



**NANYANG  
TECHNOLOGICAL  
UNIVERSITY**  
SINGAPORE

**Nanyang Centre for  
Public Administration**  
College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

# Make winning moves with in-depth insights into China.

**Master of Social Sciences  
(China and Global Governance)**



# Welcome Message from the Director

A warm welcome to the Master of Social Sciences (China and Global Governance) – MCGG programme. Previously known as Master of Arts in Contemporary China (MACC), the programme was renamed in January 2019 to better reflect its evolving nature. While MACC focused on domestic developments in contemporary China, the MCGG syllabus now offers a broader, more holistic scope with insightful studies into China's role in global affairs and governance.

As part of the Nanyang Centre for Public Administration (NCPA), one of Asia's leading institutions for public policy and public administration education, MCGG is strengthened by NCPA's synergy in faculty teaching and research.

Through an interdisciplinary approach, MCGG nurtures students' capabilities in a highly interactive learning environment. Not only are our seminars taught by China specialists in small class sizes, we also invite renowned scholars and industry practitioners from the region to share their unique perspectives and invaluable experiences. The programme is further enriched by Singapore's multicultural and multilingual environment, bridging Eastern and Western perspectives to deliver a balanced, global outlook to the study of China.

In the classrooms, our students from various professions and nationalities create a diverse and dynamic learning community, bringing with them global perspectives. Beyond the classrooms, exchange programmes and summer school with our partner institutions enrich the learning experience, enabling students to gain first-hand insights and practical knowledge of China's economic, political and social landscape.

In addition, MCGG is backed by the extensive NCPA alumni network of over 17,000 members in China and other countries, offering students professional development opportunities in Singapore and beyond.

My team and I look forward to learning with all of you while collectively enhancing and realising the full potential of this programme. I believe that together we can contribute to the advancement of the study of China's role in the global arena.

## Professor Liu Hong

Tan Lark Sye Chair Professor  
Director, Nanyang Centre for Public Administration  
Chair, School of Social Sciences  
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore



"If China were a sleeping lion, as described by Napoleon Bonaparte, has she woken up?"

As I sought answers, I discovered MCGG enables students to acquire an advanced understanding of modern China through an interdisciplinary programme. The well-thought-out curriculum, delivered by respected China specialists, allowed me to widen my knowledge on China in a structured manner, while the lively classroom discussions and robust exchange of views deepened my insights into complex topics and issues. The learning experience was enhanced by an immersion trip to China and participation in a semester-long exchange programme at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan.

So, has China woken up and shaken the world? I would encourage you to explore MCGG to seek the answer yourself."

## Yong Chuk Kwin (Class of 2014)

Senior Vice President  
DBS Bank

# ABOUT MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (CHINA AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE)

China's meteoric rise as a global power has empowered it to seek a more active role in global governance. Master of Social Sciences (China and Global Governance) – MCGG unravels the complexities of China in participating and shaping global political and economic dynamics. An English graduate programme designed for mid-career professionals, MCGG offers empirically grounded and theoretically informed insights into China's social, economic and political evolution, and its increasing influence globally.

## WHY CHOOSE MCGG

### A global perspective of China

One of the earliest graduate studies to focus on contemporary China, MCGG is also the only English programme in Southeast Asia to integrate Eastern and Western perspectives to offer a holistic appreciation of China from a global outlook.

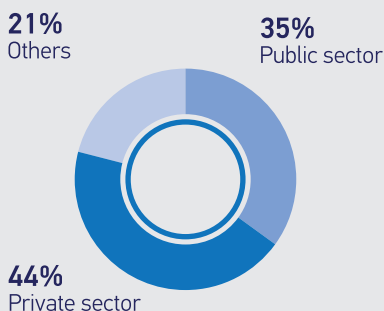
### A renowned, multidisciplinary faculty

Learn from an interdisciplinary faculty, comprising renowned academic experts who are leaders in their fields, and qualified professionals with extensive research and consulting experience in specialist fields such as contemporary Chinese politics, China's economic policies in the global context, and society and culture in China.

