

4.2.1 Degree programmes and requirements

M.A. (Contemporary China)

Course Requirements

All students are required to complete three core courses. Depending on the track chosen (Dissertation or Coursework), students will need to select five or seven electives from three clusters of courses, namely: Economy and Business, Politics and International Relations, and Society and Culture.

To benefit further from NTU's outstanding faculty and resources, students will also have the option to select up to two relevant courses from NTU's other graduate programmes as electives to fulfil their course requirements. These courses, however, must be approved by both the Director of MACC and the NTU School or Division concerned.

Students may choose to pursue either full-time or part-time studies.

Core Courses

- CC6001 The Making of Modern China: Historical and Social Perspectives
- CC6002 China's Economy in Transformation
- CC6003 Leaders, Party and State: Contemporary Chinese Politics

Electives

Economy and Business

- CC6100 Transition Economies : The Chinese Case
- CC6101 China's Role in the Global Economy
- CC6102 Economic Policy in China
- CC6103 International Trade and China: Strategies and Issues
- CC6104 Law and Legal Development in China
- CC6105 The Dynamics of Investment in Greater China
- CC6106 Changing Government-Business Relations in China
- CC6190 Special Topics in Economy and Business*

Politics and International Relations

- CC6200 State and Nation in Comparative Politics
- CC6201 Policy Formulation and Implementation in China
- CC6202 Political Ideology and Discourse in Modern China
- CC6203 International Law and China
- CC6204 Chinese Foreign Policy
- CC6205 International Relations and Security Issues in Asia
- CC6206 Cross-Taiwan Straits Relations: Past and Present
- CC6290 Special Topics in Politics and International Relations*

Society and Culture

- CC6300 Social Change and Inequality in Contemporary China
- CC6301 Modern Chinese Intellectual Life
- CC6302 Chinese Cities and Urban Culture
- CC6303 The Chinese Language and Its Global Significance
- CC6304 Reading Contemporary China through Literature
- CC6305 Popular Culture in Contemporary China
- CC6306 China and the Chinese Overseas
- CC6390 Special Topics in Society and Culture*

* The list is course to change; not all courses will be offered every year.

*Note: Students should take each of these courses no more than once during the course of study.

M.A. and Ph.D. (by Research)

There are two programmes (both by research) offered at the Division of Chinese:

1. **Master of Arts**
2. **Doctor of Philosophy**

Students may choose to pursue either full-time or part-time studies for both programmes.

Master of Arts (by Research)

Period of Candidature

- Full-time candidates: minimum one year and maximum three years
- Part-time candidates: minimum one year and maximum four years

Admission Requirements

- A good Bachelor's degree in Humanities, Social Sciences, or a relevant field from a recognised university
- Demonstrated ability to pursue research in the candidate's proposed field of advanced study

An MA candidate is required to complete three enrichment/specialisation courses approved by his/ her supervisor, attend six seminars, and submit a dissertation of not more than 150,000 Chinese characters.

Doctor of Philosophy (by Research)

Period of Candidature

- Full-time candidates: minimum two years and maximum five years
- Part-time candidates: minimum two years and maximum seven years

Entry Requirements

- A good Master's degree in Humanities, Social Sciences, or a relevant field from a recognised university
- Demonstrated ability to pursue research in the candidate's proposed field of advanced study

A PhD candidate is required to complete six enrichment/specialisation courses approved by his/ her supervisor, attend six seminars, submit a dissertation of not more than 300,000 Chinese characters, and take part in an oral defence.

Scholarships are available for both Singaporean and international students based on merit.

For international students whose mother tongue is not English, the applicants must submit a copy of their TOEFL score (at least 580). Test dates must be within two years or less from the date of application.

Deadline for Application

The application deadline is 30 June for January intake and 31 January for August intake. If a candidate wants to enroll for the courses, a Singaporean candidate should send in his/her application at least four months before the semester commences, while an international candidate should send in his/her application at least six months before the semester commences.

Graduate Diploma in Translation

The **Graduate Diploma in Translation and Interpretation** programme comprises the following ten compulsory courses (30AUs in total):

Trimester 1: Foundation

- Introduction to Translation Studies
- Contrastive Analysis of Chinese and English
- Language Workshop

Trimester 2: Practicum (China Practicum at a reputable University)

Interpreting:

- Fundamentals of Interpretation
- Consecutive Interpretation

Translation:

- Techniques of Translation
- Revision and Editing in Translation

Trimester 3: Localisation

- IT and Project Management in Translation
- Localisation: Applying Skills to Singapore-specific Discourse
- Annotated Translation Project

Academic Calendar for GDTI - AY08/09

Duration

Eight months (August 2008 to March 2009) in three trimesters:

Trimester 1

August to October 2008

Trimester 2

November to December 2008

Trimester 3

January to March 2009

Trimester 1 and 3 are part-time studies conducted in Singapore, while Trimester 2 is a full-time Practicum in China.

For Trimester 1 and 3, classes will be conducted on an evening (on a weekday) and a Saturday.

