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# SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES

The School of Humanities and Behavioural Sciences provides an exciting and well-rounded education in languages, literature, and behavioural sciences. Our programmes develop dynamic individuals with the practical skills and specialised knowledge needed to excel in their chosen careers. Graduates can expect to find employment in the public and civil services as well as the corporate sector.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Welcome to the School of Humanities & Behavioural Sciences (SHBS)! At SHBS, you'll find a range of programmes that will equip you with new knowledge and skills, stretch your intellectual ability, and enhance your career prospects. We provide a supportive and encouraging learning environment to help you succeed in your studies and develop your hidden strengths. We look forward to welcoming you on campus!"

Associate Professor  
**LUDWIG TAN**  
Dean  
School of Humanities  
and Behavioural Sciences

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**GOOD REASONS TO STUDY AT** **Singapore University of Social Sciences**



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LEARNING RESOURCES



FLEXIBLE AND  
SELF-PACED LEARNING



INDUSTRY-RELEVANT  
CURRICULA



PRACTICE-ORIENTED  
APPROACH

# BA ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE



## Programme Overview



The BA English Language and Literature programme combines the disciplines of language studies and literary studies. The language courses will give you an understanding of the language system and broaden your perspective on language use and discourse in society, while the literary courses will introduce you to a range of literary genres, periods and styles, and teach you to critically analyse and produce texts using key concepts and theories. You may opt for a minor in any discipline, such as Business, Film Studies, Psychology, Sociology or Translation.

This degree programme will be useful to people working in a variety of fields, particularly those who intend to use English professionally. Our graduates work in a wide variety of careers, such as teaching, publishing, journalism, public relations, advertising, and marketing.

You may pursue English Language and Literature as a single major or in combination with a minor.



## Whom is this for?

Language is an indispensable part of how we live, work and play. The English language, in particular, is not only Singapore's working language, but also an important global language. This degree programme will benefit anyone interested in language, but will be particularly suitable for those who use English professionally, such as English teachers, public relations professionals, journalists, writers and editors. It will also suit professionals working in a whole host of other areas such as business, marketing, administration and the arts.



## Career Prospects

A BA in English will give you a strong foundation in English language and literature, and will expand your career options by equipping you with a better working knowledge, understanding and appreciation of English. You will sharpen your analytical, writing and communication skills, which can be advantageous in many fields.

A degree in English language and literature will help enhance the careers of professionals who work primarily in English or write extensively in English. Our graduates work in a wide variety of careers such as education, publishing, journalism, public relations, marketing, administration and the arts.

Those wishing to further their studies after obtaining the BA degree may consider postgraduate studies locally or overseas. Graduates of the English programme have gone on to pursue the Graduate Diploma and Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics (TESOL) programme offered at SUSS. They have also been accepted into postgraduate programmes in other leading universities, including the National University of Singapore, the University of Oxford and Columbia University.



SUSS offered me the open door of a chance to continue the journey of learning, with its enriching and stimulating English Language and Literature programme. Studying at SUSS has redefined me and granted me that valuable and indispensable opportunity to recapture my dreams, and lay firm foundations for new ones."

**QUEK LI KANG JERROLD**  
Alumnus



## Programme Structure

To graduate with a basic degree, students are to complete a total of 130 credit units (cu) of courses, comprising 20 cu of SUSS Core courses, 80 cu of major courses, and 30 cu of a minor or Free Electives (course pre-requisites apply).

### SUSS Core Courses (Choose 20 cu)

Choose SUSS Core courses from four branches — Society, Capacities, People and Engagement.

### Minor/Free Electives (Choose 30 cu)

Choose from a list of minors (30 cu each) or Free Elective courses (course pre-requisites apply).

### Major Compulsory Courses (Total 30 cu)

#### Level 1

- Discovering Language
- Analysing Prose: Short Fiction and Essays

#### Level 2

- Language and Society
- Understanding Poetry

#### Level 3

- English in Singapore
- Singapore Literature

### Major Elective Courses (Choose 50 cu) (at least 10 cu of Level 3 courses)

#### Level 2

- Language Structure: Sentences and Sounds
- Intercultural Communication
- Children's Literature
- Creative Writing: Prose
- Writing for Strategic Communication<sup>1</sup>
- Writing for Online News<sup>1</sup>

#### Level 3

- Literary Stylistics
- Global Englishes
- Analysing Discourse
- Language and Education
- Language in the Workplace
- Language, Technology and Digital Media
- Independent Study in English
- Drama, Theatre and Performance
- Popular Fiction and Culture
- Contemporary Literature
- Feature Writing<sup>1</sup>
- Scriptwriting: Telling a Compelling Story<sup>1</sup>
- Film Adaptations: The Business of Reinterpreting Shakespeare<sup>1</sup>
- Bilingualism, Language and the Brain<sup>1</sup>

#### Explanatory Note:

<sup>1</sup>Choose a maximum of 20 cu from this group of major elective courses.

#### Important Notes:

- All courses are 5 cu unless stated otherwise.
- The courses listed are subject to change.
- Please refer to the SUSS website for more details.