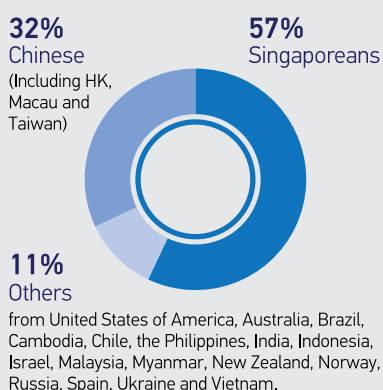
### A diverse, global classroom and strong alumni

Students from all over the world bring a global perspective to the programme and create a diverse and dynamic learning environment, further enriched by Singapore's multicultural and multilingual society. Exchange ideas with students from various professional backgrounds, and tap into our extensive MCGG alumni for networking and professional development opportunities in Singapore and beyond.

#### Employment Sectors of Students and Alumni



#### Students and Alumni Demographics



### Exchange programme and summer school

Enrich your learning experience through optional exchange programmes and summer courses with our partner institutions. Visit our website for more information.

### Scholarships

Offered on a merit basis to students who demonstrate a strong passion in the programme, our scholarships do not carry any obligations or bonds.

- MCGG ASEAN Scholarship
- MCGG International Scholarship

Information on scholarships is available on our website.

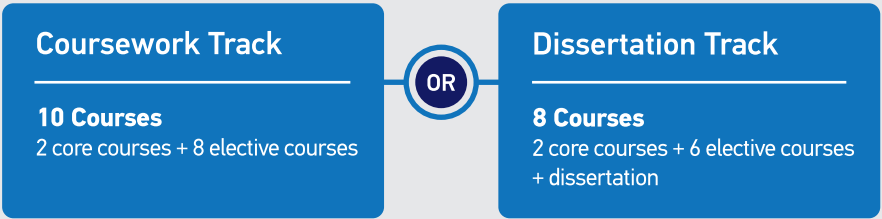


# A WELL-ROUNDED CURRICULUM

Uniquely balanced in perspectives, the well-rounded curriculum integrates Eastern and Western schools of thought to provide a global outlook of China. Fully taught in English, the highly interactive learning experience includes lectures, seminars, individual assignments, group projects, symposiums and class discussions.

## I Programme Structure

Students can choose either



## I Core Courses

**The Making of Modern China: Historical and Social Perspectives**

**Leaders, Party and State: Contemporary Chinese Politics**

## I Elective Courses

Our electives allow you to pursue your fields of interest further with unique topics that give you the edge. Some courses from MCGG electives include:

**Economy and Business**

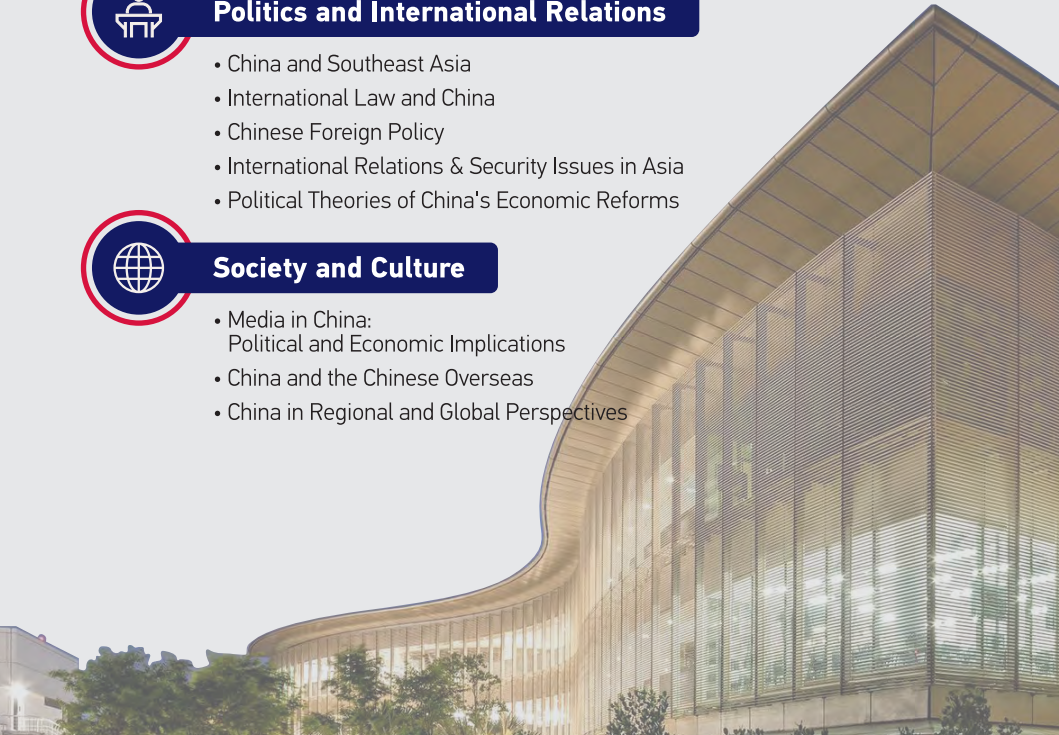
- China's Role in the Global Economy
- Macroeconomic and Trade Policies in China: Strategies and Issues
- The Dynamics of Investment in Greater China
- Belt and Road Initiative (BRI): Applied Learning Approach
- International Economics Institutions & Governance

