Bachelor of Social Science

BSocSc

Student Handbook

(For students admitted in AY 2019-20 onwards)

As of 24 July, 2019
**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OVERVIEW</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE STRUCTURE</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNIVERSITY CORE</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CAPABILITIES – 6 COURSE UNITS</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COMMUNITIES – 4 COURSE UNITS</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CIVILISATIONS – 2 COURSE UNITS</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAJOR REQUIREMENTS</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SOCIAL SCIENCE PRACTICUM</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SOCIOLOGY MAJOR</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POLITICS, LAW AND ECONOMICS MAJOR</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SENIOR THESIS</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FREE ELECTIVES – 9 COURSE UNITS (POLITICAL SCIENCE, PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY MAJORS) OR 7 COURSE UNITS (POLITICS, LAW AND ECONOMICS MAJOR)</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SINGAPORE STUDIES</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ASIA STUDIES</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GLOBAL EXPOSURE</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INDEPENDENT STUDY PROJECT</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SECOND MAJOR</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POLITICAL SCIENCE SECOND MAJOR</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PSYCHOLOGY SECOND MAJOR</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SOCIOLOGY SECOND MAJOR</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ARTS AND CULTURE MANAGEMENT SECOND MAJOR</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GLOBAL ASIA SECOND MAJOR</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT SECOND MAJOR</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMME</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS TO NOTE</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MINIMUM CREDIT UNITS REQUIREMENTS FOR DDP</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REGISTRATION OF COURSES</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PROCEDURES FOR SELF-ARRANGED EXTERNAL STUDY PROGRAMMES</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXPLORATORY COURSES</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TRANSFER OF PROGRAMME</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONLINE ACCESS TO STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (OASIS)</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CONTACT US</td>
<td>33</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
OVERVIEW

SMU’s holistic undergraduate programme is designed to help students develop into broadly educated individuals, with depth of knowledge in selected domains, and workplace capabilities required to thrive in the 21st century.

Through our undergraduate curriculum and student life experience, SMU is committed to nurturing graduates distinguish themselves with the SMU Graduate Identities:

1. Independence in mind (encompasses problem solving, entrepreneurial thinking and critical thinking) vs Dependability in deeds (includes collaboration and communication);
2. Thinking vs Action – able to delve deeply into issues across disciplines, and deliver meaningful impact locally and globally.
**BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE STRUCTURE**

The Bachelor of Social Science programme comprises three key sections: (1) the University Core, which helps students cultivate a stable intellectual core, cutting across disciplines; (2) the Major Requirements, which help students develop depth in their chosen discipline(s) of study; and (3) the Free Electives, which afford students choice for flexible self-directed learning, towards greater disciplinary depth or multidisciplinary breadth.

There are two distinct pathways in the Bachelor of Social Science programme. One delivers a broad-based undergraduate education centered on the disciplines of Political Science, Psychology and Sociology (PPS). The other brings together the study of Politics, Law and Economics (PLE) with an integrative approach. Both pathways equip the student with a holistic and multi-disciplinary approach to the study of phenomena in the social sciences and develops the tools and frameworks applicable to careers in human resources, education, management and other analytical and social-intensive professions.

Satisfactory completion of these requirements will lead to the award of BSocSc.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course Units (CUs)</th>
<th>Period of Study</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Political Science</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>University Core</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Capabilities</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Communities</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Civilisations</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Major Requirements</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Major Core</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Major Electives</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Free Electives</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Any SMU course</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Graduation Requirements</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Singapore Studies</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Asia Studies</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Global Exposure</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Required</td>
<td>36</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Students on the Politics, Law and Economics major who have not met the criteria for exemption in Calculus based on their pre-university grades will be required to complete both Introductory Statistics and Calculus under the Numeracy basket of the University Core-Capabilities pillar. As such, these students will have one fewer Free Elective, i.e. 6 instead of 7.
UNIVERSITY CORE

The SMU Core Curriculum is a menu of twelve carefully selected course units (CUs) to initiate undergraduates into their journey to become fully realised SMU graduates. It forms the root intellectual experience that every undergraduate will undergo at SMU, providing a broad-based education that develops students’ broad knowledge of the world, interdisciplinary and contextual perspectives, understanding of self and society, and capability in key 21st-century skills – contributing significantly to the making of an educated person in the 21st century.

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. Through the Core Curriculum, SMU aims to produce students who are technically competent and agile, socially conscious and adept in their communities, and inspired by the timeless puzzles and challenges confronting humanity.
CAPABILITIES – 6 COURSE UNITS

The first pillar, Capabilities, is about imparting to students the 21st century skills necessary to dexterously operate in an increasingly digitised and data-driven working environment. These skills will be imparted in courses from five baskets.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Basket</th>
<th>Course Units (CUs)</th>
<th>Course Listing</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Managing                  | 2                  | Choose two from:  
  - Accounting for Entrepreneurs  
  - Business, Government and Society  
  - Capital Markets in China  
  - Spreadsheet Modelling and Analytics  
  - Leadership and Team Building  
  - Management Communication |
| Modes of Thinking         | 1                  | Choose one from:  
  - Critical Thinking  
  - Computational Thinking  
  - Managing in a Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous Context |
| Numeracy                  | 1                  | Calculus # OR Introductory Statistics #                                                                                                       |
| Writing and Reasoning     | 1                  | Programme in Writing and Reasoning #                                                                                                           |
| Internship                | 1                  |                                                                                                                                              |

# Students may be given exemptions for these courses on the basis of good pre-university grades for GCE A-level, Polytechnic Diploma, or other recognised qualifications. Please refer to OASIS > Academic Policies > Exemption Policy for more information on SMU’s exemption policy.

The courses listed here may not be exhaustive. Please refer to the course catalogue for updated course offerings each term.

University Core courses are not to be double counted towards any other requirements. In cases where a University Core course overlaps with another requirement, students will need to take an additional course to fulfil both requirements.

^ Numeracy

Students taking either of the Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology majors are required to complete Calculus to fulfil the Numeracy basket.