# BA CHINESE STUDIES

## 中文学士学位



### 课程简介



中文学士学位课程旨在为对中华语言文学有兴趣的就业人士提供自我进修的机会，进一步提高学员们教育水平与华文水准，同时培养学员们的华文文学鉴赏能力。此课程也为本地非大学毕业华文教育工作者提供一个自我提升的机会。

本课程属部分时间学习制。采用开放式学习的概念及业余学习的方式。学员可以灵活安排学习时间、地点和进度，并且根据自身情况决定修读科目的数量。所有教材的设计也都是以此为基础，精心设计，以满足成人学员的要求。

学员可以选择主修中文学士学位，并在其基础上，选修中华语言与文化或中华文学副修课程，或者其他领域里的任何一个副修课程。有关副修课程的细节，请参见大学网页的信息。



### 招生对象

此项课程适合那些对中华语言、文学与文化有兴趣的、任何行业的公众申请。

凡是新加坡公民、新加坡永久居民和居住在新加坡的其他居民都可以报读。



### 职业前景

修读中文学士学位课程之后，可以到政府学校以及私立学校从事华文教育(教师与补习教师)、华文媒体(记者与编辑)、广告公司(文案写作与设计)、行政管理(文书、秘书、执行人员)等工作。如果想继续修读更高学历的教育，可以进入硕士课程修读。



教育能够改变一个人的生活轨迹，把人从一个世界带到另一个不同的世界。拥有自主学习、终身学习的能力会让我们的生活更加充实。与文学的相遇是我一生的财富，它可以帮我养一颗洁净的心，做一个最真的人。通过在新跃社科大学三年半的系统学习，我不仅提升了文化知识和文学修养，也遇见了一群古往今来的有趣的灵魂，得到了一批志同道合的朋友。这真是一段非常棒的人生体验！”

PAN JINNA 潘金娜  
Alumna



### 科目设置与学分

学员需要修满130个学分(包括大学通选课+主修必修课+副修/自由选修课)以获得普通学位。

本课程也提供荣誉课程的选项。学员在普通学位的累积平均绩点(CGPA)必须达到3.5或以上，才有机会获邀参加荣誉课程。学生必须满足大学对普通学位的所有要求，并完成额外40个学分的荣誉课程，达到170总学分，才能获颁荣誉学位。

#### 大学通选课 (选20学分)

从社会、能力、人和参与这四个领域中选择。(大学通选课以英语讲授和考核。)

#### 副修/自由选修课 (选30学分)

从任何副修课程(各30学分)或其他科系指定的科目中选择(一些科目会有先修要求)。

#### 主修必修课 (共80学分)

##### 第一级

- 基础学术写作
- 中国古代史概论
- 现代汉语
- 古代汉语

##### 第二级

- 20世纪中国文学史(1)
- 20世纪中国文学史(2)
- 中国古典文学(1)
- 中国古典文学(2)
- 20世纪上半叶中国南来作家与新加坡
- 理解新加坡社会

##### 第三级

- 中国思想史(1)
- 中国思想史(2)
- 新加坡现代华文文学
- 马来西亚现代华文文学
- 中国古代文学批评史
- 古典篇章选读

#### Important Notes:

- 除非另有注明，所有科目均为5个学分。
- 以上所列科目会不定期修改或替换。请留意大学的通知。
- 欲知更多详情，请参考SUSS网站。

#### SUSS Core Courses (Choose 20 cu)

Choose SUSS Core courses from four branches — Society, Capacities, People and Engagement.

#### Minor/Free Electives (Choose 30 cu)

Choose from a list of minors (30 cu each) or Free Elective courses (course pre-requisites apply).

#### Major Compulsory Courses (Total 80 cu)

##### Level 1

- Fundamentals of Academic Writing
- Ancient Chinese History
- Modern Chinese
- Classical Chinese

##### Level 2

- 20th Century Chinese Literature (1)
- 20th Century Chinese Literature (2)
- Classical Chinese Literature (1)
- Classical Chinese Literature (2)
- Chinese Writers and Singapore in the Early 20th Century: Selected Writers
- Understanding Singapore Society

##### Level 3

- Chinese Intellectual History (1)
- Chinese Intellectual History (2)
- Modern Chinese Literature of Singapore
- Modern Chinese Literature of Malaysia
- Classical Chinese Literary Criticism
- Reading Classical Chinese Texts

## 荣誉课程

(修读额外40学分)

### 大学通选课 (选修额外10学分)

从社会、能力、人和参与这四个领域中选择。(大学通选课以英语讲授和考核。)

### 自由选修课 (选修额外10学分)

从其他科系指定的科目中选择(一些科目会有先修要求)。

### 主修必修课 (共15学分)

#### 第四级

- 研究方法
- 学位论文 (10 学分)

### 主修选修课 (选5学分)

#### 第三级

- 方言与中华文化
- 中国文字学
- 中国古代小说
- 中国古代戏剧与新加坡

## Honours Programme

(Complete additional 40 cu of courses)

### SUSS Core Courses (Choose additional 10 cu)

Choose SUSS Core courses from four branches — Society, Capacities, People and Engagement.

### Free Electives (Choose additional 10 cu)

Choose from a list of Free Elective courses (course pre-requisites apply).

### Major Compulsory Courses (Total 15 cu)

#### Level 4

- Research Methods
- Dissertation (10 cu)

### Major Elective Courses (Choose 5 cu)

#### Level 3

- Dialects and Chinese Culture
- Chinese Etymology
- Classical Chinese Novels
- Classical Chinese Drama and Singapore

#### Important Notes:

- 除非另有注明，所有科目均为5个学分。
- 以上所列科目会不定期修改或替换。请留意大学的通知。
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# BA MALAY LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE



## Programme Overview



The programme curriculum is suitable for Malay language and literature teachers, and individuals who are interested in pursuing a degree in the field for personal and professional development. This programme has a strong workplace perspective, and has been specially crafted to provide students with a good grasp of the linguistics of the Malay language within the social context of Singapore and the region. It aims to produce graduates who are well versed in applied linguistics and able to teach Malay language and literature or work as language professionals.

This programme exposes students to a range of courses on Malay linguistics, culture, literature, grammar and translation. These courses will provide students with an in-depth understanding of the Malay world and enable them to apply this knowledge to the teaching profession or other fields of applied linguistics such as editing and translating.

You may pursue Malay Language and Literature as a single major or in combination with a minor.



## Whom is this for?

This programme is open to all Singapore citizens, permanent residents and residents in Singapore who are interested in and committed to pursuing a degree in Malay language and literature.



