

# School of Social Sciences

Embark on an Educational  
Journey Beyond Academics



SMU

SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT  
UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Social Science  
[BSocSc]

Undergraduate

# Dean's Message

In a world driven by rapid change—technology, globalisation, climate challenges, and social movements—understanding human behaviour and societal systems is more important than ever. At the School of Social Sciences, we equip you with the tools to think critically and conduct sound analysis to solve real-world problems and thrive in a wide range of future careers. You will learn from globally trained faculty with wide-ranging research expertise and gain hands-on experience through research, internships, industry collaborations, and community projects. By graduation, you will have strong analytical and practical skills that prepare you for diverse career pathways and a personally transformative journey. We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

**Kenneth Benoit**  
**Professor of Computational Social Science**  
**Dean, School of Social Sciences**

A vibrant  
 community  
 that inspires  
 curiosity

Your Social  
 Sciences  
 Journey  
 Starts Here

## What Makes SOSS the Place for You?

### RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

- Learn from globally trained faculty engaged in cutting-edge research.
- Students and faculty have won multiple international research awards.
- Gain research experience through seminars, research assistantships, and thesis or guided research courses.\*

\*Eligibility requirements apply.



### INTERACTIVE PEDAGOGY

- Small seminar-style classes.
- Active discussions and debates support strong peer learning.
- Close-knit community of faculty and students.



### INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

- Invest yourself in a double degree or second major from various options across SMU.
- Specialise in Psychology, Political Science, or Sociology from Year 2.
- Experience hands-on, collaborative learning that applies theory to real issues.
- Strengthen critical thinking, presentation, and social skills.
- Work alongside students from diverse disciplines.



### MULTIPLE CAREER PATHWAYS

- Around 90% of graduates are employed within six months.
- Alumni excel in industry, academia, and their own professional practices and businesses.



# Check Out the Bachelor of Social Science Programme Structure

## CORE CURRICULUM (12)

CAPABILITITES (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

9

Politics, Law and Economics

7

## ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (3)

Digital Technology/Data Analytics

Sustainability

Singapore and 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?



### CAPABILITIES

Students will develop specific competencies and skills that are necessary to dexterously operate in an increasingly complex, digitised, and data-driven working environment. They will also complete an internship, either locally or overseas.



### COMMUNITIES

Students will gain a deeper understanding of the economic, technological, and cultural systems that shape our interactions with our communities. They will also complete a community service project, either locally or overseas.



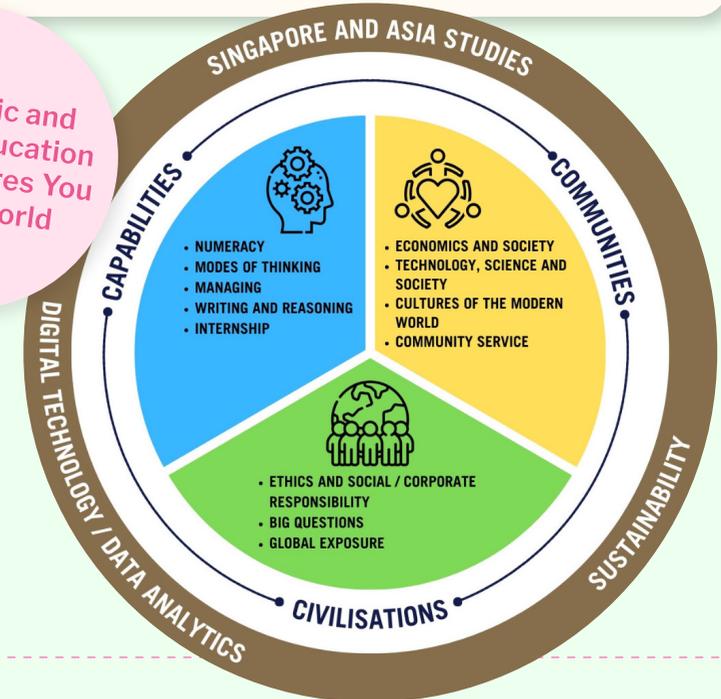
### CIVILISATIONS

Students will engage in critical dialogue and immersive immersion into fundamental and perennial debates that cut across time and space.

- Happiness & Suffering
- Wealth & Poverty

In addition, they will complete a Global Exposure Experience.

