



School of Humanities and Social Sciences



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What's your **Passion**

When the mind is stimulated, life is enriched – the possibilities seem endless, opportunities abound, a taste of success whets the appetite for more success. This is encapsulated in the theme – Live, Learn, Discover.

The learning environment at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) extends beyond physical walls and geographical borders. Teaching strategies support knowledge acquisition with real-life applications and even entrepreneurial support. It's all in the interactive experience here. HSS is the base where students are groomed to become globally competitive – because they get to ...

- ... Live their passions
- ... Learn without boundaries
- ... Discover the world

> CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Dear prospective students,

The School of Humanities & Social Sciences (HSS) in NTU is a young, dynamic and fast-growing school. NTU in itself is the fastest-growing university in the world's top 50 university list, in which it achieved an impressive 47th placing. It is also placed 4th globally among young elite universities.

At HSS, we have over 180 full-time faculty members, with diverse international backgrounds and world-class credentials, engaging in cutting-edge research, teaching and curriculum development. As a close-knit community, we are proud to offer a student-centered education, with an open-door culture where students and professors often come together to debate and engage in academic discussions. We offer eight major programmes in Chinese, Economics, English Literature, History, Linguistics & Multilingual Studies, Public Policy & Global Affairs, Psychology and Sociology. To cater to the array of interests and career aspirations of our students, we offer a curriculum that is broad-based and flexible, as well as a wide repertoire of overseas exchange programmes, internship programmes and student activities.

Our graduates are well-sought after by employers both locally and overseas. Their analytical ability, excellent communication and leadership skills, plus their adeptness

at working across different fields, are essential traits which employers look for in today's highly-competitive globalised economy. During the 2009 recession, dubbed the worst since the Great Depression, 90% of our graduates from the Class of 2009 found gainful employment before graduation. This is a testament to the holistic education we offer to our students.

In this booklet, you can find out more about our courses, how our graduates are faring today, and the kinds of activities you will get to participate in if you join HSS. I look forward to interacting with you in the new academic year.

Professor Liu Hong
Chair, School of Humanities
and Social Sciences
Nanyang Technological University

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> EDITOR'S NOTE

You are probably now standing on the cusp of a life-changing decision – wondering which university and degree programme to choose. The alumni of HSS have come together, through this booklet, to share with you their insights into life at NTU, and of how their HSS education helped them to fulfil their career aspirations.

You can read details about the courses that HSS offers, and the myriad of exciting enrichment programmes that will make your time at NTU the best four years of your life. At HSS, you will find yourself constantly inspired by new courses, creative projects, business ideas and co-curricular activities. Here is a sneak peek at what you can expect:

- Extensive range of intellectually-stimulating majors in Humanities & Social Sciences
- Double major options, over 30 minor programmes, plus a wide repertoire of elective courses to broaden your intellectual outlook
- Be taught – and inspired – by world-class professors
- Realise your entrepreneurial dream
- Gain a competitive edge that widens your career choices
- Be a global citizen – pick up a foreign language and travel the world

- Play hard while working hard – over 100 student groups and societies, ranging from academic and arts to sports and adventure, are available
- Guaranteed hostel accommodation on campus for all freshmen

Also read the profile stories of our alumni. Find out what our graduates have been doing since graduation, and how their studies at NTU's HSS has helped them to make a mark in their careers.

**Live. Learn. Discover.
At HSS.**

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Learn

*Won't you venture and learn?
Learn without boundaries!*

? WHAT SHOULD I MAJOR IN?

History, English, Chinese, Psychology, Sociology, Linguistics... which should I major in?

Well, what are you most passionate about? Whatever it is, that's an ideal major for you. Focus on what you like and life will be an adventure. Enthusiasm, rather than obligation, will put you on the road to success. University is a place to explore your passion and develop your talent, so that you can grow intellectually, pursue your dream career and make a difference.

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HSS offers degree programmes in eight disciplines.

8 Majors

- Chinese
- Economics
- English Literature
- History
- Linguistics & Multilingual Studies
- Public Policy & Global Affairs
- Psychology
- Sociology

DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- **Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Chinese**
 - 4-year direct-honours
 - Obtain concrete foundation in classical and modern Chinese literature, deeper understanding of Chinese language, and broader perspective of Modern China and the Chinese Diaspora in Southeast Asia. Acquire multi-disciplinary research skills and bilingual capabilities.
- **Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Economics**
 - 4-year direct-honours
 - Specialisations: Development & Public Policy, Finance & Business and Quantitative Economics. Discover the economic forces that shape and compel the individual and society. Explore the reasons and ramifications behind existing world conditions – crime, class loyalty and capitalism.
- **Double Degree in Engineering & Economics**
 - 5-year direct-honours
 - Jointly offered by the College of Engineering and HSS. Acquire an advanced understanding of the integrative relationship between engineering and economics.
- **Bachelor of Science in Mathematics & Economics**
 - 4-year direct-honours
 - Jointly offered by the School of Physical & Mathematical Sciences and HSS. Get equipped for exciting and challenging careers in the financial sector.

- **Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English Literature**

4-year direct-honours

Specialisations: Comparative Literature, Singaporean and Asian Literatures, Critical and Literary Theory, Cultural Studies, Film Studies, Postmodernism and Gender Studies – focusing on both traditional areas of English literature and contemporary innovative approaches to the subject.

The Division also has a vibrant creative writing programme, part of which is in collaboration with the National Arts Council, where critically acclaimed local and international writers share insights and mentor students in their creative writing pursuits.

- **Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in History**

4-year direct-honours

Specialisations: Global Asia in Connected History; Inter-disciplinary History of Science, Technology, Medicine, Business and the Environment; and World History.