**Politics and International Relations**

- China and Southeast Asia
- International Law and China
- Chinese Foreign Policy
- International Relations & Security Issues in Asia
- Political Theories of China's Economic Reforms

**Society and Culture**

- Media in China: Political and Economic Implications
- China and the Chinese Overseas
- China in Regional and Global Perspectives



## I Course Duration

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Full-time study</b> | Complete within 12 months (2 semesters) |
| <b>Part-time study</b> | Complete within 24 months (4 semesters) |
| <b>Fast Track</b>      | Complete within 17 months (3 semesters) |

- 2 semesters in an academic year
- 13 teaching weeks each semester

## I Timings of Classes

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|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>weekdays</b> | 6.30pm to 9.30pm                 |
| <b>weekends</b> | 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 5pm |



"Studying China's history, politics, and culture with students from across the world gave me a powerful appreciation for understanding trends and events through the perspectives of people with different backgrounds. It taught me to listen and ask questions, to search for common ground, and where there were disagreements, to explore them in a spirit of shared intellectual inquiry. Across my career, I have found myself returning to the ideas and approaches I learned. In some sense, I feel these are themes very much a part of Singapore's history and experience as a global trade hub, and my classroom discussions were made even more meaningful by the friends and connections I made outside of school, living in Singapore."

### **Daniel Vallone (Class of 2008)**

Fulbright Scholar  
US Director  
More in Common



"The unique course topics challenged me to evaluate my own views on China and its stance on global governance. Through rigorous class discussions, I am enriched with in-depth knowledge of China and its world views, presenting me with a multitude of perspectives that is sometimes paradoxical – similar to today's world. This has allowed me to apply the learnings to my everyday work and given me better leverage in my field."

### **Eunice Neo (Class of 2013)**

Senior Assistant Director  
Work Pass Integrated Systems Programme Office  
Ministry of Manpower



"I have made a number of high profile C-level contacts during my tenure and have been in touch both personally and professionally with most of them. I also gained an in-depth knowledge of the underworkings and intricacies of development economics, principally that of China, other key movers and shakers, and contributory states and nations in the Belt and Road Initiative. The topics covered in the programme included corporate and global governance, and have provided interesting insights into the workings of such governmental and quasi-governmental organisations."

### **Joel Pang (Class of 2014)**

Chief Operating Officer  
Crossbridge Capital Asia Pte Ltd

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should possess:

- A bachelor's degree in good standing from an accredited university or college. No minimum Chinese language proficiency is required. Each applicant's previous academic performance, work experience, and Statement of Purpose will be carefully reviewed by the University and the School.
- English Language Proficiency: A good TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing Service) score is required if English was not the medium of instruction at tertiary level.

Other qualifications and experience may be accepted, subject to approval by the Admissions Committee. Please note that meeting these minimum requirements do not imply automatic admission into the programme.

Applications must be submitted online at [www.ncpa.ntu.edu.sg/mcgg](http://www.ncpa.ntu.edu.sg/mcgg). Any other forms of submission will not be accepted. For assistance, please contact us.

## • Application Deadline

The programme offers two intakes each year

### Semester 1 July Intake

Admission Application Period  
**January to March**

### Semester 2 January Intake

Admission Application Period  
**September to October**



"Intellectually stimulating, MCGG has revealed the many faces of China over the last two centuries through an interdisciplinary approach. It unveils a China that is always on the move, transforming itself in varied dimensions. One can never say one is a China expert but MCGG will certainly help you to navigate through the sea of knowledge and deepen your understanding on China."

#### **Phua Chiew Hua (Class of 2014)**

Deputy Commander (Training Curriculum & Policy)  
in Training Command  
Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA), Singapore

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