Students taking the Politics, Law and Economics major are required to complete Introductory Statistics to fulfil the Numeracy basket. In addition, students on the Politics, Law and Economics major who have not met the criteria for exemption in Calculus based on their pre-university grades will also be required to complete Calculus, i.e. complete both Introductory Statistics and Calculus. Students who are required to complete both Introductory Statistics and Calculus will have one fewer Free Elective, i.e. 6 instead of 7.
**INTERNSHIP**

Internship is a mandatory degree requirement for all undergraduates and carries 1 CU, except for students in the LLB programme.

For undergraduates enrolled from AY2019 onwards, the prerequisites for embarking on their first recognised internship include the completion of the following online learning units on eLearn:

- Reflective Practice Unit (RPU), which must be completed before progressing to the following:
- Five Internship Readiness Modules
  - Self-Discovery and Basic Career Planning (IRM101)
  - Creating and Managing your Professional Digital Footprints (IRM102)
  - Resume and Cover Letter Writing (IRM103)
  - Job Search Strategies (IRM104)
  - Interviewing Skills (IRM105)
- e-Internship Quiz after reading the e-Internship Guide

Students will need to complete at least one academic term of coursework before embarking on internships, although most students embark on their first internship after completion of Year 2 when they are more likely to have met their Career Coach at least once and have given sufficient thought to their majors and career choices for their future.

To earn the 1 CU credit, students are required to complete pre-, mid- and post-activity reflections on their selected learning objectives for all internships that contribute to the degree requirement of total 10 weeks.

For more information on Internships, please refer to [OASIS> Careers & Comm Service > Internship.](#)

**COMMUNITIES – 4 COURSE UNITS**

The Communities pillar aims to help students understand the economic, technological, and cultural systems that structure our interactions with our communities. It comprises four baskets:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Basket</th>
<th>Course Units (CUs)</th>
<th>Course Listing</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Economics and Society</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Choose one from:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Climate Change: Global and Local Solution</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Climate, History and Society</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Digital Cultures</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Science and Technology Studies: Where Science Meets Society</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Science, Environment and Empire</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Technology and World Change</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Technology and Society</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cultures of the Modern World</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Choose one from:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-----------------------------</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>----------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Contemporary South Asian Societies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Cultural History of the Cold War in Asia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Film in Southeast Asia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Global and Transnational Sociology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Politics of Southeast Asia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Singapore: Imagining the Next 50 Years</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Sustainable Cities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Understanding China’s Economics Miracles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Urban Cultures</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Foreign Languages, e.g. Bahasa Melayu, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Thai</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community Service</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

University Core courses are not to be double counted towards any other requirements. In cases where a University Core course overlaps with another requirement, students will need to take an additional course to fulfil both requirements.

The courses listed here may not be exhaustive. Please refer to the course catalogue for updated course offerings each term.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Community Service is a mandatory degree requirement for all undergraduates and carries 1 CU, except for students in the LLB programme.

For undergraduates enrolled from AY2019 onwards, the prerequisites for embarking on your community service include the completion of the following online learning units on eLearn:

- Reflective Practice Unit (RPU), which must be completed before progressing to the following:
- Three Community Service Units (CSUs)
  - Self & Community Engagement (CSU101)
  - Service-Learning (CSU102)
  - Needs Analysis & Asset Mapping (CSU103)
- e-Guidebook and a Final Community Service Quiz

The prerequisites listed above, when duly completed, will allow you to view and apply/self-propose community service projects on OnTRAC II.

To earn the 1 CU credit, students are required to complete pre-, mid- and post-activity reflections on their selected learning objectives for all Community Service Projects (CSPs) that contribute to the degree requirement of total 80 hours of CSP.
For more information on Community Service, please refer to OASIS > Careers & Comm Service > Community Service.

CIVILISATIONS – 2 COURSE UNITS

The third pillar of the University Core, Civilisations, aims to immerse students in fundamental and perennial debates that cut across time and space, to a critical dialogue between multiple and competing traditions of thought and problem-solving. The pillar has three requirements:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Requirement</th>
<th>Course Units (CUs)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ethics and Social Responsibility</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Big Questions</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Global Exposure (refer to Additional Graduation Requirement for details)</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

BSocSc students are required to declare a major by the end of their second year and take at least 10 courses in the chosen major. Students do not have to meet any pre-requisites prior to declaring their first major.

- Political Science Major
- Psychology Major
- Sociology Major
- Politics, Law and Economics Major

SOCIAL SCIENCE PRACTICUM

The Social Science Practicum (SSP) is a compulsory module for all BSocSc students. The purpose of the SSP is to get final-year students to apply the theories and research methods they have learned to real world problems and to seek solutions that are informed by a multidisciplinary social science perspective. Every SSP module will deal with some specific real world problem(s), such as those created by an aging population or by rising inequality. There will be a substantial project component where students from different social science disciplines will work together to find practical solutions to these problems. Working in small groups to find solutions to real world problems will create opportunities for students to apply the theories and research tools that they have learned and to develop an integrative understanding of the social sciences.

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

POLITICAL SCIENCE CORE – 6 COURSE UNITS

Students are required to complete the following courses.

1. Introduction to Political and Policy Studies
2. Introduction to Psychology
3. Understanding Societies
4. Introductory Statistics
5. South-East Asia Past and Present
6. Social Science Practicum

POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES – 9 COURSE UNITS

The list of courses is not exhaustive and subject to change. Students should use the “Class Search” option in BOSS to browse the full list of courses offered.

Students are required to complete 9 CUs from the following:

- International Political Economy
- Introduction to Public Policy
- World Politics
- Comparing Political Systems
• European Union Politics
• Global Political Economy
• International Relations of East Asia
• Political Economy of East Asia
• Political Theory
• Politics and Society of India
• Politics of China
• Politics of South East Asia
• Politics of the Two Koreas
• Security Studies
• Development, Underdevelopment and Poverty
• Elections and the Media
• Political Economy of Development
• Political Science Study Mission
• Politics of Food Security
• Special Topics in Political Issues
• The Politics of Water in Asia
• Senior Thesis in Political Issue

**PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR**

**PSYCHOLOGY CORE – 8 COURSE UNITS**

Students are required to complete the following courses.