Employ analytical tools and core methodologies obtained from the study of cultural, economic, gender, inter-disciplinary, international, military, political, and social histories to make sense of the past and the present. Acquire keen analytical, communication and inter-disciplinary problem-solving skills vital in today's globalised economies.

- **Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Linguistics & Multilingual Studies**

4-year direct-honours

Through inter-disciplinary studies, understand communication; creation of meaning; functions, structure, and neurological and psychological basis of language use; and documentation and computational applications of languages.

- **Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology**

4-year direct-honours

Dual-nature study – behaviour and cognition, social science and life science. Highly inter-disciplinary – draws on neurophysiology, sociology, philosophy and mathematics. Investigate interpersonal interactions and discover how we perceive our world, learn, formulate goals, react to stress and interact with others.

- **Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Public Policy & Global Affairs** ^{*NEW}

4-year direct-honours

Acquire multi-dimensional practical knowledge in areas such as political dynamics, international politics, comparative politics, comparative public administration, global affairs, policy analysis, programme evaluation, public financial management, human resource management and non-profit management.

- **Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Sociology**

4-year direct-honours

Analyse the social conditions that make a significant impact on human lives. Curriculum emphasises critical thinking, theoretical reasoning, empirical research, and communication skills. Develop the ability to think through complex issues and to move beyond conventional wisdom.



Visit www.hss.ntu.edu.sg for more details

? WHAT CAN I DO WITH A HSS DEGREE?

HSS graduates are highly-sought after by employers in various industries for their excellent communication skills, critical-thinking ability and versatility. A Graduate Employment Survey by the Ministry of Education in 2011 showed that about 90% of HSS graduates found employment within six months of graduation, with an average starting salary of about \$3,000.

Every HSS major gives our graduates an edge in a wide range of careers.

Chinese graduates are bilingual and bicultural.

Career potential: Private and public sectors where in-depth knowledge of Chinese language and culture are required. Civil service, education, business management, public relations, journalism, publishing, translation, theatre and the arts.

Economics graduates have analytical and quantitative skills.

Career potential: Finance sector, administrative and management positions in the public sector – Economic Development Board, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Monetary Authority of Singapore and Government of Singapore Investment Corporation. A wide range of private sector industries.

English graduates have an outstanding command of the language and are natural wordsmiths.

Career potential: This expertise can be applied in any career that requires analysis and excellent language skills. Sectors include education, the civil service, social work, journalism, advertising, publishing, human resource, management, public administration, arts administration, and other creative industries. Of course, many continue in their academic pursuits to MA and PhD levels.

History graduates are adept at research, analysis and writing.

Career potential: Archival work, business, defence and intelligence research, diplomacy, education, journalism, publishing, public relations and advertising, library and information operations, museum curation and management, policy-making, think-tank research, tourism, and even content programming of computer games.

Linguistics & Multilingual Studies graduates have a deep understanding of communication, and can think laterally.

Career potential: Both private and public sector management roles. Computer industry – speech recognition, search engines and artificial intelligence (Apple, Microsoft and Google are three of the biggest employers of linguists). Teaching and curriculum development. Journalism, publishing, public relations, advertising and marketing. Lexicographers, translators and interpreters.

Psychology graduates know how people process and understand information, emotions and their own bodies.

Career potential: Any profession. Particularly as educators, psychologists, social workers, counsellors, behaviour analysts; and in public health administration, business marketing and advertising, human resource, banking and finance, consulting and project management.

Public Policy & Global Affairs graduates possess knowledge of public affairs, international relations and politics.

Career potential: Government administration, mass media, education, civil society organisations and private firms. Civil service administration, public management, policy analysis, journalism and research.

Sociology graduates are able to think through complex issues and move beyond conventional wisdom.

Career potential: Civil service and public administration, public relations, advertising, journalism, broadcasting, education, non-governmental organisations, creative industries, management, business, marketing and other private sector organisations.

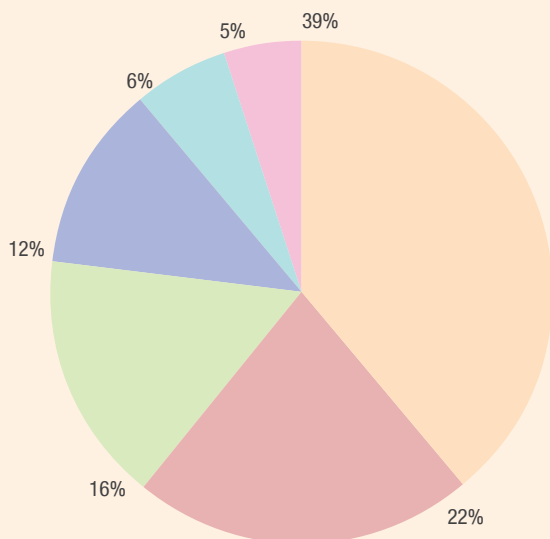
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Yet, your choice of major does not dictate your future career. Many HSS graduates work in jobs unrelated to their majors. This is because employers value certain fundamental traits over technical knowledge. And at NTU, regardless of your major, you will develop those traits through projects, assignments and enrichment programmes, such as overseas exchange, internship and co-curricular activities.

Traits Employers Value

- Reliable with deadlines
- Resilient under pressure
- Able to think critically
- Strong IT knowledge
- Effective leader
- Team player
- Creative problem-solver
- Has planning & organisational skills
- Highly-motivated

WHERE ARE OUR GRADUATES WORKING?