Mode of Assessment

Students will be given translation assignments to complete outside of class, and will also be required to conduct group practice sessions to work on interpreting techniques and translation skills. Assignments and group work can be expected to take up an average of 10 hours per week. Final exams for each trimester will be given in different formats with different duration depending on the types of courses. Students will be informed accordingly at the beginning of each of the courses.

English

M.A. and Ph.D. (by research)

Objectives

- To produce world class research in English Literature and related fields
- To encourage a culture of investigative research in our students
- To help students develop skills appropriate to their personal and professional needs

Programme Profile (main areas of research)

- English Renaissance Literature
- 18th Century Literature
- Literature of the Romantic period
- The 19th Century Novel
- Victorian Literature
- Contemporary Fiction
- 20th Century Irish Literature
- Science and Literature
- Modern and Contemporary Drama
- Asian American Literature and Film
- Film Studies and Asian Cinema
- Literary and Critical Theory
- Post-Jungian Psychology and Literature
- Gender Studies
- Medieval Literature
- 20th Century American Literature

- Historical Materialism
- Comparative Studies
- Post-Phenomenological Ethics

The Division of English offers two graduate programmes by research:

1. Master of Arts
2. Doctor of Philosophy

Students may choose to pursue either programme full time or part time.

Master of Arts (by research)

Period of Candidature

- Full-time candidates: minimum one year and maximum three years
- Part-time candidates: minimum one year and maximum four years

Admission Requirements

- A good Bachelor's degree in either English Literature or a relevant field from a recognised university
- Demonstrated ability to pursue research in the candidate's proposed field of advanced study. Candidates should include with their application a research proposal in which they outline what they intend to study and why they intend to do so, together with a justification of their chosen methodology. Length: 1,000-1,500 words.

An MA candidate is required to complete three courses approved by his/her supervisor, and to submit a dissertation of between 30,000-35,000 words.

Doctor of Philosophy (by research)

Period of Candidature

- Full-time candidates: minimum two years and maximum five years
- Part-time candidates: minimum two years and maximum seven years

Entry Requirements

- A good Master's degree in either English Literature or a relevant field from a recognised university
- Demonstrated ability to pursue research in the candidate's proposed field of advanced study. Candidates should include with their application a research proposal in which they outline what they intend to study and why they intend to do so, together with a sustained justification of their chosen methodology. Length: 2,500-3,000 words.

A PhD candidate is required to complete **6 courses (obtaining a GPA of 3.5.)**, submit a dissertation of between 75,000-85,000 words and take part in an oral defense. Teaching Assistantships may be available for both Singaporean and international students based on merit.

For international students whose mother tongue is not English, the applicants must submit a copy of their TOEFL score (at least 580). Test dates must be within two years or less from the date of application.

Deadline for application

There is no deadline for application. Nevertheless, a candidate residing in Singapore ought to submit his/her application at least four months before the commencement of the semester for which he/she wishes to enroll; a candidate from overseas ought to submit his/her application at least six months before the commencement of the semester for which he/she wishes to enroll.

List of courses

Graduate Seminar in the History of Literary Theory
Graduate Seminar in Critical Theory
Graduate Seminar in Drama
Graduate Seminar in Film
Graduate Studies in Renaissance Studies
Graduate Seminar in Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Literature and Culture

Graduate Seminar in Romanticism
Graduate Seminar in Victorian Literature and Culture
Graduate Seminar in Modernism
Graduate Seminar in Contemporary Literature and Culture
Graduate Seminar in American Literature and Culture
Graduate Seminar in Singaporean Literature and Culture
Graduate Seminar in Postcolonial Literature and Theory
Graduate Seminar in Cultural Studies
Directed Study in Literature
Graduate Seminar on Special Topic

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If you need to know more about Graduate Programmes at NTU or to send in your application, visit the following website: <http://admissions.ntu.edu.sg/graduate/Pages/default.aspx> or you may contact the Graduate Studies Office of NTU.

Economics

Doctor of Philosophy (by research)

Distinctive Features of our Programme

Our Ph.D. programme in Economics aims to produce innovators in economics. We prepare our Ph.D. candidates for research positions in leading academic institutions as well as in private and public organizations. Candidates are required to do a number of seminar courses that are designed to provide them with solid grounding in economic theory as well as in the analytical tools needed to do high-quality research. Candidates will have ample opportunities to participate in and gain experience through presentations in economic conferences in Singapore and elsewhere.

Our faculty members are actively involved in research in many areas of economics, including:

- International Economics
- the Chinese Economy
- Economics of South East Asia
- Labour Economics
- Development Economics
- Environmental Economics
- Behavioural Economics
- Macroeconomics
- Macroeconometric Modeling
- Econometric Modeling
- Industrial Organisation
- Nonlinear Economics
- Game Theory

Their publications appear in top economics journals including the Journal of Political Economy, Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Macroeconomics, Journal of Development Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Games and Economic Behaviour and Journal of Econometrics.

Having a large faculty with diverse interests means that students can have more choices in the areas of economics to specialise in. The division places great importance in close supervision of its graduate students.