A Dynamic and Holistic Education That Prepares You for the World



### 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, multidisciplinary, and integrated approach to the study of phenomena in the social sciences and produces graduates for careers across diverse fields, e.g. business, media, economics, education, public policy, human resource management, and other analytical and social-intensive professions. Students may choose to major in one of three disciplines.



## PSYCHOLOGY

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

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 political science and acquire research skills relevant to analysing political phenomena. 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

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 outcomes 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 state-society-business relations take place. Graduates would be well-equipped with the knowledge and skills to help propel them in their chosen fields of public service, non-government organisations, or private sector.



## POLITICS, LAW AND ECONOMICS

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 economic processes, production, consumption, and transfer of wealth. Students will hone their 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.



## SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES (SSOC)

Inspired by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Sustainable Societies (SSOC) second major instils 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)

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.

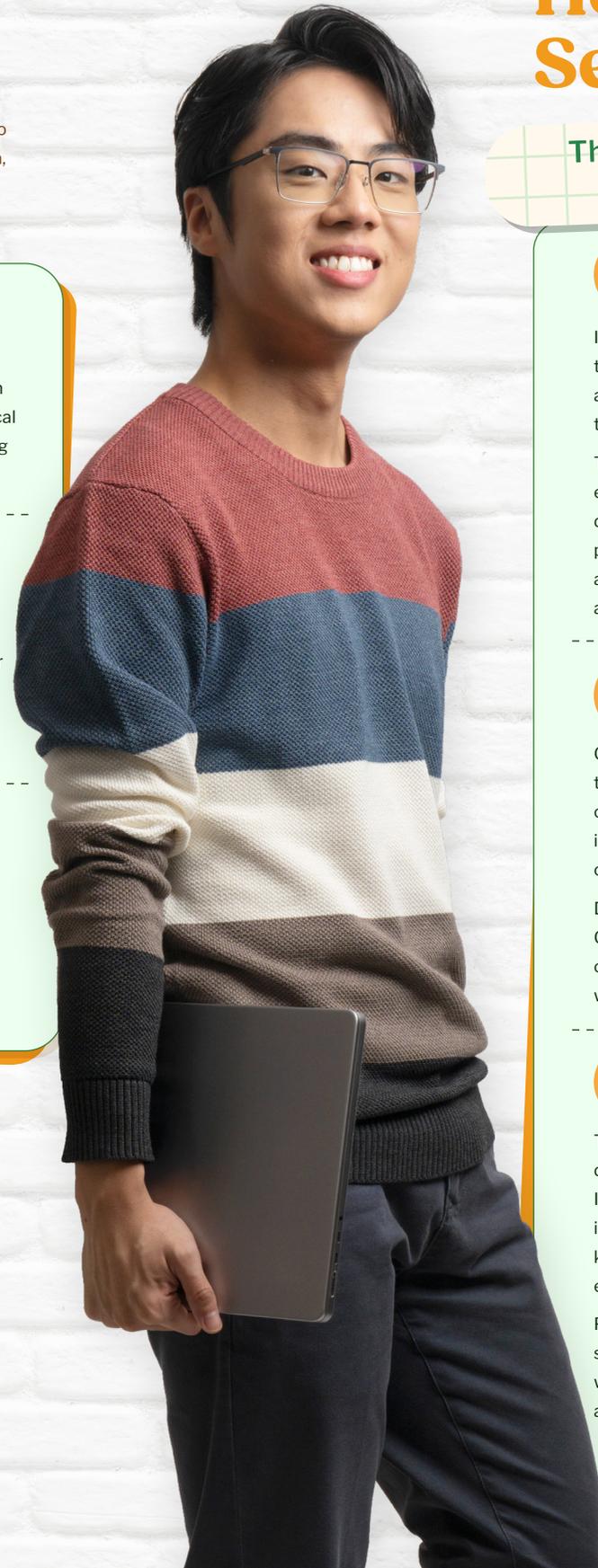
Designed to accommodate students from diverse degree programmes, the GA major equips students with the necessary skills to navigate Asia's changing social, economic, and geopolitical terrains. It is ideal for students who want to supplement their studies with specialised knowledge about Asia.



## PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT (PPPM)

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 through exposure to national and international policy-related work, urgent matters, and a wide variety of knowledge relating to public affairs. It also builds students' knowledge and expertise on topics relevant to contemporary data governance.

PPPM courses sharpen students' analytical thinking and communication skills that are critical for thriving in modern workplaces, understanding wicked issues around climate change, social inequality and other topics, as well as developing practical solutions to address these pressing issues.



# Major Curriculum

## 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 or Sustainability Practicum	
	6. Psychology Research Methods I 7. Psychology Research Methods II	6. Research Skills Course <sup>A</sup> – 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 Electives	Students to select 8 courses from the following: • Cognitive Psychology • Cultural Psychology • Cyberpsychology: Technology and the Human Mind • Developmental Psychology • Evolutionary Psychology • Guided Research in Social Science (Psychology) • Health Psychology • Industrial and Organisational Psychology • Overseas Project Experience (Applied Psychology in Asia) • Psychology of Close Relationships • Psychology of Group Processes and Decision Making • Psychology of Individual Differences • Psychology of Reasoning and Thinking • Psychology of Sustainability • Psychometrics and Psychological Testing • Senior Thesis in Psychology • Social Cognition • Social Psychology • Subjective Well-Being	Students to complete at least 2 CUs from the following: • Comparative Political Systems • Introduction to Public Policy • Political Theory • World Politics  Students are required to complete the remaining 7 CUs from the following: • Democracy • Development, Underdevelopment and Poverty • Elections and the Media • European Union Politics • Gender Politics: Exclusion and Empowerment • International Political Economy • International Relations of East Asia • Political Economy of Development • Political Science Study Mission • Senior Thesis in Political Science • The Politics of Water in Asia  <sup>A</sup> Students may choose to select courses from the "Research Skills" group under Major Core to fulfil the major elective requirement.	Students to select 8 courses from the following: • Contemporary South Asian Societies • Deconstructing Singapore Society • Economic Sociology: New Directions in Capitalism • Food, Environment and Sustainability • Gender and Family • Global and Transnational Sociology • Governance and Development in the Global South • InterAsian Mobilities • International Migration • Medical Sociology • Senior Thesis in Sociology • Social Networks • Social Stratification and Inequality • Sociology of Education • Sociology of Terrorism and Political Violence • Social Entrepreneurship Challenge in the Indo-Pacific (SMU-XO) • Understanding China's Economic Miracle: Social Origins and Social Impact

<sup>A</sup> Course listings are not exhaustive and are subject to change from term to term.

# Major Curriculum

## Politics, Law and Economics

### POLITICS, LAW AND ECONOMICS CORE (12)

- Business Law
- Governance Through Law in Singapore: Institutions, Jurisprudence, and Values\*
- Interdisciplinary 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
- Social Science Practicum or Sustainability 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

- 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

#### Global Studies

##### Group A

- Comparing Political Systems
- 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
- 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

##### 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 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
- 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
- Sustainability Management & Governance
- Sustainable Digital Cities

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#### Distribution and Justice

##### Group A

- Comparing Political Systems
- Development, Underdevelopment and Poverty
- Economic Development in Asia

- Economic Growth
- Environmental 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

##### Group A

- Development Economics
- Development, Underdevelopment and Poverty
- Environmental Economics
- Environmental 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

##### Group B

- Biotechnology in a Global Society
- Climate, History, and Society
- Climate Change: Global and Local Solutions
- Environmental Science
- Globalisation 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

\*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. Legal studies 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)

### SSOC CORE – 3 COURSE UNITS

Students are required to complete the following courses:

- Sustainability and Social Science
- Sustainability Practicum (SMU-X)
- Sustainability Reasoning and Analysis

### SSOC ELECTIVES – 5 COURSE UNITS

Students are required to complete a minimum of 5 CUs of Sustainable Societies Second Major Electives. These must include at least 1 CU from each pillar:

#### Society

- Climate, History & Society
- Gender and Family
- Gender Politics
- Innovations for Asia's Smart Cities
- Psychology of Sustainability
- Sustainable Digital Cities
- Social Stratification & Inequality
- Sociology of Education
- Technological Innovations Enhancing Urban Sustainability

#### Economy

- 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

#### Environment

- Climate Change: Global & Local Solutions
- Environmental Policy
- Food, Environment & Sustainability
- Heated Debates: Climate Justice
- Politics of Water in Asia
- Sustainable Cities