## Career Prospects

Graduates of the Malay Language and Literature programme will find themselves suited for careers in teaching, print and audio media, and translating and interpreting.



## Programme Structure

To graduate with a basic degree, students are to complete a total of 130 credit units (cu) of courses, comprising 20 cu of SUSS Core courses, 80 cu of major courses, and 30 cu of a minor or Free Electives (course pre-requisites apply).

## SUSS Core Courses (Choose 20 cu)

Choose SUSS Core courses from four branches — Society, Capacities, People and Engagement.

## Major Compulsory Courses (Total 50 cu)<sup>1</sup>

### Malay Linguistics and Applied Linguistics Cluster

#### Level 1

- Introduction to Malay Linguistics
- Introduction to Translation
- Structure of the Malay Language

#### Level 2

- Malay Grammar

#### Level 3

- 2 Way Translation
- Malay Consecutive Interpretation

### Malay Literature and Society Cluster

#### Level 1

- Introduction to Malay Literature
- Malay Civilisation, Philosophy and Thought

#### Level 2

- Modern Indonesian Literature

#### Level 3

- Singapore Malay Literature

## Major Elective Courses (Choose 30 cu)<sup>2</sup>

(at least 5 cu of Level 3 courses)

### Malay Linguistics and Applied Linguistics Cluster

#### Level 2

- Comparative Study of Bahasa Melayu and Bahasa Indonesia

#### Level 3

- Malay Phonetics and Phonology
- Topics in Interpretation
- Approaches to Malay Language Research

### Malay Literature and Society Cluster

#### Level 2

- Malay Prose and Poetry
- Malay Films
- Islam and the Malays
- Contemporary Singapore Malay Theatre

#### Level 3

- Jawi and Malay Literature
- Classical Malay Literature

### Pedagogy Cluster

#### Level 3

- Materials Designing for the Malay Language Classroom
- Testing and Assessment in Language Teaching

#### Explanatory Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Students are to complete a total of 50 cu of compulsory courses from all clusters.

<sup>2</sup> Students are to choose and complete a total of 30 cu of elective courses from all clusters, with at least 5 cu made up of Level 3 courses.

#### Important Notes:

- All courses are 5 cu unless stated otherwise.
- The courses listed are subject to change.
- Please refer to the SUSS website for more details.

## Minor/Free Electives (Choose 30 cu)

Choose from a list of minors (30 cu each) or Free Elective courses (course pre-requisites apply).

# BA TAMIL LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

இளங்கலைத் தமிழ்மொழி மற்றும் இலக்கியம்



## Programme Overview



இளங்கலைப் பட்டக்கல்வியானது, தமிழாசிரியர்கள் மற்றும் தமிழ் ஆர்வலர்கள் தமிழ்மொழி மற்றும் இலக்கியத்தில் தம் அறிவை வளர்த்துக்கொள்ளும் வகையில் உருவாக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. பாடத்திட்டம், சிங்கப்பூர் சமூக அறிவியல் பல்கலைக்கழகம் மற்றும் தமிழ்நாட்டுக் கல்வியாளர்களின் கூட்டு முயற்சியால் தயாரிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. இது தமிழ்நாட்டில் கற்பிக்கப்படும் பாடத்திட்டத்திற்கு நிகரானது. அதே வேளையில் சிங்கப்பூர் மாணவர்களின் தேவையைப் பூர்த்தி செய்யும் வகையில் உள்ளூர், மலேசிய, இலங்கைத் தமிழ் இலக்கியங்களும் இணைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. மொழி பாடத்திட்டமானது, மாணவர்களின் மொழித்திறன்களையும் மொழியறிவையும் வளர்க்க ஏற்புடையதாயுள்ளது. இலக்கியப் பாடத்திட்டமானது பல்வேறு காலகட்டத்தில் எழுந்த இலக்கிய வகைகளைப் படித்து இன்புற ஆவன செய்கிறது.

This programme provides Tamil language teachers and Tamil studies enthusiasts with an opportunity to pursue a degree. The programme curriculum is jointly developed by the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) and scholars from Tamil Nadu. This programme is similar to that offered in Tamil Nadu, while integrating local content to make it more relevant to students in Singapore.

You may pursue Tamil Language and Literature as a single major or in combination with a minor.



## Whom is this for?

This programme is meant for anyone with a passion for the Tamil language. It is suitable for those who work in Tamil-related areas such as Tamil language teachers, court interpreters, and broadcasters, who wish to upgrade their academic qualifications.



## Career Prospects

Our graduates will be able to engage in Tamil language and literature teaching at the pre-primary, primary, secondary, and junior college levels. They can also advance their careers in broadcasting or in the courts and Parliament as interpreters.



It was a wonderful and enriching experience to study the BA Tamil Language and Literature programme at SUSS. The course is specifically designed for the benefit of individuals from diverse backgrounds which made it engaging and insightful. The programme vastly improved my language skills and made me engage with Tamil literature, culture, and history. Moreover, it played a pivotal role in kickstarting my teaching career, thereby changing my life forever. I am happy to share that in these three and a half years, I gained a wealth of knowledge and experience which will stay with me for the rest of my life."

**BAIRAVANATHAN DEEPA**  
Alumna



## Programme Structure

To graduate with a basic degree, students are to complete a total of 130 credit units (cu) of courses, comprising 20 cu of SUSS Core courses, 80 cu of major courses, and 30 cu of a minor or Free Electives (course pre-requisites apply).

### SUSS Core Courses (Choose 20 cu)

Choose SUSS Core courses from four branches — Society, Capacities, People and Engagement.