1. Introduction to Political and Policy Studies
2. Introduction to Psychology
3. Understanding Societies
4. Introductory Statistics
5. Southeast Asia Past and Present
6. Social Science Practicum
7. Psychology Research Methods I
8. Psychology Research Methods II

**PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVES – 7 COURSE UNITS**

The list of courses is not exhaustive and subject to change. Students should use the “Class Search” option in BOSS to browse the full list of courses offered.

Students are required to complete 7 CUs from the following:

• Abnormal Psychology
• Cognitive Psychology
• Developmental Psychology
• Health Psychology
• Industrial and Organizational Psychology
• Psychology of Group Processes and Decision-Making
• Psychology of Individual Differences
• Social Psychology
• Subjective Well-Being
• Cultural Psychology
• Evolutionary Psychology
• Psychology of Close Relationships
• Psychology of Emotions
• Psychology of Motivation
• Psychology of Reasoning and Thinking
• Psychometrics and Psychological Testing
• Social Cognition
• Psychology of Mating
• Psychology Study Mission
• Topics in Psychology
• Senior Thesis in Psychology

**SOCIODY MAJOR**

**SOCIODY CORE – 8 COURSE UNITS**

Students are required to complete the following courses.

1. Introduction to Political and Policy Studies
2. Introduction to Psychology
3. Understanding Societies
4. Introductory Statistics
5. Southeast Asia Past and Present
6. Social Science Practicum
7. Introduction to Sociological Theory
8. Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science

**SOCIODY ELECTIVES – 7 COURSE UNITS**

The list of courses is not exhaustive and subject to change. Students should use the “Class Search” option in BOSS to browse the full list of courses offered.

Students are required to complete 7 CUs from the following:

• Contemporary South Asian Societies
• Deconstructing Singapore Society
• Economic Sociology
• Gender and Family
• Global and Transnational Sociology
• Governance and Development in the Global South
• Media and Society
• Migration and Urbanisation
• Nation-Building in Asia
• Population and Society
• Science, Technology and Public Policy
• Senior Thesis in Sociology
• Social Innovation: Tools for Social Changes
• Social Networks
• Social Problems in Asia
• Social Stratification and Inequality
• Sociological Theories of Crime and Deviance
POLITICS, LAW AND ECONOMICS MAJOR

POLITICS, LAW AND ECONOMICS CORE – 12 COURSE UNITS

Students are required to complete the following courses.

1. Business Law
2. Constitutional Law*
3. Intermediate Mathematics for Economics
4. Introduction to Political and Policy Studies
5. Legal Theory and Philosophy
6. Macroeconomics I
7. Microeconomics I
8. Political Theory
9. Politics of South East Asia
10. Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Methods
11. Social Science Practicum
12. Strategic Thinking

*Students intending to do a double degree in LLB or the SMU Juris Doctor (J.D.) programme should replace this course with LAW204 Constitutional & Administrative Law (1.5cu).

POLITICS, LAW AND ECONOMICS ELECTIVES – 5 COURSE UNITS

BSoSc (PLE) students are required to choose one of the following themes and read 5 CUs from the chosen theme. There is no need to declare the theme but the onus is on students to ensure that they have taken the relevant courses to fulfil the chosen theme. Please note that some electives have pre-requisites. Please refer to BOSS to check. Students will need to complete the pre-requisites before they are able to bid for the relevant PLE elective.

Choice and Behaviour

- Advanced Microeconomics
- Economic Analysis of Law
- Elections and the Media
- Evolutionary Psychology
- Game Theory
- Medical Law and Health Policy
- Law and Psychology
- Mass Media and Public Opinion Research
- Probability Theory and Applications
- Psychology of Group Processes and Decision making
• Psychology of Reasoning and Thinking
• Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science
• Senior Thesis in Politics, Law and Economics
• Sociology of Terrorism and Political Violence
• The Economics of Politics

**Global Studies**

• Chinese Foreign Policy
• Comparing Political Systems
• Contemporary South Asian Societies
• Development Economics
• Economic Development in Asia
• Economics of Globalization
• Education Policy – A Global Perspective
• Evolution of Public Institutions: An Economic and Historical Analysis
• Foundations of ASEAN Law and Policy
• Global Issues and Institutions
• Global Migration and Human Security
• Global Political Economy
• International Economics B
• Introduction to Chinese History, Culture, Economics, Politics and the Law
• Media and International Relations
• Political Economy of East Asia
• Political Economy of Globalization
• Politics and Society of India
• Politics of the Two Koreas
• Public International Law
• Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science
• Senior Thesis in Politics, Law and Economics
• Sociology of Terrorism and Political Violence
• The Politics of Water in Asia
• Understanding China’s Economic Miracle: Social Origins and Social Impact
• World Politics
• WTO: Law and Policy

**Public Policy and Governance**

• Comparing Political Systems
• Economics of Aging
• Education Policy – A Global Perspective
• Environmental Economics
• Environmental Politics and Policy
• Ethics and Public Policy
• Evolution of Public Institutions: An Economic and Historical Analysis
• Family and Society: Economic Theory with Practices
• Governance and Development in the Global South
• Health Economics
• Medical Law and Health Policy
• Human Capital and Economics of Education
• Macroeconomics II
• Microeconomics II
• Introduction to Public Policy
• Labour Economics
• Law and Policy of Ethnic Relations in Singapore
• Law and Regulation
• Media and International Relations
• Monetary Economics
• Policy Design and Analysis
• Political Economy Analysis of Institutions
• Political Philosophy
• Politics, Philosophy, and Economics
• Public International Law
• Public Policy Taskforce
• Public Sector Economics
• Public Sector Management
• Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science
• Senior Thesis in Politics, Law and Economics
• Sustainable Cities
• The Economics of Politics
• The Singapore Legal System
• Urban Economics and Policy

**Distribution and Justice**

• 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 Philosophy
• Politics of Food Security
• Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science
• Senior Thesis in Politics, Law and Economics
• Social Stratification and Inequality