## Public Policy and Public Management (PPPM)

### PPPM CORE – 3 COURSE UNITS

Students are required to complete the following courses:

- Introduction to Public Policy
- Public Policy Task Force
- Public Sector Management

### PPPM ELECTIVES – 5 COURSE UNITS

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:

#### Public Sector Skills

- Economics of Ageing
- Governing, Managing and Protecting Knowledge in Organisations
- 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

#### Public Policy in Asia and Global Governance Thematic Issues

- 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

## Global Asia (GA)

### GA CORE – 2 COURSE UNITS

Students are required to complete the following courses:

- Southeast Asia: Past and Present
- 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 at least 1 CU from each of the following categories:

#### Immersive Asia

- 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)

#### Engaging Asia

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
- 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



## 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-focused courses. With the exception of Guided Research in Social Science, these courses are student-initiated.



### 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.



### 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.



### Guided Research in Social Science (GRSS, 1 CU Course)

The GRSS offers students the opportunity to work on a guided research project focused on a theme that is predetermined by the faculty member. Students will develop core social science research skills ranging from design and analysis to written and oral presentation.

## 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.

# 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 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.



## Internships

SMU internships benefit students in multiple ways – providing exposure to working life, developing real-world perspectives, enabling insights into career choices, and facilitating valuable professional 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 Service Projects

Overseas community service projects provide students with opportunities to positively impact 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.



# Hear From Our Students and Alumni

"I decided to join SOSS as I appreciated the flexibility of the PPS curriculum - I could spend my first year trying out modules across various disciplines before committing to a major. This exposure allowed me to deepen my interest in the humanities, while also broadening my understanding of the world around me. My learning has also been enriched by the SOSS community; professors are deeply passionate about their research areas and show genuine care for their students, while engaging class discussions with my peers challenge me to think more critically and agilely. Overall, my time in SOSS has strengthened my ability to express ideas clearly, shaped a new worldview, and contributed significantly to my growth as a more thoughtful and grounded individual."



**LIOW XUAN RONG**  
Year 2  
Majoring in Sociology and Sustainability Management

"Joining SOSS has been a deeply enriching experience, both intellectually and personally. The social sciences tell a compelling story of humanity, exploring how we interact with our environments to shape the complex societies we inhabit, and uncovering important patterns and theories that often go unnoticed in everyday life. Studying psychology has helped me better understand my own thoughts and behaviours, as well as those of others; this grounding in the human condition has allowed me to approach both large and small issues with greater depth and empathy. Above all, the SOSS community is one driven by passion- an open-minded space that facilitates the exchange of ideas, encourages endless curiosity, and fosters a supportive, inclusive environment where diverse perspectives are valued."



**ALEXIS ANG BOWIE**  
Year 3  
Majoring in Psychology and Organisational Behaviour & Human Resources

"What truly sets SMU apart is its seminar-style learning. Professors actively encourage us to share ideas, ask questions, and debate different perspectives, making every class lively and engaging. Over the past four years, I completed a range of group projects, many of which involved real-world applications. I also appreciated the opportunity to explore modules across different schools and disciplines. Beyond the classroom, SMU's vibrant co-curricular scene ensures there is always a club, society, or activity to dive into and new people to meet. From dynamic class discussions to memorable club events, SMU has made my university journey meaningful, engaging, and full of growth."



**JAZIN WEE**  
Class of 2020  
Manager, Strategic Accounts & Operation Support at PSA BDP

"SMU's seminar system has given me the freedom to direct my own learning, exploring opportunities within and beyond the classroom. I have been able to configure my own rhythm of academic progression, freeing up the time and space to take on new challenges and adventures. SOSS' interdisciplinary flexibility has provided an enriching array of avenues to pursue. Taking courses in economics, sociology, policy studies, legal studies, and so much more have only enriched my major in Political Science. A city campus puts us right at the heart of socio-political and economic life in Singapore. It provides us easy access to many of the exciting events and professional opportunities around town. Altogether, this place has empowered my peers and I, encouraging and equipping us to take on life's open-ended questions and possibilities."