Prerequisites

Applicants must have a good first degree in economics with an adequate background in mathematics, good GRE scores and a good TOEFL score (for applications from foreign Universities).

Admission

The PhD in Economics has only one admission every year in August. It is a full-time program. Part-time study is not offered. Research scholarships are awarded to successful applicants on a competitive basis. These provide for a monthly stipend of S\$2,000 in the first year and S\$2,500 from the second year after the students have passed the Qualifying Examinations and a Confirmation Exercise.

Applications are open from 1 November to 31 December, and shortlisted candidates will be interviewed. Applicants will be notified of the admission decision as soon as it is reached. Successful candidates must complete their registration formalities and report to the School by July.

Coursework

Candidates are required to undertake coursework during the first year of study. These courses are designed to equip the candidate with the analytical tools and skills to undertake research.

Research and Thesis

After successfully taking the Qualifying Examinations and sitting for the Confirmation Exercise at the end of the first year of candidature, students typically spend another two to three years to undertake research under the guidance of a thesis advisory committee and to write a thesis on a topic in economics of their choice.

Psychology

The Division offers Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) by research, and Master of Arts (M.A.) by research degrees to interested students.

Candidates pursuing graduate degrees by research work closely with their supervisors toward a thesis on an approved topic and also take courses. The research programme can be pursued on a full-time or part-time basis.

Key research areas at the Division

Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology
Cognitive Neuroscience
Cognitive Psychology
Cultural Psychology
Developmental Psychology
Evolutionary Psychology
Personality
Personnel Selection
Positive Psychology
Primate Behaviour
Psychological Assessment
Psychology of Adolescence
Quantitative Psychology
Social Psychology
Stress and Coping

Admission requirements

Bachelor's degree with good Honours, or equivalent
GRE (general)
GRE (psychology) for applicants with no prior degree in psychology
TOEFL for applicants from non-English speaking countries
Research proposal
Recommendations from two academic referees

Master of Arts (by Research)

The duration of the full-time MA programme is between one year and three years. Students usually complete the programme in two years.

An MA candidate is required to complete three enrichment courses approved by his/her supervisor, to attend 6 seminars, and to submit a dissertation.

Among the three enrichment courses, the candidate is required to take (1) at least two Foundation Courses, including Advanced Research Design and Data Analysis, and (2) one Special Topic or Laboratory and Skills course as advised by the Supervisor.

Doctor of Philosophy (by Research)

The duration of the full-time PhD programme is between two and five years. Students typically complete the programme in three years. A PhD candidate is required to complete six enrichment courses approved by his/her supervisor, to attend 6 seminars, submit a dissertation and to take part in an oral defence.

The enrichment courses include (1) at least two Foundation courses, including Advanced Research Design and Data Analysis, (2) at least one Special Topics course, and (3) at least two Skills courses, including Advanced Quantitative Methods, under the supervisor's advice.

Sociology

Overview of the Sociology Graduate Programmes

The graduate programme in Sociology at NTU offers M.A. and Ph.D. degrees by coursework (reading) and research. Our graduate programmes are suitable for those pursuing careers in research and teaching.

M.A. Curriculum

All M.A. candidates must complete and satisfactorily pass three compulsory courses, two of which are focused on classical and contemporary sociology, and of which is focused on research methods. Some M.A. candidates may be required to take additional methods courses subject to the discretion of their MA supervisor and the nature of their proposed M.A. research. In the first year, all M.A. students are expected to enroll in the three compulsory courses. Students must complete any remaining coursework by the end of third semester and are expected to research, write, and defend their MA thesis according to the procedures established (below).

1st Year of Candidature (with Completed M.A.)



Complete coursework (3 compulsory courses)



2nd Year of Candidature

Thesis Advisory Committee



Confirmation Exercise (Oral Examination) with review panel



Final Year of Candidature



Thesis Writing



Submission of Thesis for Final Examination



Final Oral Examination



Award of degree by Academic Board

Conferment of Degree

The PhD Curriculum

To advance to the Ph.D. candidature, M.A. students must sit for two comprehensive preliminary exams within the first year. (These are organized within the Division of Sociology). After completing the second of these exams, Ph.D. candidates are required to complete the preparation and defense of their Ph.D. dissertation according to the procedures presented in [Figure 2](#) (below).

1st Year of Candidature (with Completed MA)



Complete coursework (3 compulsory courses)



Complete two Comprehensive Exams



2nd Year of Candidature

Thesis Advisory Committee



Confirmation Exercise (Oral Examination) with review panel



Final Year of Candidature



Thesis Writing



Submission of Thesis for Final Examination



Final Oral Examination



Award of degree by Academic Board

Conferment of Degree

Assessment

Graduate sociology subjects at NTU are assessed through a combination of continuous assessment and exams. The core graduate courses (7001, 7002, 7003) have a 50/50 CA/Exam assessment structure. Consistent with Ph.D. sociology programmes internationally, graduate electives are entirely based on term paper and other continuous assessment marks.