**Study Mission**

Unifying theory and practice, the study mission courses cover a host of site visits, networking sessions and presentations by specialists and experts in various fields. Students who wish to take a study mission course in lieu of a PLE major elective should note that only specific study mission courses are accepted, and each study mission will count towards a specific theme.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course Code</th>
<th>Course Title</th>
<th>PLE theme</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>POSC307</td>
<td>Political Science Study Mission (China)</td>
<td>Justice and Distribution</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POSC313</td>
<td>Political Science Study Mission to Europe</td>
<td>Global Studies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LAW438</td>
<td>Law Study Mission (Hong Kong)</td>
<td>Global Studies</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**SENIOR THESIS**

The senior thesis is an intensive course designed for BSocSc students who wish to conduct an original empirical research study under their declared major. Eligible students should first approach a relevant Social Science faculty and secure his or her agreement to supervise the thesis before applying for the course. The student will be actively involved in all stages of the entire empirical research process including formulation of research question, literature review, design of study, development of measurement and procedures, data collection, data analysis, and writing up of the final thesis report. Students will complete the thesis over two consecutive terms, typically in their senior year. Students will submit their final thesis report two weeks before the oral defence of the thesis to a thesis committee. The oral defence will typically be held on the week before the university’s final examination week. The final grade for the thesis is based on the thesis report and the oral defence. Students may also be required to present the findings of the thesis research to faculty members and other students in seminars held after the University’s final examinations.

The prerequisites for the senior thesis can be found on the application form available on OASIS > BOSS > Courses & Schedule > Senior Thesis Course

**FREE ELECTIVES – 9 COURSE UNITS (Political Science, Psychology, Sociology majors) or 7 COURSE UNITS (Politics, Law and Economics major)**

The Free Electives component in the curriculum allows students to choose courses from their major to deepen their disciplinary domain knowledge, or courses from other majors and schools to broaden their knowledge across disciplines. Students may take any SMU course to fulfil the Free Electives component. These courses may be double-counted towards a second major or a second degree.

Students may be given exemptions for up to 3 Free Electives CUs on the basis of good pre-university grades for GCE A-level, Polytechnic Diploma, or other recognised qualifications. Please refer to OASIS > Freshmen Guide > Academic Matters > Regulations, Policies & Exemptions for more information on SMU’s exemption policy.
ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the afore-mentioned credit-bearing requirements, students must fulfil a Singapore Studies requirement and an Asia Studies requirement, as well as undertake a Global Exposure experience, prior to graduation. These requirements may be fulfilled through a range of pre-identified courses and activities either in the Core Curriculum, in the disciplinary curriculum, or co-curricular activities. Some of the qualifying courses and activities are listed below for reference. Multiple-counting for these graduation requirements is allowed: students will be allowed to use the same course or activity—where suitable—to fulfil the Singapore studies, Asia studies, and/or Global Exposure requirements.

Singapore Studies

It is imperative that SMU students understands deeply the complexities and intricacies of living and working in Singapore, as well as considers how they may bring meaningful impact to the growth and development of Singapore. Students may fulfil the Singapore Studies graduation requirement by completing any of the following:

- Singapore – Imagining the next 50 years
- Taxation
- The Singapore Legal System

Asia Studies

In addition to achieving a deeper comprehension of Singapore, SMU believes our students should acquire knowledge of Singapore’s continental context, in particular the complex and dynamic societies in Southeast Asia, and nearby China and India. Students may fulfil the Asia Studies graduation requirement by completing any of the following:

- A Cultural Introduction to India: From Indus Valley to Infosys*
- Capital Markets in China
- Chinese Contract Law
- Chinese Corporate and Securities Law: A Comparative Perspective
- Contemporary South Asian Societies
- Cultural History of the Cold War in Asia
- Economic Development in Asia
- Exploring Asian Identities*
- Managing Diversity in Asia*
- Popular Culture in Asia*
- Southeast Asian Business Ecosystem
- Southeast Asia: Past and Present
- Understanding Chn’s Economic
- Selected overseas study mission (Asia)

Please refer to the Course Catalogue for updated lists of courses and activities that fulfils the Singapore Studies and Asia Studies requirements.
Global Exposure

Global traction and understanding underpins success in careers in today's globally connected environment. To have global exposure from the vantage of a university education is invaluable for international networking and global vision; it also open doors to bigger opportunities. Therefore, SMU has made it mandatory for all students to complete a Global Exposure experience prior to their graduation. Students may fulfil the Global Exposure requirement by participating in any of the following SMU-organised overseas activities:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Global Exposure Activity</th>
<th>Qualifying duration</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>International Exchange Programme</td>
<td>As per programme requirement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Summer Exchange Programme</td>
<td>As per programme requirement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Short-Term Study Programme</td>
<td>As per programme requirement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community Service</td>
<td>5 days of activity or longer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Study Mission</td>
<td>5 days of activity or longer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Co-Curricular Activities</td>
<td>5 days of activity or longer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Internship</td>
<td>5 days of activity or longer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Global Innovation Immersion Programme</td>
<td>5 days of activity or longer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SMU-X Overseas</td>
<td>5 days of activity or longer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cultural, Technological or Socio-Economical Immersion Programme</td>
<td>5 days of activity or longer</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To make sure no student misses out on this precious global experience, the University is committed to giving global exposure participation an extra push by enhancing support and by providing more (and new) opportunities for students.

For more information on the Global Exposure graduation requirement, please refer to OASIS > Academic Policies > Global Exposure.

INDEPENDENT STUDY PROJECT

The Independent Study option can be a valuable enhancement to the BSocSc curriculum, allowing students to pursue a specific topic of interest not available in regularly offered courses.

Those interested in taking an Independent Study option should go to OASIS > BOSS > Courses & Schedules > Independent Study Course for more information.
SECOND MAJOR

All SMU students enrolled in a single degree programme may opt to undertake a second major offered by SOSS, or by other schools. Students must declare their second major (if any) within their first four regular terms of study (inclusive of any terms with a leave of absence and/or international exchange) via OASIS > Academic > Programmes & Majors > Declare Major.

For details on the requirements for the various second major options, please refer to OASIS > Academic > Advisement & Curriculum > Second Major Requirements.