5%

Banking
& Finance

6%

Journalism, Publishing,
Public Relations, Marketing

12%

Further Studies

16%

Business Management,
Research, Shipping,
Management Consultancy,
Arts, Entertainment,
Healthcare, Social Service,
Tourism & Hospitality
Management, Human
Resource, IT, Logistic,
Manufacturing, Non-profit,
Commodities, Trading,
Training

22%

Civil Service &
Statutory Boards

39%

Education

Some organisations that hired our graduates:

- CBS Interactive
- Bloomberg
- Dow Jones & Co
- MediaCorp
- Singapore Press Holdings
- The Esplanade
- Bank of New York Mellon
- Credit Suisse
- JP Morgan
- Citibank
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth
- Ministry of Communications and Information
- Ministry of Social and Family Development
- Outward Bound Singapore
- Singapore Tourism Board
- Singapore Airlines
- A*STAR
- Intervention Services for Autism and Developmental Delay
- Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore
- Home Team Behavioural Sciences Centre
- National University Hospital
- Oracle Singapore
- PwC
- The Nielsen Company
- Wilmar
- Neptune Orient Lines
- Hapag-Lloyd

Our graduates also pursue further studies at prestigious universities worldwide:

- New York University
- University of Oxford
- University of Cambridge
- London School of Economics and Political Science
- University College London

? WHAT IS THE CURRICULUM LIKE?

Today's globalised economy is becoming increasingly challenging and demanding. Organisations are looking for T-shaped professionals who have in-depth specialised knowledge, plus a broad range of complementary skills – communication, creativity, empathy, understanding of fields outside area of specialisation, and ability to work with experts from other disciplines.

In this regard, up to 70% of the NTU curriculum consists of your core major, while at least 30% is to be made up of courses from other disciplines. Students can also earn academic credits by signing up for internship and/ or overseas exchange programmes.

NTU CURRICULUM

Core Modules

- Modules from your major
(8 options: Chinese, Economics, English Literature, History, Linguistics & Multilingual Studies, Public Policy & Global Affairs, Psychology and Sociology)

Compulsory Modules

- Communication Skills
- Singapore Studies
- Environmental Sustainability

Prescribed Electives

- Liberal Studies
- Science, Technology & Society
- Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences
- Business & Management

Unrestricted Electives

- Pre-determined modules related to your choice of **second major or**
- Pre-determined modules related to your choice of **minor(s) or**
- Any of the **electives offered campus-wide**

Optionally, **earn academic credits ...**

- via **HSS Professional Attachment Programme or**
- via courses at an overseas partner university, under any **NTU overseas exchange programme**

Second Major Options

Outstanding HSS students can pursue a second major, subject to eligibility.

- Chinese
- Economics
- English Literature
- History
- Linguistics & Multilingual Studies
- Psychology
- Public Policy & Global Affairs
- Sociology
- Communication Studies
- Art History
- Biological Sciences (*for Psychology majors only*)
- Business (*for Economics majors only*)

- Education Studies
- Film Studies
- Global Asia
- History
- Information & New Media
- Linguistics & Multilingual Studies
- Music
- Philosophy
- Sociology
- Translation
- Public Administration
- Psychology

- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Malay
- Spanish
- Thai
- Vietnamese

Undergraduate Research Experience on Campus (URECA)

A premier research programme for outstanding NTU students. Selected students will receive the prestigious “NTU President Research Scholar” title and get to pursue independent research in any discipline under the supervision of a professor.

Minor Options

HSS students can take up one or two minors to complement their major. For instance, Sociology majors wishing to start a social enterprise can take a minor in Entrepreneurship or Business; or Economics majors who want to be financial journalists can take a minor in Communication Studies.

Arts, Humanities, Media, Languages & Social Sciences

- Art History
- Chinese
- Communication Studies
- Creative Writing
- Drama & Performance
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Environmental & Urban Studies

Business

- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Risk Management & Insurance

Computing, Engineering & Sciences

- Applied Physics
- Chemistry & Biological Chemistry
- Computing
- Energy
- Environmental Management
- Information-Communication Technology
- Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Sport Science
- Systems Management

Language Options

Interested in a foreign language or culture? Available, from introductory to advanced levels, are:

- Arabic
- Chinese
- French

Creative Writing Mentorship

Students who aspire to be novelists, screenwriters or playwrights can look forward to learning from our Writers-in-Residence. Collaborating with the National Arts Council, we run two national creative writing programmes – Chinese and English – hosting local and international writers with proven track records. While working on their own projects, these writers will mentor students, imparting their expertise in areas ranging from style, literary structure and characterisation, to the key challenges and hurdles of the publishing process.

Discover

What will you discover?

Discover the world!

Discover yourself!



INSPIRATIONS FROM WITHIN

There's never a dull moment when you are taught and mentored by professors from diverse backgrounds with inspiring stories to tell. Our professors come with world-class credentials and PhDs from renowned universities around the globe.



"He is big on love for all of us, except that the time he has with us is finite... So he may come off as brutally direct with our mistakes, but it doesn't make us love him any less."

*Winifred Seto
Final-year Sociology student*

Assistant Professor Patrick Williams

Sociology Division
Winner of the 2010 Nanyang
Award for Excellence in Teaching

Dubbed NTU's coolest professor, Asst Prof Williams is a sci-fi aficionado who has raced motorcycles, played drums in punk bands, and enjoys World of Warcraft (WoW). The unconventional sociology professor teaches intriguing courses such as youth subcultures – think hipster, goths, punks and otakus.

"Dr Murphy entertains all his students regardless of how busy he is and how silly the queries may be – a trait of a great teacher and a real gentleman."

*Dominic Neo
Third-year English student*



Associate Professor Neil Murphy

English Division
Winner of the 2012 Nanyang
Award for Excellence in Teaching



Despite his numerous duties, Assoc Prof Murphy makes it a point to talk to every student personally when he returns their term papers. He firmly believes that the best teachers are those who are genuinely interested in their students; and that with just that little extra effort, it is possible to make an enormous difference in students' lives.