### Major Compulsory Courses (Total 50 cu)

#### Level 1

- இக்காலத் தமிழ் கவிதை
- இக்காலத் தமிழ் உரைநடை
- தமிழ் எழுத்தியல்
- தமிழ்ப் புணரியல்

#### Level 2

- காப்பிய இலக்கியம்
- அற இலக்கியம்
- பக்தி இலக்கியம்
- சிற்றிலக்கியம்

#### Level 3

- சங்கச் செவ்வியல் இலக்கியம் - அகம்
- சங்கச் செவ்வியல் இலக்கியம் - புறம்

### Major Elective Courses (Choose 30 cu)

(at least 10 cu of Level 3 courses)

#### Level 2

- கற்பது எதற்கு?

#### Level 3

- மொழிபெயர்ப்பு நெறிமுறைகள்
- மொழிபெயர்ப்புப் பயிற்சி
- கோட்பாட்டு மொழியியல்
- பயனாக்க மொழியியல்
- தமிழ் யாப்பியல்
- தமிழ் அணியியல்

#### Important Notes:

- All courses are 5 cu unless stated otherwise.
- The courses listed are subject to change.
- Please refer to the SUSS website for more details.

### Minor/Free Electives (Choose 30 cu)

Choose from a list of minors (30 cu each) or Free Elective courses (course pre-requisites apply).

#### Level 1

- Modern Tamil Poetry
- Modern Tamil Prose
- Tamil Phonology
- Tamil Morphophonemics

#### Level 2

- Epic Literature
- Didactical Literature
- Devotional Literature
- Minor Literature

#### Level 3

- Sangam Classical Poetry of Love (Agham)
- Sangam Classical Poetry of Heroism & Others (puram)

#### Level 2

- Why Read?

#### Level 3

- Theory of Translation
- Practice of Translation
- Theoretical Linguistics
- Applied Linguistics
- Tamil Prosody
- Tamil Poetics

# BA TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION

## 翻译及传译学士学位



### Programme Overview



Launched in 2007 as Singapore's first degree programme in translation and interpretation, this programme gives students a unique advantage of gaining access to the best of both Chinese- and English-speaking worlds. Combining tertiary education with professional training, the programme enables students to achieve a mastery of Chinese and English languages and an in-depth understanding of socio-cultural differences. Students will also develop expertise in translation and interpretation through practice-oriented coursework in translation principles and strategies, cross-linguistic and cross-cultural analysis, computer-aided technologies, and domain-specific knowledge (e.g., business, finance, law, media, technology, international affairs and literature).

Placing a special emphasis on the role of technology in various aspects of translation and interpretation, this programme has state-of-the-art interpretation laboratories and the latest translation software. The bilingual, interdisciplinary and professional nature of the programme inculcates in its graduates adaptability, open-mindedness and critical thinking, preparing them for the rapidly changing world.

You may pursue Translation and Interpretation as a single major or in combination with a minor.



### Whom is this for?

This degree programme is suitable for those who wish to facilitate the sharing of ideas across different regions and traditions and thus enhance global communication for a peaceful world. It is also useful for those who wish to strengthen their bilingual competence in Chinese and English and develop intercultural intelligence through professional training in translation and interpretation.



### Career Prospects

Graduates majoring in translation have a broad set of transferable skills including advanced bilingual literacy and cross-cultural communication, along with their expertise in translation and interpretation. Recent graduates have proceeded to careers in management consultancy, advertising and marketing, teaching, the media and entertainment, public and social services, international organisations, law firms, banking and finance.



Translation studies not only provides the skills and knowledge we need to be effective translators and interpreters, it also helps us build the often overlooked soft skills that have an equally, if not more, important impact on our professional and social development. Taking different perspectives, we can gain greater insights into the values translation studies offers and how we can use these values for better human-technology collaboration and self-improvement."

**CINDY WONG**  
Alumna



## Programme Structure

To graduate with a basic degree, students are to complete a total of 130 credit units (cu) of courses, comprising 20 cu of SUSS Core courses, 80 cu of major courses, and 30 cu of a minor or Free Electives (course pre-requisites apply).

### SUSS Core Courses (Choose 20 cu)

Choose SUSS Core courses from four branches — Society, Capacities, People and Engagement.

### Minor/Free Electives (Choose 30 cu)

Choose from a list of minors (30 cu each) or Free Elective courses (course pre-requisites apply).

### Major Compulsory Courses (Total 30 cu)

#### Level 1

- Selected Readings in Chinese
- Writing in Chinese: Major Genres and Styles
- Contrastive Language Studies: English and Chinese
- Translation and Socio-Cultural Differences
- Fundamentals of Chinese-English Translation
- Fundamentals of English-Chinese Translation

### Major Elective Courses (Choose 50 cu) (at least 20 cu of Level 3 courses)

#### Level 2

- Media/Multimedia Translation
- Introduction to Interpretation
- Consecutive Interpretation
- Redefining Translation in the Digital Age

#### Level 3

- Chinese-English Simultaneous Interpretation
- English-Chinese Simultaneous Interpretation
- Chinese-English Translation of Literary Works
- English-Chinese Translation of Literary Works
- Financial Translation
- Subtitling and Game Localisation
- Independent Translation and Interpreting Project
- Advanced Topics in Translation

### 主修必修课 (共30学分)

#### 第一级

- 中文篇章鉴赏
- 中文文章写作
- 英汉语言对比
- 翻译与社会文化差异
- 汉英翻译基础
- 英汉翻译基础

### 主修选修课 (选50学分) (至少修读20学分第三级课)

#### 第二级

- 媒体与多媒体翻译
- 口译入门
- 交替传译
- 重新定义数码时代的翻译

#### 第三级

- 汉英同声传译
- 英汉同声传译
- 汉英文学作品翻译
- 英汉文学作品翻译
- 财经金融翻译
- 字幕翻译和游戏本地化
- 口笔译实践项目
- 高级翻译专题

#### Important Notes:

- All courses are 5 cu unless stated otherwise.
- The courses listed are subject to change.
- Please refer to the SUSS website for more details.