The second majors offered by SOSS include:

- **Political Science Second Major** (for non-Political Science students only)
- **Psychology Second Major** (for non-Psychology students only)
- **Sociology Second Major** (for non-Sociology students only)
- **Arts and Culture Management Second Major**
- **Global Asia Second Major**
- **Public Policy and Public Management Second Major**

POLITICAL SCIENCE SECOND MAJOR

POLITICAL SCIENCE SECOND MAJOR CORE – 1 COURSE UNIT

Students are required to complete the following course.

1. Introduction to Political and Policy Studies

POLITICAL SCIENCE SECOND MAJOR ELECTIVES – 7 COURSE UNITS

The list of courses is not exhaustive and subject to change. Students should use the “Class Search” option in BOSS to browse the full list of courses offered.

Students are required to complete 7 CUs from the following:

- International Political Economy
- Introduction to Public Policy
- World Politics
- Comparing Political Systems
- European Union Politics
- Global Political Economy
- International Relations of East Asia
- Political Economy of East Asia
- Political Theory
- Politics and Society of India
- Politics of China
- Politics of South East Asia
- Politics of the Two Koreas
• Security Studies
• Development, Underdevelopment and Poverty
• Elections and the Media
• Political Economy of Development
• Political Science Study Mission
• Politics of Food Security
• Special Topics in Political Issues
• The Politics of Water in Asia

PSYCHOLOGY SECOND MAJOR

PSYCHOLOGY SECOND MAJOR CORE – 3 COURSE UNITS

Students are required to complete the following courses.

1. Introduction to Psychology
2. Psychology Research Methods I
3. Psychology Research Methods II

PSYCHOLOGY SECOND MAJOR ELECTIVES – 5 COURSE UNITS

The list of courses is not exhaustive and subject to change. Students should use the “Class Search” option in BOSS to browse the full list of courses offered.

Students are required to complete 5 CUs from the following:

• Abnormal Psychology
• Cognitive Psychology
• Developmental Psychology
• Health Psychology
• Industrial and Organizational Psychology
• Psychology of Group Processes and Decision-Making
• Psychology of Individual Differences
• Social Psychology
• Subjective Well-Being
• Cultural Psychology
• Evolutionary Psychology
• Psychology of Close Relationships
• Psychology of Emotions
• Psychology of Motivation
• Psychology of Reasoning and Thinking
• Psychometrics and Psychological Testing
• Social Cognition
• Psychology of Mating
• Psychology Study Mission
• Topics in Psychology
**SOCIOLOGY SECOND MAJOR**

**SOCIOLOGY SECOND MAJOR CORE – 3 COURSE UNITS**

Students are required to complete the following courses.

1. Understanding Societies
2. Introduction to Sociological Theory
3. Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science

**SOCIOLOGY SECOND MAJOR ELECTIVES – 5 COURSE UNITS**

The list of courses is not exhaustive and subject to change. Students should use the “Class Search” option in BOSS to browse the full list of courses offered.

Students are required to complete 5 CUs from the following:

- Contemporary South Asian Societies
- Deconstructing Singapore Society
- Media and Society
- Gender and Family
- Global and Transnational Sociology
- Migration and Urbanisation
- Nation-Building in Asia
- Population and Society
- Social Problems in Asia
- Social Stratification and Inequality
- Sociological Theories of Crime and Deviance
- Sociology of Economic Life
- Sociology of Fads and Fashion
- Sociology of Food
- Sociology of Work
- Sociology of Terrorism and Political Violence
- Understanding China’s Economic Miracle: Social Origins and
  Governance and Development in the Global South
- Science, Technology and Public Policy
- Social Innovation: Tools for Social Changes
- Social Networks
- Sociology of Education
- Sociology Study Mission
- Special Topics in Sociology

**ARTS AND CULTURE MANAGEMENT SECOND MAJOR**

**ARTS AND CULTURE MANAGEMENT SECOND MAJOR CORE – 2 COURSE UNITS**

Students are required to complete the following courses.

1. ACM003 Introduction to Arts and Cultural Management
2. ACM004 Advanced Arts and Cultural Management
ARTS AND CULTURE MANAGEMENT SECOND MAJOR ELECTIVES – 6 COURSE UNITS

The list of courses is not exhaustive and subject to change. Students should use the “Class Search” option in BOSS to browse the full list of courses offered.

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:

**Level One cluster**
- ACM101 Art and History I: From the Beginnings to the Revolutions
- ACM102 Art and History II: The Modern, Postmodern and the Contemporary
- ACM103 Special Topics in Arts and Culture Management
- ACM105 Visual Cultures in Asia: People, Practices and Places
- ACM106 Arts, Culture and Everyday Life
- GA001 Exploring Asian Identities
- GA203 History of Southeast Asia
- SOCG222 Nation Building in Asia
- IDIS008 Cultural History of the Cold War in Asia: The Battle for Hearts and Minds

**Level Two cluster**
- ACM201 Introduction to Performing Arts Management#
- ACM203 Introduction to Visual Arts Management#
- ACM204 Special Topics in Arts Management#
- ACM205 Arts and Culture Study Mission
- ACM210 Arts and Audiences
- ACM212 Arts and Cultural Marketing*
- ACM213 Cultural Relations and Diplomacy
- ACM214 Communicating the Arts and Culture
- ACM215 Culture for Sustainable Futures: Diversity, Complexity and Rights

**Level Three cluster**
- ACM005 ACM Industry Project
- ACM301 Cultural Policy and Practice
- ACM302 Arts, Industries and Markets
- ACM305 Arts, Partnerships and Publics
- ACM306 Arts, Culture and the Global City

**Notes:**
^ACM003 is a pre-requisite to ACM004. Please note that ACM003 is typically offered in Term 1 and ACM004 is typically offered in Term 2 only. Students are required to plan their courses carefully so that they may graduate in time.

#Students can only count one of these courses towards fulfilling the ACM major.
*Mutually exclusive with MKTG101
- Course codes may change; students should refer to BOSS for the most updated information.
GLOBAL ASIA SECOND MAJOR

GLOBAL ASIA SECOND MAJOR CORE – 2 COURSE UNITS

Students are required to complete the following courses.