Assistant Professor Leong Kaiwen

Economics Division
JC Dropout to Millionaire Professor

A former ne'er-do-well who is now an academic, millionaire and published author, Asst Prof Leong is the quintessential self-made man. Having weathered his share of financial hardship and personal heartache during his growing up years, his is a tale of redemption through perseverance. Through his book *Singapore's Lost Son*, he hopes to show others that despite loss and failure, one can overcome circumstances with hard work and determination. As an educator, he hopes to additionally inspire resilience among his students.

ADVENTURES BEYOND

University is a time of (almost) total empowerment. Grab the opportunity to go abroad, experience university overseas, undergo an internship – and earn academic credits which count towards your NTU degree. In the process you will show your future employers that you possess highly-valued leadership qualities.

Our vision is for at least 70% of HSS students to spread their wings and fly!



Traits of a Leader

Courage & Calculated Risk-taking

Studying overseas means taking a risk, living an adventure, rejecting parochialism, and pushing beyond one's comfort zones. It displays your hunger for personal advancement and mettle to take the route less travelled.

Multi-cultural Awareness

International work teams are a common sight in today's globalised economy. Overseas exposure raises your ability and confidence to engage – and even lead – global teams in your future career.

Independence & Adaptability

Living in a foreign country, you must adapt to a new environment, overcome culture shock, live independently, manage your finances, communicate across cultures, and more – you become a global citizen!

Empathy

Travelling reveals global issues in plain sight, and some will inevitably tug at your heartstrings. The experience will unleash the idealist in you and imbue a desire to make a difference in the world.

GEM Explorer

6-month study at one of over 150 partner universities across 25 countries.

Popular choices include National Taiwan University (Taiwan), Waseda University (Japan), Yonsei University (Korea), Peking University (China), Maastricht University (The Netherlands), SciencesPo (France) and Lund University (Sweden).

GEM Discoverer Work & Study

22-week internship and study in China, India or Vietnam. Partner universities include Peking University (China), Tsinghua University (China), Fudan University (China), Symbiosis International University (India) and Vietnam National University (Vietnam).

GEM Discoverer Prelude

2-week study and educational visits designed to provide broad-based understanding, or thematic study, of key Asian cities and emerging markets. Partner universities include Peking University (China), Symbiosis International University (India), Koç University (Turkey), and Vietnam National University (Vietnam).

GEM Discoverer Summer Studies

Summer vacation programme at prestigious universities in global cities. For students to learn new languages, to deepen their understanding of world cultures, or to be inspired by new knowledge. Partner universities include Seoul National University (Korea), London School of Economics (UK), University of California, Berkeley (USA), Copenhagen Business School (Denmark) and University of Stuttgart (Germany).

"University students in Manchester are politically active. I witnessed how a clash between two groups of students – one supporting Israel, another pro-Palestinian – caused a talk by an Israeli diplomat to be cancelled. Clearly, the politically-aware can make an impact with sufficient bravery and determination."

Students are expected to do a great deal of independent reading and learning – assessments feel like mere formality. My worldview expanded dramatically after attending debates organised by the university's Debate Society. For instance, I thought they were crazy to be debating the legalisation of recreational drugs. However, the more I listened and learned, the more aware I became of matters I previously thought were non-issues."

*Ang Si Min
Linguistics & Multilingual Studies
GEM Explorer Participant, 2010
University of Manchester, UK*

MONEY MATTERS

Going on an exchange requires a financial investment. However, if you think about it, there is actually little difference between living expenses in Singapore and that in another country, especially in Asia.



Estimated Cost Breakdown

Programmes	Duration	Country/Region	Estimated Expenses
Explorer	1 semester	Asia	S\$5,000 - S\$6000
Explorer	1 semester	Oceania, Americas, Europe & Africa	S\$10,000 - S\$15,000 onwards
Work & Study	1 semester	China, India & Vietnam	S\$5,000 - S\$7,000
Prelude	2 weeks	Asia & Emerging Markets	S\$1,500 - S\$3,500
Summer Studies	4-6 weeks	Asia	S\$3,000 - S\$5,000
Summer Studies	4-6 weeks	Europe	S\$4,000 - S\$7,000
Summer Studies	4-6 weeks	Americas & Oceania	S\$8,000 - S\$10,000

Estimated expenses include airfare, accommodation and living expenses

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There is more good news! Financial help, bursaries and scholarships are readily available at NTU. There are also a number of scholarships offered by our partner universities and other organisations. With smart planning, you can finance an overseas exchange experience with a relatively small outlay.

See the full list of financial assistance schemes at <http://bit.ly/YdZv08>

Ng Bok Eng Scholarship

Offers up to \$3,000 for Work & Study programme.

International Business Fellowship (IBF) Scheme

Offers partial subsidy of up to \$100 per week for selected students on Work & Study programme. Students may receive up to \$5,000 in total under the IBF programme as well as co-funding from a relevant scholarship.

NTU Overseas Student Programme (OSP) Loan

Offers loan quantum according to applicant's financial circumstances. Interest-free during course of study. Repayment commences after graduation.



WHY JOIN STUDENT ACTIVITIES?

With over 100 student organisations, student life in NTU presents endless possibilities. You can work on the campus newspaper, Nanyang Chronicle; organise a campus concert featuring a celebrity singer; or run the TEDxNTU conference. Through these activities, you will make new friends, and rub shoulders with renowned speakers and celebrities – all while pursuing your interests and learning new skills.

All first-year students are guaranteed hostel accommodation. Living on campus and taking part in hostel activities will amp up your university experience.

Can't find anything of interest? Why not start your own group? Starting a new organisation from scratch is legacy work which will give you invaluable experience and a great sense of satisfaction.

You're Hired!

Active participation gives you an edge when entering the job market after graduation. Imagine a resume with these lines.

