills Cluster</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Sector Economics</li> <li>Economics of Ageing</li> <li>Political Economy Analysis of Institutions</li> <li>Managing Diversity in Asia</li> <li>Organisational Aspects of Sustainable Innovation</li> <li>Strategic Management of Public Issues and Campaigns</li> <li>Governing, Managing and Protecting Knowledge in Globalisation</li> <li>Understanding Government: Public Sector Change</li> <li>Policy Design and Analysis</li> <li>Political Participation and Policy</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Policy in Asia and Global Governance Thematic Issues Cluster</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable Cities</li> <li>Economics of Globalisation</li> <li>Economic Development in Asia</li> <li>Health Systems and Policy</li> <li>Urban Economics and Policy</li> <li>Law and Regulation</li> <li>Sustainability Management and Governance</li> <li>Chinese Foreign Policy</li> <li>Gender Politics: Exclusion and Empowerment</li> <li>Political Economy of Development</li> <li>Religion and Policy in Asia</li> <li>Deconstructing Singapore Society</li> <li>Social Stratification and Inequality</li> <li>Globalisation and Transnational Sociology</li> <li>International Migration</li> <li>Inter Asian Mobilities</li> <li>Governance and Development in the Global South</li> </ul>

\* Course listings are not exhaustive and are subject to change from term to term.

## WHAT EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Get Ready For Experiential Learning Beyond Our Shores

### 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 cultural-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 EXCHANGE



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 a rapidly growing network of partner universities, including University of Bath (United Kingdom), Carnegie Mellon University (United States), Fudan University (China), Seoul National University (South Korea), Tel Aviv University (Israel), Waseda University (Japan), and many more.



### SUMMER STUDY PROGRAMME

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.

SOSS Summer Study Programme Partners include Ateneo de Manila University (Philippines), University of St. Gallen (Switzerland) and Universitas Gadjah Mada (Indonesia).





# MORE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

## INTERNSHIP



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

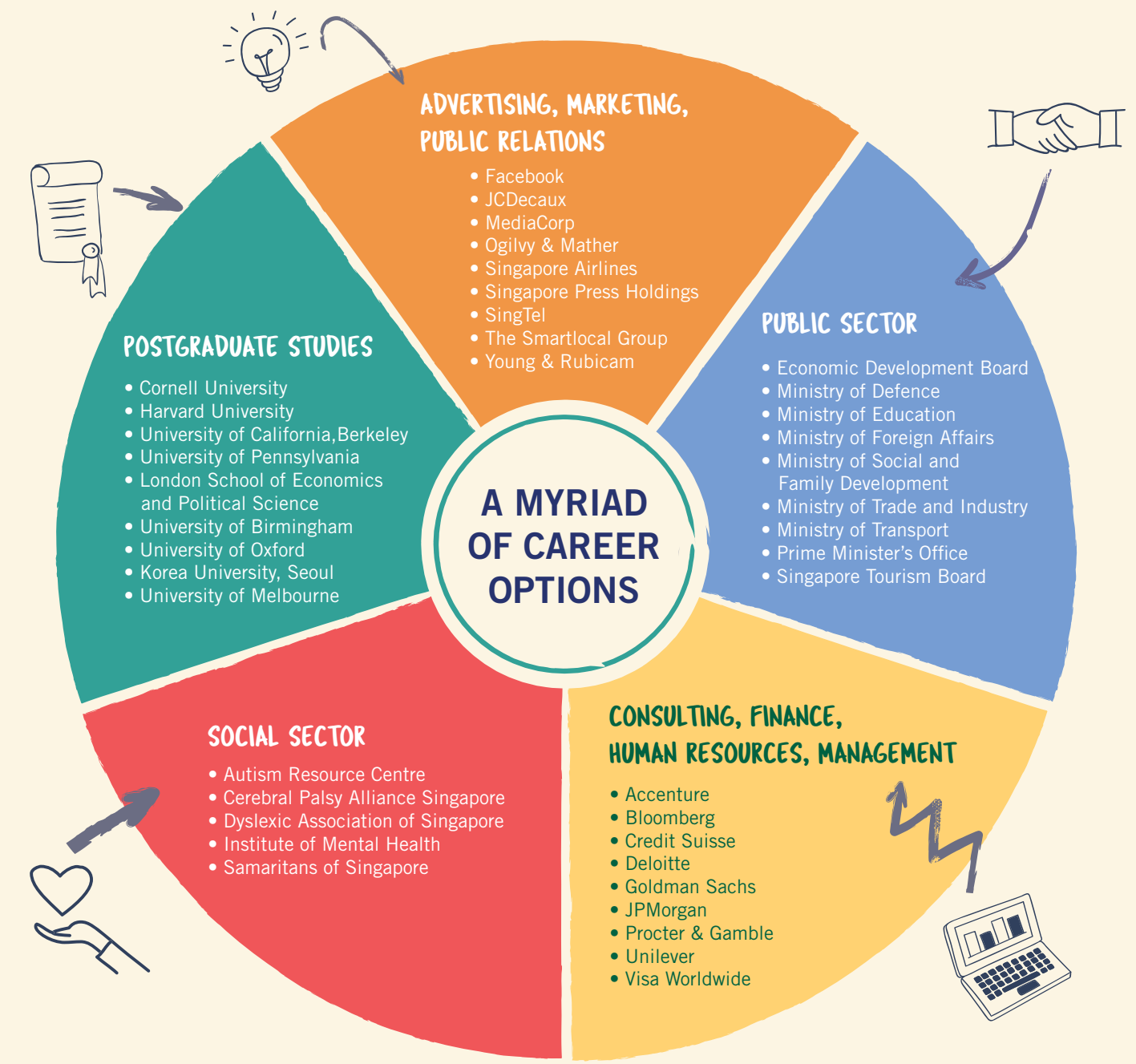
Overseas community service projects provide students with opportunities to make an impact in communities beyond their home ground. SOSS Students have been to countries such as Cambodia, China, Laos, Nepal and Thailand to help the underprivileged and disadvantaged.



# WHAT 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.



Note: Information gathered based on alumni's feedback.





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