1. GA001 Exploring Asian Identities
2. GA002 Contemporary Asia: Power, Diversity & Change

GLOBAL ASIA SECOND MAJOR ELECTIVES – 6 COURSE UNITS

The list of courses is not exhaustive and subject to change. Students should use the “Class Search” option in BOSS to browse the full list of courses offered.

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

Engaging the Field cluster (1 CU)

- ACCT001 Accounting Study Mission (Asian Studies)
- GA305 GA Study Mission
- GA306 Special Project (in partnership with other institutions)
- GA307 Independent Project
- POSC307 Political Science Study Mission
- LAW.438 Law Study Mission to Asia
- MGMT301 Business Study Mission (Asia)
- MGMT.325 Entrepreneurship Study Mission (Asia)

Electives (5 CUs)

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

- ACM306 Arts, Culture and the Global City
- ECON118 Economic Development in Asia
- GA201 Popular Culture in Asia
- GA203 History of Southeast Asia
- GA205 Managing Diversity in Asia
- GA303 Special Topics in Global Asia
- COR2603 Singapore: Imagining the Next Fifty Years
- COR2602 Film in Southeast Asia
- COR-JPAN2401 Japanese (language)
- COR-KREA2402 Korean (language)
- LAW469 Introduction to Chinese History, Culture, Economy, Politics and Law
- COR-MAND2404 Mandarin (language)
- MGMT.312 Asia Pacific Business
- MGMT320 Innovations for Asia’s Smart Cities
- COR-MLAY2405 Bahasa Melayu (language)
- PHIL207 Introduction to Classical Chinese Philosophy
- COR-POSC2604 Politics of South East Asia
- POSC220 International Relations of East Asia
• POSC222 Chinese Foreign Policy  
• PPPM205 Religion and Policy in Asia  
• COR-SOCG2607 Contemporary South Asian Societies  
• COR-SOCG2608 Understanding China’s Economic Miracle: Social Origins and Social Impact  
• SOCG222 Nation Building in Asia  
• COR-THAI2403 Thai (language)  
• NEW InterAsian Mobilities  
• NEW Introduction to Urban Studies

Notes:
*Special Topics courses are conducted by visiting expert academics and may not be available every Academic Year  
^Special and Independent Project courses are only available upon special arrangement with the GA programme coordinator.  
- Course codes may change; students should refer to BOSS for the most updated information.

PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT SECOND MAJOR

PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT SECOND MAJOR CORE – 3 COURSE UNITS

Students are required to complete the following courses.

1. POSC101 Introduction to Public Policy  
2. PPPM101 Public Sector Management  
3. PPPM301 Public Policy Task Force

PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT SECOND MAJOR ELECTIVES – 5 COURSE UNITS

The list of courses is not exhaustive and subject to change. Students should use the “Class Search” option in BOSS to browse the full list of courses offered.

Students are required to complete a minimum of 5 CU 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 cluster

• ACCT409 Auditing for the Public Sector  
• ECON211 Public Sector Economics  
• ECON242 Political Economy Analysis of Institutions  
• GA205 Managing Diversity in Asia  
• IDIS100 Research Methods in Sociology and Political Science  
• LAW486 Privacy and Data Protection Law  
• MGMT320 Innovations for Asia’s Smart Cities  
• OBHR 211 Governing, Managing and Protecting Knowledge in Organizations  
• PPPM106 Policy Design and Analysis  
• PPPM204 Political Participation and Policy

Public Policy in Asia and Global Governance Thematic Issues cluster

• ACM301 Cultural Policy and Practice
• COR2603 Singapore: Imagining the Next Fifty Years
• COR-PPPM2606 Sustainable Cities
• COR-SOCG2609 Globalization and Transnational Sociology
• ECON113 Economics of Globalization
• ECON226 Urban Economics and Policy
• ECON227 Economics of Politics
• ECON238 Political Economy of Globalization
• GA002 Contemporary Asia: Power, Diversity and Change
• LAW404 Public International Law
• LAW410 WTO: Law, Economics and Policy
• LAW426 Law, Policy and Ethnic Relations in Singapore
• LAW483 Law and Regulation
• MGMT.235 Sustainability Management and Governance
• POSC308 Gender Politics: Exclusion and Empowerment
• POSC310 Development, Underdevelopment and Poverty
• POSC316 The Politics of Water in Asia
• POSC319 Political Economy of Development
• POSC321 The Politics of Food Security
• PPPM201 Environmental Politics and Policy
• PPPM203 Education Policy - A Global Perspective
• PPPM205 Religion and Policy in Asia
• PSYC108 Social Psychology
• SOCG201 Social Stratification and Inequality
• SOCG225 Migration and Urbanization
• SOCG307 Governance and Development in the Global South

Notes:
- Course codes may change; students should refer to BOSS for the most updated information.

DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMME

The double degree programme gives students an invaluable edge in the global economy and an unrivalled versatility and flexibility in career options. Under the double degree programme, a student can graduate in four years with two degrees in:

• Social Sciences & Accountancy
• Social Sciences & Business Management
• Social Sciences & Economics
• Social Sciences & Information Systems

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Students may apply for the double degree programme only at the end of Year 1 or Year 2 (after release of examination results), before the start of the first term of the next academic year. Please refer to OASIS > Calendar > Critical Dates for the application period.
For information on the criteria for applying for the double degree programme as well as the related policies, please refer to OASIS > Academic > Programmes & Majors > Double Degree Policy.

Note: Applications will be subject to the Dean’s approval. Being eligible to apply does not mean that your application will be approved.