- Led a committee to plan and organise an international youth conference
- Developed digital marketing plan to promote a campus concert
- Raised \$4,000 in sponsorship for the club
- Revamped the campus newspaper editorial layout
- Coordinated weekly training sessions for the university canoeing team
- Peer-counselled and advised freshmen



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCAs)

Leadership

- Students' Union
- Humanities & Social Sciences Club
- Hostel Junior Common Room Committee

Arts & Culture

- Chinese Society
- French Society
- German Society
- Indian Social & Cultural Society
- Japanese Appreciation Club
- Korean Cultural Society
- Malay Language & Cultural Society
- Choir
- Guitar Ensemble
- Jazz & Blues Band
- Salsa En Sync
- Soul Funky Pop & Lock
- The Epiphany, NTU English & Drama Society

Special Interest

- Economics Society
- History Society
- Linguistics & Multilingual Studies Society
- Psychology Society
- Sociological Society
- Aikido Club
- Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
- Fencing Club
- Wushu Club
- Dragon & Lion Dance Troupe
- Scuba Diving Club
- Wakeboarding Club
- Bowling Club
- Floorball Club
- Golf Club
- Outdoor Adventure Club

- Runners' Club
- Snooker & Pool Club
- Tennis Club
- ADDiction – NTU Advertising Society
- AIESEC – NTU Local Committee
- Animal Lovers' Society
- Contract Bridge Club
- Cyber Games Society
- Deli Aprecio Club
- Earthlink
- Investment Interactive Club
- Rotaract Club
- Welfare Services Club



Full list viewable at
<http://bit.ly/12rMXdG>



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Live

*What do you live for?
Come, live your passion!*

Melissa Choo

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in
Psychology, 2009

CCA:

- NTU Motoring Club

Internship:

- MOE Teaching Internship at Junyuan
Secondary School

Career:

- Associate Psychologist at Psychology
Services Branch, Ministry of Education



Reading People

I empathise with children who experience learning difficulties. I believe every child has the potential to do his or her best. Sometimes, he or she just needs the opportunity and an appropriately-tailored education.

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Being able to make a living doing what I love has its roots in my education at HSS.
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I had always wanted to better understand why we act as we do. That's why there was no question about it; I had to read Psychology at HSS. Another draw was the assistive nature of the discipline.

For internship, I did 10 weeks of teaching at Junyuan Secondary School. I enjoyed it so much that I took the MOE Teaching Award offered to me at the end of my third year in NTU. So, after acquiring my degree in Psychology at HSS, I went on to achieve distinction in the Post-Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary) course at NIE where I learnt pedagogical skills and applied them during a school attachment.

Thereafter, I was spurred on by a deep desire to blend my two passions – Psychology and Education. The rest is history.

I now support students with special educational needs. Providing assessment and consultation services to

mainstream schools, I work closely with school leaders, teachers, counsellors, allied educators and parents. I am involved in establishing and evaluating SPED-mainstream schools Satellite Partnerships at national level to facilitate social and academic integration between both groups of students. From clinical, developmental and child psychology to industrial and organisational psychology, and applied statistics, ...

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... the knowledge which I had amassed at NTU constitutes the foundation necessary for me to do my job well.
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Chng Hui Jun

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
in Chinese, 2009
Minor in Translation

Internships & Overseas Exchange:

- Cultural Promotion Industry
Department, Singapore Press
Holdings
- Curriculum Planning & Development
Division, Ministry of Education
- GEM-Explorer Exchange Programme,
Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

CCA:

- 飞乐时空 Music Express,
Main Committee, 2005 – 2007.
Held positions of Secretary &
Vice-President.

Career:

- Senior Research Analyst at Citibank
Singapore Ltd



Versatile Head Start

Never did I imagine that I would work in banking and finance. The job interview involved a case analysis and presentation; as a Chinese major, I lacked relevant field knowledge that other candidates possessed.

Ever since young, I had wanted to study Chinese in depth. So I did it! Business and Engineering courses have traditionally been the more popular choices of major, but I stuck to my belief that if you are passionate about something, you will excel in it.

Most people think majoring in Chinese, you only learn linguistics and literature, and are destined to teach Chinese. Well, I graduated with honours, specialising in Modern Chinese Society, Politics and Economy. Besides facts and concepts, ...

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... the course also emphasised analytical and reasoning skills – competencies that overrode the lack of industry knowledge, and enhanced my performance at interviews.
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My four years of HSS education, overseas exchange exposure, and highly-involved CCA experience have developed me holistically, training me to thrive in dynamic environments and preparing me for challenges that lie ahead – qualities essential for anyone hoping to drive the performance of an organisation.



University education is not just about getting equipped with academic knowledge. It is, more importantly, about honing analytical and conceptual, project management, problem-solving, communication, interpersonal, leadership and team-player skills. There will always be opportunities for industry knowledge to be acquired on the job.

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I am now happily delving into my other interests – marketing and consumer research – in my current job.
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Tan Pin Ru

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in
Economics, 2008
Valedictorian, Class of 2008

CCAs:

- Hall Six Dinner & Dance Committee, Co-chairperson
- Hall Six Stage Production at Raffles Hotel's Jubilee Hall, Co-producer
- Hall Six Swimming Team, Member
- Hall Six Cheerleading Team, Member
- HSS Orientation Camp Committee, Member

Internship & Overseas Exchange:

- Risk Performance and Management Department, Government of Singapore Investment Corporation (GIC)
- Summer exchange at Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

Career:

- Associate Director (Asia Pacific Rates Strategy), The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC), Hong Kong



Solid Pillars

Economics fascinates me because it cuts across geographical boundaries, yet impacts nations and individuals politically and socially. The chance to specialise in it from the first year attracted me to the HSS Economics honours programme. Also interested in how people think, Psychology was my natural choice for a minor. In my job today, this comes in handy during negotiations.