**JONATHAN LIM KAI EN**  
Year 3  
Majoring in Political Science and Public Policy & Public Management

"I have always been attracted to the interdisciplinary nature of the PLE degree and SMU in general! It has really helped me to question my beliefs and understanding from a variety of angles, gaining diverse skills to delve deeper into a wide range of societal issues. I really enjoy the interactive aspect of SMU's unique teaching pedagogy. The small class sizes and seminar-style lessons have really helped me to immerse in the course materials and engage in meaningful and insightful conversations about the world around us."



**PRESTON CHUA**  
Year 3  
Majoring in Politics, Law and Economics and Public Policy & Public Management

"Choosing a university and course of study is a major decision, and choosing SMU was one of the best I have made. SMU equipped me with many work-relevant skills, while also giving me treasured memories that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. It provided an environment and the opportunities to pursue my passion for research, broaden my horizons through CCA activities, and foster lifelong friendships. These experiences continue to benefit me every day in my interactions as a psychologist at work and I would not be able to do the work I do today without them."



**AMOS TAI**  
Class of 2022,  
Psychologist, MINDEF

# What Are My Career Prospects?

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.

**One degree,  
A world of options.**

## A Myriad of Career Options

### 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

### ADVERTISING, MARKETING, PUBLIC RELATIONS

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

### CONSULTING, FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES, MANAGEMENT

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

### 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
- Dyslexia Association of Singapore
- Institute of Mental Health
- Samaritans of Singapore

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

**Lifelong career support for all alumni!**

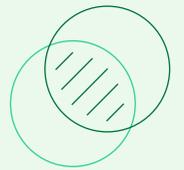
**Dedicated career counsellor at every career stage!**





When it comes to your future, SMU puts **FIRST** things first

**1st** with an interdisciplinary and integrative curriculum



**1st** to offer global exposure for ALL students



**1st** university in Singapore to let you design your own major



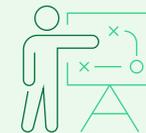
**1st** to offer a dedicated sustainability major (as a second major)



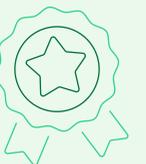
**1st** with a Core Curriculum that is the most flexible as well



**1st** with 100% seminar-style classes



**1st** to guarantee a 2nd major for all students



**1st** to pioneer a CCA transcript for graduates



**1st** LOCAL UNI TO PIONEER ALL THESE!

# 500+ double major combinations

## Pick, choose and get a career head start!

100% flexibility

Guaranteed 2nd major

You don't have to choose your major(s) until year 2 in SMU!

### School of Accountancy

- Accounting
- Accounting with track in Sustainability Accounting **NEW**
- Accounting Data and Analytics (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Financial Forensics (to be taken as a 2nd major)

### Lee Kong Chian School of Business

- Communication Management
- Communication Management with track in Data, Design, & Communication
- Finance
- Finance with track in Finance Analytics
- Finance with track in Real Estate
- Finance with track in Wealth Management
- Finance with track in International Trading
- Finance with track in Banking
- Finance with track in Sustainable Finance
- Finance with Private Banking Work-Study Degree
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Marketing
- Marketing with track in Marketing Analytics
- Operations Management
- Operations Management with track in Operations Analytics
- Operations Management with track in Maritime Business & Operations
- 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 with:

##### Single track options:

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

##### Dual tracks options:

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

#### BSc (Computer Science) Degree AI Solution Development Major with:

##### Single track options:

- Frontier Artificial Intelligence
- Cybersecurity
- Software Systems

##### Dual tracks options:

- Frontier Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity
- Frontier Artificial Intelligence and Software Systems
- Cybersecurity and Software Systems

You are guaranteed a 2nd major when you enter SMU. This means you can take courses and majors across all seven schools. You will be better equipped, more versatile, capable and gain an edge over your peers!



Single Degree Programme with 1 Major



Single Degree Programme with 2 Majors



Double Degree Programme with 2 Majors



Double Degree Programme with 3 Majors

1/3 Major

1/3 Core Curriculum

1/3 Whatever else you want to explore

### School of Economics

- Economics
- Economics with track in Quantitative Economics
- 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)
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Global Asia (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Public Policy and Public Management (to be taken as a 2nd major)
- Sustainable Societies (to be taken as a 2nd major)

### College of Integrative Studies

- Deferred Declaration of Degree
- Individualised Major
- Individualised Second Major



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