# BACHELOR OF COMMUNICATION



## Programme Overview



Communication is a burgeoning industry in Singapore and the region. The need for well-qualified professionals in the field cannot be over-emphasised. With its strong emphasis on the textual, visual and audio elements of communication, the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) Bachelor of Communication programme prepares students to perform competently in a variety of sub-fields in the communication industry.

This programme is ideal for those who are already carrying out communication-related job functions in media or other related fields but do not have the necessary tertiary qualifications to be considered for promotions or salary increases. It will also meet the needs of those who are currently employed in other kinds of work but would like to change career tracks and move into the vibrant communication or media-related fields.

The programme covers subjects ranging from media writing to media management, media production, social media and strategic communication. It provides students with the critical advantage necessary to achieve their ambitions, whether they are interested in journalism, media management, TV, radio, strategic communication, public relations, corporate communication, advertising, social media or media production.

You may pursue Communication as a single major or in combination with a minor.



## Whom is this for?

This programme is suitable for working adults who are already employed in related fields but who are looking to add value to their existing knowledge and skills by formalising their expertise which would, in turn, create career advancement opportunities for them.

It is also meant for those in general administrative positions who are looking to acquire new and more specific knowledge and skills, and those who wish to work in the communication and media industries.



## Career Prospects

A communication degree provides diverse opportunities in many fields. The courses in the Bachelor of Communication programme will appeal to those interested in careers in public relations, corporate communication, strategic communication, TV and print journalism, social media, media management, and even hospitality and tourism. The skills developed here will also make graduates well-suited to careers in advertising, publishing, and teaching.



## Programme Structure

To graduate with a basic degree, students are to complete a total of 130 credit units (cu) of courses, comprising 20 cu of SUSS Core courses, 80 cu of major courses, and 30 cu of a minor or Free Electives (course pre-requisites apply).

### SUSS Core Courses (Choose 20 cu)

Choose SUSS Core courses from four branches — Society, Capacities, People and Engagement.

### Minor/Free Electives (Choose 30 cu)

Choose from a list of minors (30 cu each) or Free Elective courses (course pre-requisites apply).

### Major Compulsory Courses (Total 20 cu)

#### Level 1

- Principles and Practice of Communication
- Discourse: Critique and Evaluation
- Media Communication in a Changing World

#### Level 2

- Visual Texts and Communication

### Major Elective Courses (Choose 60 cu) (at least 20 cu of Level 3 courses)

#### Level 2

- Media Relations
- Writing for Strategic Communication
- Writing for Online News
- Creative Advertising and Copywriting
- Creative Communication Strategies
- Research Methods for the Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Statistics and Data Analysis for the Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Cross-Cultural Intelligence at the Workplace

#### Level 3

- Public Relations
- Corporate Communication
- Media Management
- Analysis of Issues and Trends in the Communication Industry
- Media Law and Ethics
- Crisis Communication
- Feature Writing
- Multimedia Public Affairs Reporting
- Strategic Communication
- Strategic Social Media Management
- Communication Campaign Planning
- Brand Management
- Integrated Marketing Communications
- Digital Marketing
- Android Application Development
- iOS Application Development
- Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality

#### Important Notes:

- All courses are 5 cu unless stated otherwise.
- The courses listed are subject to change.
- Please refer to the SUSS website for more details.



# BACHELOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY



## Programme Overview



Safety and security is a concern for all. From terror attacks to industrial espionage and politically motivated cyber-attacks, the world is experiencing multiple security threats that are complex and hard to detect and defend. Recognising these challenges, governments and businesses agree they need highly-trained professionals to deliver effective security outcomes. This programme aims to meet this demand and professionalise the emerging field of public safety and security.

This part-time programme provides not only theoretical knowledge but also training in intervention strategies in the area of policing, emergency management, investigation, rehabilitation, crime reduction and terrorism. The courses are designed with a balance of theory and practice, and with emphasis on the development of management, communication and critical thinking skills.



## Whom is this for?

This programme is for all those who are interested in a career that focuses on the management of public safety and security. For those who are already working in related fields, the programme adopts a multidisciplinary approach that integrate theories with practical knowledge, and it creates an opportunity for career advancements.



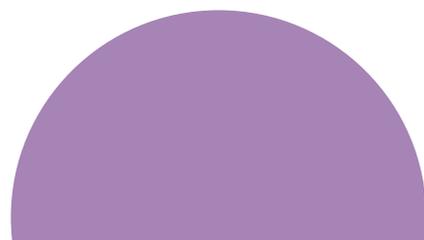
## Career Prospects

Jobs in the fields of public safety and security are diverse and go far beyond front-line, uniform-wearing, operational positions. They include exciting and engaging jobs in fields such as intelligence analysis, policy development, science and technology. Upon successful completion of this programme, graduates can look forward to a wide range of meaningful careers in the government, business and social service sectors.



## Programme Structure

To graduate with a basic degree, students are to complete a total of 130 credit units (cu) of courses, comprising 20 cu of SUSS Core courses, 80 cu of major courses, and 30 cu of a minor in (1) Criminology; (2) Crisis Management; (3) Psychosocial Intervention; (4) Cyber Safety and Information Security; (5) Food Security and Sustainability; or (6) Military Studies.



## SUSS Core Courses (Choose 20 cu)

Choose SUSS Core courses from four branches — Society, Capacities, People and Engagement.

### Major Compulsory Courses (Total 80 cu)

#### Political and Legal System (15 cu)

##### Level 1

- Introduction to the Singapore Legal System
- Crime, Justice, and Punishment

##### Level 2

- Criminal Law in Practice: An Overview

#### Administration and Communication (20 cu)

##### Level 1

- Organisational Behaviour in the Technology Era

##### Level 2

- Media Literacy in the Age of Fake News

##### Level 3

- Crisis Communication
- Psychological Perspective to Public Safety

#### Public Safety and Security (25 cu)

##### Level 2

- Cybersecurity and Digital Transformation
- Urban Security and Resilience

##### Level 3

- Countering Violent Extremism in Southeast Asia
- Transnational Crime and Globalisation
- Cybercrime

#### Research and Application (20 cu)

##### Level 2

- Research Methods for the Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Statistics and Data Analysis for the Social and Behavioural Sciences

##### Level 3

- Integrated Public Safety and Security Management (10 cu)

#### Explanatory Note:

<sup>1</sup> This minor is not available for students on scholarship from MHA.