Throughout my 4-year study, all our HSS professors were ever ready to offer their assistance, especially in our final-year project.

In particular, Prof Low Chan Kee, my econometric professor and internship supervisor, gave me sincere advice on my career path. Clearly absent was the proverbial wall between professors and students! I was very pleasantly surprised and moved.

Serving my internship at the Risk Performance and Management Department, Government of Singapore Investment Corporation, I looked at property market risks, including mortgage-backed securities. I also went on a summer exchange at Tsinghua University, Beijing.

These experiences and Prof Low's guidance were key to landing my first job after graduation, as an Asia FX and Rates Strategist at the Royal Bank of Scotland.

For all freshmen, the guaranteed hostel accommodation meant time saved commuting. This allowed me to participate actively in



CCAs and hall activities, and to adjust quickly to campus life.

Juggling studies and activities broadened my horizon; expanded my social circle, allowing me contact with students from different backgrounds; and also made me good at multi-tasking – all useful qualities, given the demands of the modern-day workplace.

Chor Wan Ting

Bachelors of Arts (Honours) in
Linguistics & Multilingual Studies,
2012

CCA

- Welfare Services Club, Hearing Project

Internship & Overseas Exchange

- GEM Explorer Exchange Programme,
Kansai Gaidai University, Japan
- Japan Creative Centre, Embassy
of Japan, Singapore

Career:

- English Language Teacher, Japan
Exchange & Teaching Programme, Japan



Genuine Appreciation

I live on an island off Hiroshima, with views of the inland sea right outside my apartment.

This privilege is made possible by the overseas exposure I received during my university days.

Then, my desire to spend a few months abroad as a resident, immersed in a different lifestyle and culture, compelled me to go on an exchange to Japan. Seated among local and foreign students, the lessons at Kansai Gaidai University gave me great insight into Japanese culture. Visits to Japanese law courts and a functioning prison were once-in-a-lifetime encounters. And a weekend stay with a local family opened my eyes to everyday living there.

My linguistics major had prepared me well. My awareness of how culture

influences language allowed me to appreciate cultural diversity among people of different nationalities, and to hold meaningful conversations with them. In turn, I gained a deeper awareness of my own cultural roots; an appreciation of our research into multilingualism and multiculturalism in Singapore; and a better understanding of phonology, morphology and syntax in language. My command of the Japanese language also improved tremendously.

A subsequent stint at the Japanese embassy in Singapore, where I got to network with diplomats and government officials who promoted cultural exchanges and friendly relations between Japan and Singapore, satisfied



my curiosity about Japan's work culture. Once again, my university education had equipped me with sensitivity and receptiveness towards different cultures, allowing me to adapt quickly and easily.

Today, I draw from these experiences as I serve as an ambassador of Singapore, teaching English in Primary and Secondary schools in Japan.

I share my thoughts on the similarities and differences between Japan and Singapore with members of the local community.

Shivali Nayak

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in
Sociology, 2010

CCA:

- NTU Sociological Society,
Founding Member & Liaison Officer

Internship & Overseas Exchange:

- GEM Discoverer Prelude,
Suzhou, China
- Symantec, India

Career:

- Journalist at CNBC



Unconventional Moves

We live in a globalised world; any amount of overseas experience is always going to be useful.

So, when the opportunity to go to China came up, I went. I wanted to experience the world's second largest economy first-hand!

As it turned out, I was the only non-Chinese among the students on the trip!

With some knowledge of Mandarin, I was able to brush up on my language skills; I picked up new words to help me get around the city better. Whenever I struggled with communication, my group mates helped. Anyway, the Chinese culture was new to all of us; not just me.

Over two weeks in Soochow University, we read Politics and Economics. We also visited corporations and places of interest. But more than just study, I experienced first-hand what I had learnt in lectures back in Singapore, particularly the socio-economic aspects of China's development. On a personal level, I had to be resourceful in my search for vegetarian food ... in a meat-loving country!

I also did an internship in Corporate Communications at Symantec's India headquarters in Pune. This time, the challenge was a lot more personal

than professional. Living in a flat with 14 others, experiencing power cuts, going without shower for days because of water shortage, travelling half an hour to the nearest theatre – certainly an eye-opener for one raised in Singapore.

I believe the international experience on my resume helped me stand out among candidates vying for jobs. To begin with, the exposure makes a great conversation starter at interviews!



Kevin Goh

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in
English, 2011

CCAs:

- HSS Club, Honourary General Secretary,
Social Director & Jam Band Manager
- Youth Olympics Village, Access Manager
- Asean Summit, NTU Student
Ambassador

Internship:

