SECURITY STUDIES
MINOR
(Part-time Programme)
Programme Overview

The Security Studies Minor at Singapore University of Social Sciences (formerly known as SIM University) was initially designed only for the Home Team and SPF officers. It is now open to Singaporeans and Singapore PRs in security-related industries in both the public and private sectors. Singapore University of Social Sciences is one of the few universities in the region to provide a university-level education in Security Studies. A unique feature of the Security Studies Minor is that it increases the level of analytical knowledge of global, regional and local security issues. Another unique feature about this Minor is that what is acquired in the Singapore University of Social Sciences Security Studies classroom today, can be applied immediately at work tomorrow.

The Security Studies Minor offers upper undergraduate level courses on security theory, government, political history, economic security, technology (Cybersecurity), the mind of the terrorist, society and security, and Non-Traditional Security. Students of Security Studies keep in touch with industry changes through site visits and guest lectures. We expect our graduates with a Minor in Security Studies to speak, think and act with confidence in any chosen security career.

Programmes with Security Studies Minor

Students can choose from one of six Programmes across four Schools at Singapore University of Social Sciences in combination with the Security Studies Minor:

- BA Sociology with Security Studies
- Bachelor of Communication with Security Studies
- Bachelor of Human Resource Management with Security Studies
- BSc Info-Comm Technology with Security Studies
- BSc Logistics with Security Studies
- BSc Psychology with Security Studies

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Security Studies Minor

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- Theory and Practice in Security Studies
- Government and Security
- Economic Security and Culture
- Security and Technology
- War, Peace, Crime and Punishment in Southeast Asia
- Terrorism and Society: A Survey of Terrorist Groups in Modernity
- Terrorism and Psychology: The Mind of the Terrorist
- Non-Traditional Security (NTS)

Career Opportunities

After completing their Programme, graduates can expect to acquire skills such as teamwork, leadership, case study research, the importance of ethics and integrity in the workplace, intelligence-gathering, counterterrorist tactics, and basic knowledge of accounting and financial management.

Our graduates work in most of the major security agencies in the private and public sector with many crossing over from the public sector to the private security industry. Therefore our Singapore University of Social Sciences degrees in Security Studies enhance graduates’ occupational mobility. A number of our graduates went on to complete Master degree in political science from RSIS, Nanyang Technological University.

For more information on our Security Studies Minor, please visit suss.edu.sg/SSM
Admissions

You must be a Singapore citizen, permanent resident or a resident in Singapore. In addition, you will need to meet these minimum requirements:

- GCE 'A' level with two passes (prior to 2006) or two H2 passes (from 2006), or local Polytechnic Diploma or International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or NUS High School Diploma. Applicants with an acceptable SAT1 score may be considered for admission on a case-by-case basis;
- Two years of full-time work experience, or currently employed on a full-time basis; and
- At least 21 years old.

Some programmes may have additional requirements. Please refer to the individual programme pages for details.

Shortlisted candidates may be required to undergo one or more interview(s) and/or take written admission or other evaluation tests.

All applications are considered individually on merit, and the offer of admission depends on the number of places available. Admission is solely at the discretion of Singapore University of Social Sciences.

How to Apply

Applications are to be made online via suss.edu.sg. You must submit all the required documents together with your admission application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Tuition Fees and Government Subsidy

The amount of course fee you pay in each semester depends on the number of courses you take in that semester. Course fees cover all study materials, classes, supervision, assignments and examinations. They do not include costs for textbooks and other additional items specified by the university from time to time.

Students may be eligible for a government subsidy of up to 55% of the course fee. In addition, Singapore Citizens (SC) aged 40 and above who are pursuing MOE-subsidised undergraduate programmes with Singapore University of Social Sciences and who are eligible for the SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy will pay tuition fees that are 60% lower than the standard subsidised fees payable by other SC students who are below 40 years old.

All Singaporeans aged 25 and above can use their $500 SkillsFuture Credit from the government to pay for a wide range of approved skills-related courses. Visit the SkillsFuture Credit website (www.skillsfuture.sg/credit) to choose from the courses available on the SkillsFuture Credit course directory.

Please visit suss.edu.sg for current tuition fees and eligibility criteria for the government subsidy and SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy.

Internet Access

All Singapore University of Social Sciences’ students must have access to a computer or laptop and the Internet in order to use the electronic and website facilities, which allow access to course, academic or administrative information.

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