#### Important Notes:

- All courses are 5 cu unless stated otherwise.
- The courses listed are subject to change.
- Please refer to the SUSS website for more details.

## Minor Courses (Choose 30 cu)

Choose a minor from the list below:

- Criminology
- Crisis Management
- Psychosocial Intervention
- Cyber Safety and Information Security
- Food Security and Sustainability<sup>1</sup>

# BSc PSYCHOLOGY



## Programme Overview



The BSc Psychology programme covers a broad range of theoretical, conceptual, analytical and functional skills. Students will receive a comprehensive education in psychology, and may choose specialisation tracks in (1) organizational psychology; (2) health, performance and well-being; or (3) forensic psychology.

This programme is for those who are interested to find out more about the science of human behaviour. Especially enriching for those who are in jobs that involve working with people or anyone who is interested in understanding human behaviour better, this programme provides you with the skills to understand people as people.

You may pursue Psychology as a single major or in combination with a minor.



## Whom is this for?

- Anyone who is curious to learn more about human behaviour.
- Those who are interested in pursuing psychology as a career.
- Anyone who wants to acquire skills to understand people as people.



## Career Prospects

A psychology bachelor's degree is a general social sciences degree. Graduates can basically work in any field. However, to pursue a career as a psychologist (e.g., as a clinical, organizational health, or sport psychologist), a higher degree in psychology is required (e.g., master's or PhD). Some of our alumni, after having obtained an honours degree in psychology at the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS), have pursued a master's/PhD degree at SUSS and in other local and international universities.



## Programme Structure

To graduate with a basic degree, students are to complete a total of 130 credit units (cu) of courses, comprising 20 cu of SUSS Core courses, 80 cu of major courses, and 30 cu of a minor or Free Electives (course pre-requisites apply).

This programme has an honours option. To graduate with an honours degree, students will have to satisfy all university requirements and complete an additional 40 cu of courses to achieve 170 cu in total. Students who achieve a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.5 and above upon completion of their basic degree may be invited to enrol in the honours programme, which will be offered only if the requisite number of students is met. Graduating students who meet the eligibility criteria for an honours classification will be awarded an honours degree based on aggregate academic performance measured by the CGPA assessed throughout the degree programme.

### SUSS Core Courses (Choose 20 cu)

Choose SUSS Core courses from four branches — Society, Capacities, People and Engagement.

### Minor/Free Electives (Choose 30 cu)

Choose from a list of minors (30 cu each) or Free Elective courses (course pre-requisites apply).

### Major Compulsory Courses (Total 50 cu)

#### Level 1

- Introduction to Psychology 1
- Introduction to Psychology 2

#### Level 2

- Research Methods for the Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Statistics and Data Analysis for the Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Social Psychology
- Mental Health and Well-being in Singapore
- Personality and Individual Differences

#### Level 3

- Cognitive Psychology: Exploring the Mind
- Positive Psychology
- Applied Research Methods and Statistics

### Honours Programme (Complete additional 40 cu of courses)

#### SUSS Core Courses (Choose additional 10 cu)

Choose SUSS Core courses from four branches — Society, Capacities, People and Engagement.

#### Major Compulsory Courses (Total 20 cu)

#### Level 4

- Statistics and Data Analysis
- Skills in Psychology
- Capstone Psychology Project (10 cu)

#### Free Electives (Choose additional 10 cu)

Choose from a list of Free Elective courses (course pre-requisites apply), including;

- Interventions in Clinical Psychology
- Psychometrics and Psychological Testing
- Qualitative Research
- Health and Wellness Coaching

...and many more.

### Specialisation Tracks (Choose any one of the specialisation tracks (30 cu each) from the list below)

#### Organisational Psychology (Total 30 cu)

#### Level 2

- Organisational Psychology

#### Level 3

- Personnel Assessment and Selection
- Psychology of Creativity
- Psychology of Consumer Behaviour
- Work Stress
- Performance Psychology

#### Health, Performance & Well-Being (Total 30 cu)

#### Level 2

- Health Psychology

#### Level 3

- Biological Basis of Psychology
- Emotion
- Performance Psychology
- Psychology of Nonverbal Behaviours
- Health and Well-being

#### Forensic Psychology (Total 30 cu)

#### Level 2

- Developmental Psychology

#### Level 3

- Counselling Psychology in Singapore
- Biological Basis of Psychology
- Psychology of Trauma: Theories and Applications
- Forensic Psychology in Singapore
- Cyber Safety and Digital Deviance<sup>1</sup>

#### General Track (Choose 30 cu — at least 20 cu of Level 3 courses)

#### Level 2

- Group Dynamics

#### Level 3

- Cultural Psychology
- Educational Psychology in Singapore
- Bilingualism, Language and the Brain

#### Level 2/3

- Any course from the other three specialisation tracks

#### Explanatory Note:

<sup>1</sup> This course is not applicable to students on the General Track.

#### Important Notes:

- All courses are 5 cu unless stated otherwise.
- Students are strongly advised to follow the proper progression of course levels (i.e., take Level 1 courses before Level 2, and Level 2 before Level 3).
- The courses listed are subject to change.
- Please refer to the SUSS website for more details.