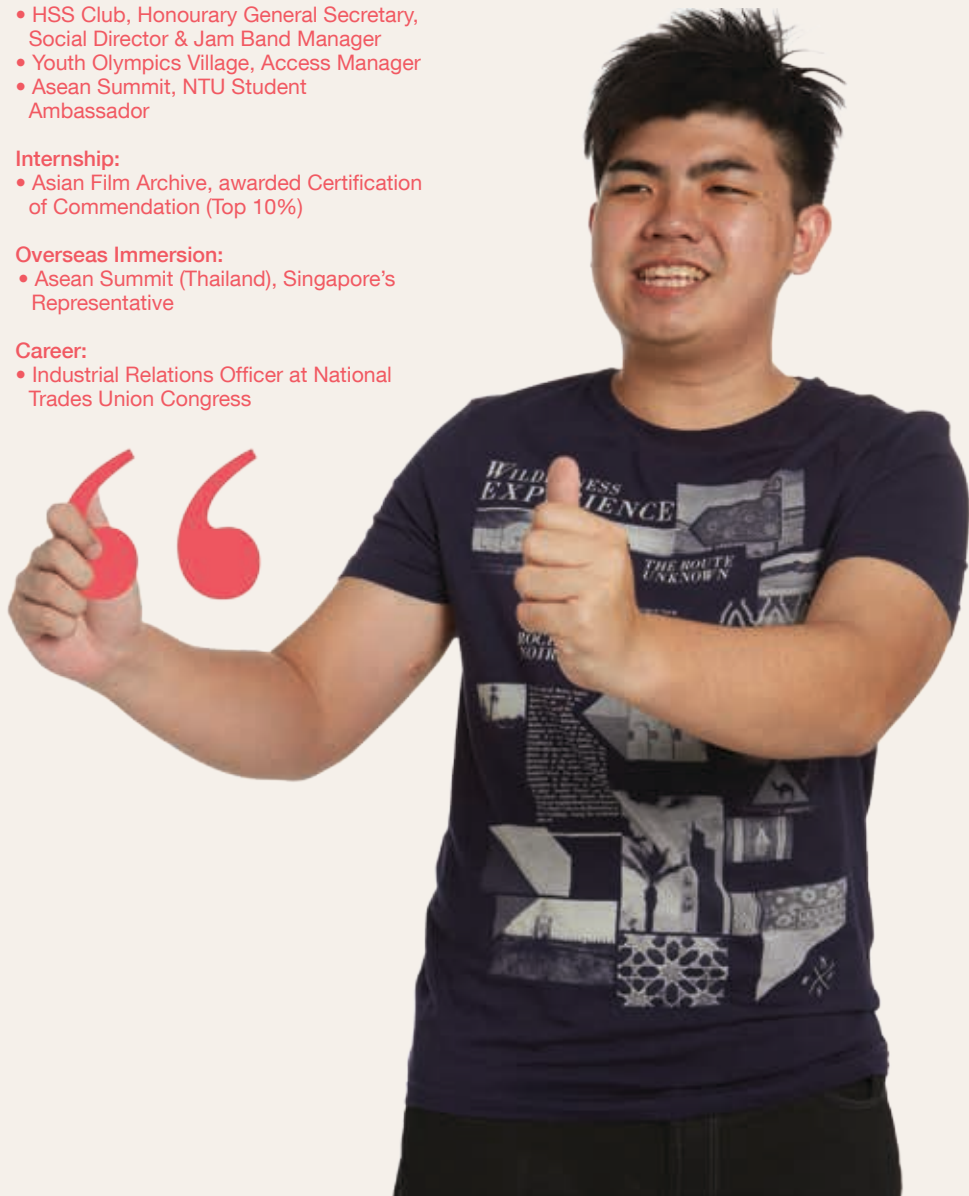
- Asian Film Archive, awarded Certification
of Commendation (Top 10%)

Overseas Immersion:

- Asean Summit (Thailand), Singapore's
Representative

Career:

- Industrial Relations Officer at National
Trades Union Congress



Natural Progression

English Literature exposes students to a wide range of cultures and opinions, and gives us access to worlds we would never experience today. This has made me more worldly-wise, a quality essential for an effective Industrial Relations Officer. In solving the issues of today's workers, we must think quickly during negotiations, react promptly to sudden economic changes, and be aware of potential repercussions to industries.

Then again, every facet of varsity life – CCAs included – has honed me for this role.

What I do today is an extension of my days as a student leader and ambassador.

Where I used to interact with, influence and impact the lives of my peers, I now contribute to society – championing initiatives that help companies increase productivity and stay in business, and helping workers through negotiations and collective bargaining for better remuneration.

My biggest takeaway as a student leader is the notion that a leader and problem-solver must walk in the shoes of those affected by the issue before acting. My job lets me see, and sometimes do, the things workers do, allowing me to pre-empt or head off potential problems.

During my stint at the Asean Film Archive, former Executive Director Mr Tan



Bee Thiam taught me to be resourceful in the face of limited avenues – another skill valuable in my chosen career.

In juggling my intense CCA commitments with my studies, I have to thank my professors, especially Prof Terence Richard Dawson, for their patience.

It was difficult at times to balance both, but participating in regional summits and international events were experiences I cherished – and still do to this day.

Lai Junjie

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in
Sociology, 2012
Minor in Communication Studies

CCAs:

- Fencing, Logistics Officer & Inter-varsity Representative
- The Nanyang Chronicle, Sports Editor & Sub-editor

Internship:

- The New Paper, Singapore Press Holdings

Career:

- Copywriter, Creative Development at mm2 entertainment Pte Ltd



Creative Passions

Though my first love, I don't read as much now that I write for a living. Fortunately, writing is my second love. The basic tenet of Sociology - to question everything - trained me to view things critically, a trait advantageous in any writing career. Complementing this with Communication Studies as a minor, I quickly acquired my writing capability.

Classroom training was only going to take me so far.

So, I joined The Nanyang Chronicle. It turned out to be the perfect place to grow and mature as a writer. There I was involved in a major revamp of the campus newspaper's nearly-decade old design and editorial direction, and pioneered several sports features still running today.

I also gathered experience delving into diverse publications, including The New Paper, Horizon, The Maverick and ShowAvenue, and even Young Olympian Daily, the Youth Olympic Games 2010 official newspaper.

An environment of highly dedicated and driven people at the Nanyang Chronicle did wonders for my work ethics.

In fencing, the pressures of personal game performance and ensuring equipment function during competitions taught me calmness, resourcefulness and endurance.



Shuttling between classes, CCAs and freelance work, I became sleep-deprived. Assignments constantly plagued my mind. But I tackled these by minimising valueless activities, and savouring small daily victories like pinning down the right angle for a story.

Enticed by the prospect of my written work being transformed into visual reality, I have joined the film industry. I am currently one of the screenwriters for a film slated to be directed by critically-acclaimed local singer Dick Lee.