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS TO NOTE**

Students should refer to the academic handbook of the offering school (of the secondary degree of interest) or approach the offering school, to understand the specific requirements in order to complete the requirements for both degrees.
MINIMUM CREDIT UNITS REQUIREMENTS FOR DDP

To graduate with a double degree in the following combinations, a student must complete all the requirements of both degrees.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Double Degree</th>
<th>Requirements</th>
<th>Double counting</th>
<th>No. of minimum CUs for graduation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BSocSc &amp; BBM</td>
<td>BSocSc&lt;br&gt;• All 36 CU listed under the BSocSc curriculum, including Ethics and Social Responsibility&lt;br&gt;BBM&lt;br&gt;• 11 CU of Business Core; and&lt;br&gt;• 6 CU of Major requirements</td>
<td>• For students taking Political Science, Psychology or Sociology majors, up to 9 CU may be double counted from Free Electives&lt;br&gt;• For students taking PLE major, up to 7 CU may be double counted from Free Electives&lt;br&gt;• Students from Political Science major taking Communications Management major may double count an additional CU with cross-listed electives&lt;br&gt;• Students from PLE major taking Entrepreneurship major may double count an additional CU with cross-listed electives</td>
<td>43 for Political Science students taking Communications Management major&lt;br&gt;44 for other combinations involving Political Science, Psychology or Sociology majors&lt;br&gt;45 for PLE students taking Entrepreneurship major&lt;br&gt;46 for PLE students taking other majors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Double Degree</td>
<td>Requirements</td>
<td>Double counting</td>
<td>No. of minimum CUs for graduation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---------------</td>
<td>--------------</td>
<td>-----------------</td>
<td>----------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BSocSc &amp; BAcc</td>
<td>BSocSc&lt;br&gt;• All 36 CU listed under the BSocSc curriculum, including Ethics and Social Responsibility&lt;br&gt;BAcc&lt;br&gt;• 18 CU of Accounting Core; and&lt;br&gt;• 3 CU of Accounting Electives; and&lt;br&gt;• Calculus</td>
<td>• For students taking Political Science, Psychology or Sociology majors, up to 11 CU may be double counted, including 9 from Free Electives&lt;br&gt;• For students taking PLE major, up to 9 CU may be double counted, including 7 from Free Electives</td>
<td>47 for Political Science, Psychology or Sociology majors&lt;br&gt;49 for PLE major</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BSocSc &amp; BSc (Econ)</td>
<td>BSocSc&lt;br&gt;• All 36 CU listed under the BSocSc curriculum, including Ethics and Social Responsibility&lt;br&gt;BSc(Econ)&lt;br&gt;• 9 or 10 CU of Economics Core, depending on selected pathway; and&lt;br&gt;• 5 or 6 CU of Economics Electives, depending on selected pathway; and&lt;br&gt;• Calculus</td>
<td>• For students taking Political Science, Psychology or Sociology majors, up to 11 CU may be double counted, including 9 from Free Electives&lt;br&gt;• For students taking PLE major (PPG theme), all requirements may be double counted, including up to 9 from Free Electives</td>
<td>36 for PLE major&lt;br&gt;41 for Political Science, Psychology or Sociology majors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Double Degree</td>
<td>Requirements</td>
<td>Double counting</td>
<td>No. of minimum CUs for graduation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---------------</td>
<td>------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>---------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BSocSc &amp; BSc(IS)</td>
<td>BSocSc&lt;br&gt;• All 36 CU listed under the BSocSc curriculum, including Ethics and Social Responsibility&lt;br&gt;BSc(IS): IS or SMT&lt;br&gt;• 12 CU of IS Core or SMT Core, depending on selected major; and&lt;br&gt;• 2 CU of IS Track Electives; and&lt;br&gt;• 2 CU of IS Track Electives or IS Depth Electives, depending on selected major&lt;br&gt;• 2 CU of IS Track Electives or IS Depth Electives or IS Related Electives, depending on selected major</td>
<td>• For students taking Political Science, Psychology or Sociology majors, up to 9 CU may be double counted from Free Electives&lt;br&gt;• For students taking PLE major, up to 7 CU may be double counted from Free Electives&lt;br&gt;• Students from Sociology or PLE major taking SMT may double count an additional CU with cross-listed electives</td>
<td>44 for Sociology students taking SMT major&lt;br&gt;45 for other combinations involving Political Science, Psychology or Sociology majors&lt;br&gt;46 for PLE students taking SMT major&lt;br&gt;47 for PLE students taking IS major</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BSocSc &amp; BSc(CS)</td>
<td>BSocSc&lt;br&gt;• All 36 CU listed under the BSocSc curriculum, including Ethics and Social Responsibility&lt;br&gt;BSc(CS)&lt;br&gt;• 18 CU of CS Core; and&lt;br&gt;• 4 CU of CS Track Electives; and&lt;br&gt;• 2 CU of CS Track Electives or CS Electives</td>
<td>• For students taking Political Science, Psychology or Sociology majors, up to 9 CU may be double counted from Free Electives&lt;br&gt;• For students taking PLE major, up to 7 CU may be double counted from Free Electives</td>
<td>51 for PPS&lt;br&gt;53 for PLE</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
REGISTRATION OF COURSES

We encourage you to read and be familiar with SMU’s Bidding Online System (BOSS). Please refer to OASIS > BOSS > Course Enrolment & Drop.

Note: Courses may have pre-requisites/co-requisites. Please refer to the Course Catalogue on OASIS for the most updated list of pre-requisites/co-requisites for a particular course.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

Students may be granted approval to transfer credits from approved institutions for courses taken outside SMU after matriculation. Such approvals must be obtained before students embark on these programmes:

- International Exchange Programmes (via SMU International Office)
- Local Exchange Programmes (via Registrar’s Office)
- Summer Study Programmes (via SMU International Office)
- External Study Programmes (self-arranged by students)

Students are not allowed to go on external study programmes with SMU partner universities during regular term.

Students who are going on external study programme especially in Term 3B must ensure that they are able to complete the external study programme and return to SMU for their studies at least 1 week before the start of the next term.

Procedures for Self-Arranged External Study Programmes

Student may submit their application via OASIS > Campus Life & Exchange > Other Study Programmes > Self-arranged External Study Programme for School’s approval. Generally, students are encouraged to take up the overseas exchange programmes co-ordinated by the SMU International Office.

Note: A student is allowed to submit only one self-arranged external study application per regular term/summer term.

Once the application has been approved:

- If the external study is during a regular term, students are required to apply for LOA under the reason “for other external study” before the start of the term. The Letter of Acceptance must be attached in your LOA application as a supporting document. Any delay in the submission of the LOA application will result in School fees penalty.
- Students must submit the online worksheet for the courses that they plan to take. Worksheets without course syllabus will not be reviewed.
The onus is on students to ensure that the SMU credits are keyed in accurately on the worksheet. If there are any discrepancies found, the full credit will not be transferred back to SMU.