# BA SOCIOLOGY



## Programme Overview



The BA Sociology programme covers a wide range of contemporary social issues to provide an analysis of human behaviour and society in a globalised world. It will appeal to anyone interested in understanding their social, political and cultural environment and provide a strong foundation in analytical, theoretical and methodological skills applied to contemporary issues relating to globalisation and social change, health and medicine, social stratification (race, class and ethnicity), popular culture, family, gerontology, gender, education, urban sociology, and law and order. These are studied in light of developments in the Singapore society, regionally, as well as within a global context.

Such core skills and knowledge are also essential in today's workplace. With a fast-changing world and work environment, there is a need for working adults to be equipped with competitive skills that allow them to attain a good grounding in disciplinary knowledge, skills in evaluating empirical research and capacity to apply these skills to analyse current social trends and problems, and to propose solutions in their areas of work. Sociology, with its attention on social trends and impact of policy in both the private and public sectors, serves to equip our adult learners with these skills and prepare them for related careers.

You may pursue Sociology as a single major or in combination with a minor.



## Whom is this for?

This programme is very suitable for those already working in — or wish to pursue careers within — industries and organisations such as the civil service and public administration, in social service sectors involving health, community and social development, in education, in the arts, media and creative industries, or in the private sector such as market research companies.

Those who are looking to upgrade their qualifications to enhance their skills within these professions, and who wish to develop knowledge and competencies in the area of social and cultural research, education, community and social development, market research, journalism or media are welcome to join us. Our courses also suit students who deal with social deviance and law and order, social work and counselling in their work.



## Career Prospects

Graduates with a general degree in sociology, who have strong analytical and research skills, are proficient in handling data, and well versed in social trends and contemporary social issues, can be found working in the civil service and public administration, the private and commercial sector, the social service sector, and community and non-profit organisations. Sociology provides training for those involved in education, community and social development services, media and creative industries, public relations and human resources, research and marketing, policy and planning, and others.

Today's graduates are required to be adaptable and proficient in a number of critical skills. As societal concerns become increasingly complex and evident in the considerations of policy-makers, sociology-trained graduates, with their breadth and depth of societal knowledge and research skills, are well placed to contribute within their professions and to society.



## Programme Structure

To graduate with a basic degree, students are to complete a total of 130 credit units (cu) of courses, comprising 20 cu of SUSS Core courses, 80 cu of major courses, and 30 cu of a minor or Free Electives (course pre-requisites apply).

### SUSS Core Courses (Choose 20 cu)

Choose SUSS Core courses from four branches — Society, Capacities, People and Engagement.

### Minor/Free Electives (Choose 30 cu)

Choose from a list of minors (30 cu each) or Free Elective courses (course pre-requisites apply).

### Major Compulsory Courses (Total 50 cu)

#### Level 1

- Introduction to Sociology

#### Level 2

- Singapore Society
- Social Stratification
- Gender and Society
- Research Methods for the Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Statistics and Data Analysis for the Social and Behavioural Sciences

#### Level 3

- Classical Social Thought
- Contemporary Social Theory
- Qualitative Data Analysis
- Research Design and Methods

### Major Elective Courses (Choose 30 cu)

#### Level 2

- Religion in Contemporary Societies
- Social Psychology

#### Level 3

- Sociology of Organisations
- Sociology of Education
- Sociology of Family
- Sociology of Health and Healthcare
- Ageing and Society
- Urban Sociology
- Popular Culture
- Southeast Asian Societies
- Science, Technology, and Society
- Criminological Theories and Intervention

#### Important Notes:

- All courses are 5 cu unless stated otherwise.
- The courses listed are subject to change.
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# MINORS

The SUSS School of Humanities and Behavioural Sciences offers the following minors:

- Chinese Language and Culture
- Chinese Literature
- Communication
- Criminal Investigation (*only for Home Team officers; conducted at Home Team Academy*)
- Criminology
- Crisis Management
- Cyber Safety and Information Security
- English Language
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- Food Security and Sustainability
- Malay Language
- Military Studies (*only for SAF regulars*)
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Psychosocial Intervention
- Sociology
- Tamil Language
- Translation

An SUSS student reading any programme with a minor option can choose to take any minor offered by the University, subject to meeting specific requirements of his/her programme and the minor.



Please visit [suss.edu.sg](https://suss.edu.sg) for the full list of minors available.

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## ADMISSION CRITERIA

1. Singapore Citizens, Singapore Permanent Residents or residents in Singapore
2. • GCE 'A' Level with two passes (prior to 2006) or two H2 passes (from 2006), or
  - Local Polytechnic Diploma, or
  - International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, or
  - NUS High School Diploma, or equivalent<sup>1</sup>
3. Two years of full-time work experience, or currently employed on a full-time basis<sup>2</sup>
4. At least 21 years old

<sup>1</sup> Acceptable qualifications: Diploma from LASALLE College of the Arts; Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA); National Institute of Education; and ITE Work-Study Diploma. Other Diploma qualifications (e.g., Advanced Diploma, Specialist Diploma, Conversion Diploma) plus an acceptable SAT or ACT (with Writing) score may be considered for admission on a case-by-case basis.

<sup>2</sup> Applicants who have fully completed National Service will be deemed to have fulfilled the work experience criterion.

Some programmes may have additional requirements. Please refer to the individual programme page on the SUSS website for details.

Shortlisted applicants may be required to undergo one or more interviews and/or take written admission or other evaluation tests as may be prescribed by SUSS from time to time.

All applications are considered individually on merit, and the offer of admission is dependent on the number of places available in individual programmes. Admission is solely at the discretion of SUSS and the decision is final and binding. SUSS reserves the right to refuse admission and is not obliged to offer an explanation for the non-admission of unsuccessful candidates.

# TUITION FEES



Find out more

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.

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID



Find out more

SUSS offers scholarships to outstanding students pursuing their undergraduate studies with the University in recognition of their excellent academic achievements, leadership qualities, special talents and contributions.

There are also various types of financial aid available to students who need financial assistance during the course of their study.