Shannon Ong

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in
Chinese, 2009

Career:

- Founder & owner of
independent bookstore,
Woods in the Books



Picture Adventures



I had enrolled in NTU not for the paper chase, but to explore a new frontier for self-discovery. Hence the uncharted career prospects that came with being in a pioneer batch gave me no worry. In fact, I was grateful to be accepted, and was looking forward to pursuing my passion for Chinese studies.

Looking back, I know I made the right choice. The broad spectrum, focus and direction of modules impressed me. The passion, dedication and openness of the faculty rubbed off on me, giving me four valuable years of joy learning, thinking and discovering. Ultimately, the meaning and value of the

Humanities goes beyond a piece of paper; it sets free the individual imagination. In my case, it brought out the inner entrepreneur.

It all began when I was inspired by my friends who ran the independent bookstore, BooksActually. I wanted to set up my own store with a focus on picture books. Woods in the Books was thus conceived. And though I did not directly tap on NTU's Career Services, ...

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... it was the total NTU culture that helped me realise – and now sustain – my entrepreneurial dream.
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My professors opened my mind while my studies influenced my thinking – from the kind of books I should curate and sell, to how I should prepare myself to accomplish my long-term business goals.

The next chapter for us is to publish good picture books – English, Chinese or both – with local themes and contexts.

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Things won't happen overnight, but my HSS education has taught me something about patience, perseverance and passion.
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CAREER SERVICES

In your first three years at HSS, your time will be spent exploring your major in great depth, widening your intellectual horizon through electives and minor programmes, and developing soft skills through student activities. In your final year, the focus will turn towards career preparation. Besides opportunities to gain work experience through the HSS Professional Attachment Programme and the overseas Work & Study programme, NTU also provides career guidance.

HSS Professional Attachment Programme (HPAP)

At the end of your third year, you can take part in this optional internship programme. Upon successful completion of the 8 to 10 weeks of internship, you will earn academic credits. More importantly, you will gain work experiences valuable to your transition to the working world after graduation.

Alternatively, you can take part in the GEM Discoverer Work & Study programme and undertake your HPAP overseas in China, Vietnam or India.

NTU Career & Attachment Office (CareerHub)

CareerHub provides career planning and management, and career events and job search services. Tap on CareerHub to explore career options, make informed career decisions, and get equipped with skills vital to landing your dream job.

Minor in Entrepreneurship

Aspire to be an entrepreneur instead? Then take a minor in Entrepreneurship during your study at NTU. Described as a “transformational learning experience” by past graduates, this minor demonstrates how entrepreneurship is not solely about starting a new business – it is a mindset.

Lessons are conducted by business leaders, entrepreneurs, intellectual property lawyers and dedicated academics with venture experience. Learn to identify when and how to seize opportunities that come with change. Be immersed in an interactive learning environment – team-based projects, real-life simulations, role-playing, practical experiences, and even Outward Bound School-organised activities to develop leadership skills. Access many networking and social platforms to meet professionals and successful entrepreneurs.

Nanyang Innovation & Enterprise Office (NIEO) and NTU Ventures (NTUV)

You can also turn to NIEO or NTUV, the commercial arm and technology holding company of the university. Together, they provide an ecosystem of support – including business incubation and mentorship – for student entrepreneurs on campus.



Germaine Ng
English Literature alumna
Class of 2012

Taking the Minor in Entrepreneurship inspired Germaine Ng to put her million-dollar plan into action. She partnered a fellow coursemate to start a café, Pitchstop, on campus. Located in the heart of NTU's Innovation Centre, it serves up an enticing menu of pizzas, burgers and beer to a diverse crowd that includes fellow entrepreneurs and venture capitalists. Today, Pitchstop is operationally profitable. Germaine has set her heart on becoming a serial entrepreneur and plans to expand her business overseas.



Jason Lee and Ewan Sou
Economics alumni
Class of 2012

Jason and Ewan signed up for the Minor in Entrepreneurship programme which required them to set up a company. They eventually founded AllDealsLeak.com, a popular website that reviews deals and points consumers to credible online discount sites. Subsequently, the pair piloted the business and introduced a new strategy – to collate data from various deal sites and avail the information to market stakeholders. The pair aims to expand the business beyond its Malaysian subsidiary, and to earn their first million soon!



Nigel Jude Decruz
Sociology alumna
Class of 2012

Nigel took a slightly unusual route to university, working hard through five years of secondary school and another three years at Millennia Institute before enrolling in NTU. During his time at the university, Nigel created and conducted various English preparatory programmes for secondary school students. Today, his entrepreneurial journey continues through the company he founded. Named Pink Couch Productions, the company provides photo-video production services and is supported by NTU Ventures.

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Degree Programme	Minimum Subject Requirements	Selection Test / Interview
A-level Qualification		
• Chinese	Pass in H2 Level Chinese, or Good pass in H1 Level Chinese / China Studies in Chinese, or Good pass in 'O' Level Higher Chinese, or Distinction in 'O' Level Chinese	On a selective basis
• Economics • Psychology	A good grade in H1 Level Mathematics, and A good grade in General Paper / Knowledge & Inquiry	On a selective basis
• English	A good grade in General Paper / Knowledge & Inquiry / H1 Level English Literature / H2 Level History	Yes
• History • Public Policy & Global Affairs	A good grade in General Paper / Knowledge & Inquiry / H1 Level English Literature / H2 Level History	On a selective basis
• Linguistics & Multilingual Studies	A good grade in General Paper / Knowledge & Inquiry / H1 Level English Literature / History Geography / Mother Tongue Language	Yes
• Sociology	A good grade in General Paper / Knowledge & Inquiry	Yes
Polytechnic Qualification		
• All	A local Polytechnic Diploma	On a selective basis
Other Qualifications		
• All	For admissions criteria, visit http://bit.ly/WNPwU4	



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