Please note that the school does not accept Certificate of Attendance as documentary proof for any credit transfer.

- School to review courses. Please note that course approval is subject to change without prior notice if the school is informed of any overlap with SMU courses.
- Student must ensure that the worksheets have been approved before embarking on the external study.
- Students are required to complete their pre-departure checklist before going on exchange.

It is required for all students to remain contactable during their exchange programme. Students are advised to obtain a local contact number from the country of their exchange programme. If not already done so, students are required to update the pre-departure checklist with their local contact number upon arrival.

- After students have successfully enrolled in the courses, it is compulsory for students to confirm these courses in OASIS for credit transfer.
- After the exchange programme, please submit the official transcript (softcopy/hardcopy) to the School’s manager-in-charge.

You must be familiar with the credit transfer policy before applying for external study. Please refer to OASIS > Academic > Advisement & Curriculum > Credit Transfer Policy.

**EXPLORATORY COURSES**

To enhance learning by encouraging students to stretch themselves academically and experiment with classes outside their major or their usual spheres of interest, without being unduly concerned about the impact on their cumulative GPA (cGPA), students are allowed to declare two passed (A to D grades) non-mandatory courses as “Exploratory Courses” and exclude the grades from these courses from cGPA computation. The grades obtained for Exploratory Courses will be designated as “Pass”, and the official transcripts issued upon graduation will reflect the “Pass” grades, and not the letter grades (A to D). A "Pass" grade will count as a course unit taken, but will not be computed in the cGPA.

The following courses may not be declared as Exploratory: compulsory University Core/Major courses, and electives within a basket of courses taken to fulfil a compulsory requirement (e.g. PLE Core, Major Core for PPS and Social Science Practicum). Also, a student will not be allowed to declare as Exploratory any course for which a penalised grade was awarded as a result of punishment for academic misconduct, such as plagiarism.

For more information, please refer to OASIS > Academic > Examinations & Grading > Exploratory Courses.
TRANSFER OF PROGRAMME

SMU students are allowed to transfer to another programme of study within SMU, subject to approval of the Deans of both the current and new programmes. Students may apply for a programme transfer only at the end of Year 1 or Year 2 (after release of examination results) before the start of the first term of the next academic year.

Please refer to **OASIS > Calendar > Critical Dates** for the application period. For information on the criteria for applying for a programme transfer, please refer to **OASIS > Academic > Programme & Majors > Programme Transfer Policy**.

*Note: Being eligible to apply does not mean that your application will be approved.*

Online Access to Student Information System (OASIS)

Online Access to Student Information System (OASIS) is the student portal that hosts various self-service functions under different categories such as Study, Personal & Finances, Resources, Career & Jobs, Student Life and Schools & Community. It is a one-stop self-service centre for all things related to your student life in SMU. For more information on SMU Undergraduate Regulations and Procedures, please refer to **OASIS > Policies & Self Service**.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **What requirements do I need to fulfil to be eligible for a BSocSc degree?**

To be eligible for a BSocSc degree, a student must complete all requirements of the programme, including the compulsory internship, community service requirements and other required graduation requirements.

Students pursuing a single degree with a single major (basic degree) must attain at least 36 credited CUs, including exemptions/credit transfers.

For those who are pursuing a basic degree with a second major, the minimum CUs required is typically 38, including exemptions/credit transfers. The actual minimum CUs required will depend on your declared major (please refer to OASIS > Academic > Advisement & Curriculum for details). Double counting of courses between your basic degree and second major is allowed, provided the courses are listed in both areas and the total CUs earned do not fall below the minimum required CUs.

Students must attain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 and obtain the minimum credits required for their declared degree (degree with no/single/double major). Double degree students must attain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00.

Only ONE cumulative GPA (single degree or double degree) will serve as the basis for the cum laude/merit award.

Note: You must obtain a passing grade of "D" or better to receive credit in any course. An "F" grade in a course will remain on your transcript permanently and will be factored in when calculating your GPA. If you retake the course at a future time, both the old and new grades will be appear on transcript.
The new grade will count toward your GPA and you will receive credit for the repeated course. If you receive an "F" grade in a required course, you must retake that course. If you receive an "F" grade in a non-required course, you may either repeat the course or substitute it with another.

2. Can I still take a course when I have yet to complete its pre-requisite?

If a course is a pre-requisite for another course, the courses cannot be taken together. No special arrangements will be made.

3. How can I know the attributes of a course?

Please refer to the BOSS User Guide on OASIS. **OASIS > Self Service Apps > My Apps > BOSS Bidding > Plan & Bid > Add to Cart**

4. How can I check if I have fulfilled my course requirements?

We encourage all students to go to OASIS to generate their own academic advisement reports. The report will indicate how many outstanding courses there are and which areas these courses fall under. **OASIS > Academic > Advisement & Curriculum > My Degree Progression > Supporting Functions > Degree Progression Report**

If the advisement report does not tally with your own records, then attach the degree progress report from OASIS and indicate specifically which area of the report that you have queries with. Send your queries to **undergrad_socsc@smu.edu.sg**

5. How can I request a letter of certification that I am studying in SMU?

Please go to **OASIS > Finance & Admin > Certification & Personal Info > Enrolment letter & Academic Summary (Select the appropriate letter type)**.

6. How can I make changes to my personal details?

Please go to **OASIS > Finance & Admin > Certification & Personal Info > Update Personal Info & Citizenship**.

7. How can I apply for a Leave of Absence to undertake an Internship?

Please go to **OASIS > Finance & Admin > Absence & Withdrawal > Apply for Leave of Absence**.

You are required to attach supporting documents such as Internship Offer Letter and email your email confirmation from the Dato’ Kho Hui Meng Career Centre.

Do note that approval is given on a case-by-case basis.

**CONTACT US**

For further queries on academic matters, please contact the SOSS Administration Office at **undergrad_socsc@smu.edu.sg**.