Please visit [suss.edu.sg](https://suss.edu.sg) for more details on the admission criteria, tuition fees and other information.



# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



## 'LANGUAGE IN SINGAPORE' FORUM 2023

On 8 September 2023, the School of Humanities and Behavioural Sciences (SHBS) hosted the 'Language in Singapore' Forum on campus. This forum is a signature event of SHBS and is held biennially. The theme of the 2023 forum was "Talking AI, Rethinking Humanity"—a timely topic, given the evolving advancement of artificial intelligence. Four speakers, each representing their respective language communities, discussed issues such as ethics, basic human values, and equality in their experience of and engagement with AI.

Mr Felix Cheong, Mr Bashir Basalamah, Ms Lin Rongchan and Mr Raja Mohamad reflected on the responsible use of AI in their professions, exploring not only the threats that AI poses to jobs, but also the innovative ways in which it can enhance our understanding and appreciation of language, culture, and daily experiences. The forum concluded with a lively panel discussion, moderated by Ms Khoo Sim Eng, during which speakers fielded questions from the audience to generate further insights into current and future trends shaping AI and the language landscape.



## FIELDWORK IN THE CITY — THE SOCIOLOGY PROGRAMME PRESENTS FIELD TRIP #1

The American sociologist, Robert Park, was famous for telling his students to "go get the seat of your pants dirty in real research" and to obtain first-hand observation of their city. Indeed, fieldwork observation can be a useful tool for making sense of the changes and continuities in the city. While Waterloo Street is familiar to many of us for its multiple sites of worship and arts spaces, what are the sights, smells and sounds that constitute its way of life? Are certain groups of people or activities more invisible than others? Does this historical urban space hold surprises that challenge our assumptions about our city?

### Student Testimonials:

*"It was an insightful session for us all and a great opportunity for us to connect with fellow soci people. Hope other students will have such opportunities too."*

*"I thoroughly enjoyed myself and have learnt a lot."*

*"It was an eye-opening experience as we tend to often walk past these sites without questioning much about the goings-on."*

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



### PUBLIC LECTURE CUM DEMONSTRATION ON 'THE MONKEY KING'

On 7 October 2023, the Chinese Studies programme and the Trend Education Foundation collaboratively organised a Public Lecture and Peking Opera Demonstration event centered around 'The Monkey King.' This event served as a unique platform for participants to immerse themselves in the rich traditions and innovative facets of Chinese culture. Hosted at SUSS, it provided a fascinating insight into Chinese heritage.

During the event, Chu Lu-Hao, a renowned Taiwanese Monkey King actor, shared valuable insights into the journey of becoming a Peking opera actor. His presentation offered participants a deeper understanding of the dedication and skills required for this traditional art form. It shed light on the rigorous training and commitment integral to the craft.

Following the informative session, three exceptionally talented actors — Hsu Ting-Fang, Chin Lang, and Su Chien-Yu — treated the audience to four remarkable performances. These captivating showcases featured awe-inspiring kungfu stunts that left the participants in sheer amazement. Their physical prowess and skills were on full display, captivating everyone in attendance.

The event wasn't just about passive observation. Attendees had the unique opportunity to learn more about the intricate costumes used in Peking Opera and even try them on. This hands-on experience added an interactive and engaging dimension to the event, enabling participants to appreciate the artistry and craftsmanship behind these costumes. The event, combining cultural enrichment with interactivity, fostered a deeper appreciation for Chinese culture and the performing arts.



### ADAPTATIONS AND INNOVATIONS OF CULTURAL FESTIVALS: A CASE STUDY ON SINGAPORE'S GETAI AND HUNGRY GHOST FESTIVAL

The Chinese Studies programme organised an academic talk on 29 June 2023 where our guest speaker, Professor Zeng Ling, from Xiamen University explained how the Hungry Ghost Festival, which originated in Southern China, has been celebrated in Singapore and how "getai" became the most common form of entertainment during the festival. This is a case study based on the "Cultural China" framework for sociocultural research on overseas Chinese communities.

# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



## STUDY TRIP TO SUPREME COURT FOR STUDENTS OF SUSS TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION PROGRAMMES

On 20 September 2023, students of BA Translation and Interpretation programme joined a study trip to the Supreme Court Singapore. Students first attended a criminal court to observe an open trial. The accused only spoke Malay and hence a Malay-English interpreter was present for simultaneous interpretation. They later observed a trial in a civil court.

The highlight of the visit was the interaction between students and court interpreters. The sharing by court interpreters about their day-to-day tasks and challenges at work gave students greater insights into court interpreters' role in the administration of justice. A mock court session was then conducted with students playing the roles of prosecutor, defendant and interpreter, and court interpreters giving students feedback. And what came as a pleasant surprise at the end of the visit was the news that one of the participants will join the Supreme Court as a court interpreter in November upon graduation!

## FILM STUDIES: FILMMAKER VISITS & MOVIE SCREENING

Film Studies regularly organises enrichment events for students. In 2023, there were five sessions with award-winning filmmakers and a movie screening with Q&A. Below are photos from some of the sessions.



Director Alvin Lee, whose short film *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes* won best short film at the 35th China Golden Rooster Award, showed students how to tell a story visually through framing.



Actress Tan Kheng Hua visited the Singapore Film class and shared some of the differences between filming in Singapore and overseas, with anecdotes from her time filming shows like *Phua Chu Kang* and *Crazy Rich Asians*.



Director Ho Cheuk Tin, who was in Singapore to attend the Hong Kong Gala Film Presentation (HKGFP), shared his experiences as a filmmaker in Hong Kong.



Film Studies organised a screening of the Singapore-Malaysia film *La Luna*. Singapore director M. Raihan Halim was present for a Q&A session. Guests from non-profit organisation Singapore Muslim Women's Association (PPIS) were also invited.

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