

**NTU SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

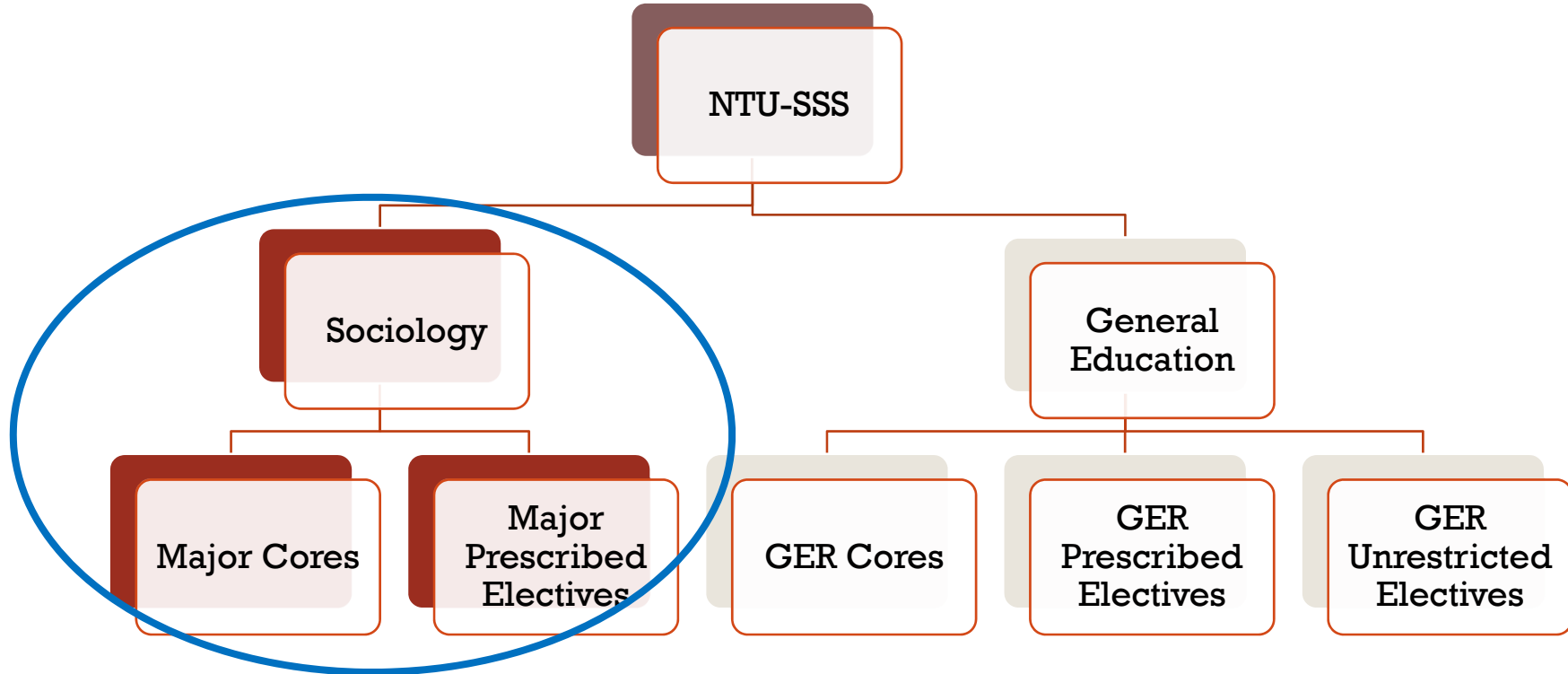
**Study Guide  
for  
Sociology Majors  
(2020 cohort and later)**

**Note: This information will be updated as more details become available.**

# AGENDA

- Sociology Curriculum
- Semester-by-Semester Guide
- Assessment & CGPA
- Career Planning & Professional Attachment
- Graduation Requirements
- Exchange
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- Q & A

# STRUCTURE OF NTU-SSS CURRICULUM



# SSS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Sociology single majors must complete  
**125** Academic Units (AUs):

1.	Sociology Major Requirements	69 AUs
2.	General Education Requirements (GER)	56 AUs

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# GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (GER)

GER-Cores	14 AUs	
GER-Prescribed Electives (GER-PEs)	12 AUs	One from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Liberal Arts</li><li>• Business &amp; Management</li></ul> AND any TWO from <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Liberal Arts</li><li>• Business &amp; Management</li><li>• Science, Technology &amp; Society</li></ul>
Unrestricted Electives (UEs)	30 AUs	Can be used for PA and URECA

Professional Attachment

Undergraduate Research Experience on Campus

# AU EXEMPTIONS FOR POLY STUDENTS

1. Applications for AU exemptions must be submitted in your **first semester** of enrolment in SSS
2. No exemptions will be given for the following courses:
  - Major Cores
  - Major Electives
  - GER-Cores
3. You may apply for up to a **maximum of 12 AU exemptions** and only for courses in the following categories:
  - a **maximum of 6 AUs** from GER-PEs
  - a **maximum of 6 AUs** from the GER-UEs



Very  
important

# YEAR OF STUDY CLASSIFICATION

- Your **Year of Study Classification** depends on the number of AUs you have successfully completed.

<http://www.ntu.edu.sg/Students/Undergraduate/AcademicServices/Pages/ClassificationforStudentsPast.aspx>

Completed AUs	Year of Study Classification	Approx. no. of AUs to be completed
Below 28	Year One	29
29 to 60	Year Two	34
61 to 94	Year Three	35
95 and above	Year Four	remaining

# SOCIOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

3 categories (69 AUs):

Core	Prescribed Electives	Graduation Requirements
3 AUs @ 1000 level (1 course)	6 AUs @ 1000 level (2 courses)	Graduation Project OR Two 4000-level courses
6 AUs @ 2000 level (2 courses)	15 AUs @ 2000 level (5 courses)	
6 AUs @ 3000 level (2 courses)	9 AUs @ 3000 level (3 courses)	
4 AUs @ 4000 level (1 course)	12 AUs @ 4000 level (3 courses)	
<b>19 AUs</b> 6 core courses	<b>42 AUs</b> 13 PEs	<b>8 AUs</b>





# **SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER GUIDE**

# WHICH COURSES TO TAKE AND WHEN

1. The following slides are a **guide** for which courses to take each semester.
2. There is **flexibility** but special attention is needed for courses that are **prerequisites** for other courses.

# YEAR 1 SEMESTER 1

Course code and Title	Course type	AU	Pre-requisite
<b>HS1001 Person and Society</b>	<b>Major Core</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>HS1002 Singapore Society in Transition</b>	<b>Major Elective</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>HS1003 Social Problems in a Global Context</b>	<b>Major Elective</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Nil</b>
HW0105 Academic Communication in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	GER-Core	2	Nil
GER-PE/Unrestricted Elective	GER-PE/GER-UE	3	Nil
<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>	

## YEAR 1 SEMESTER 2

Course code and Title	Type	AU	Pre-requisite
<b>HS2002 Doing Social Research</b>	<b>Major Core</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>HS1001</b>
<b>HS20XX</b>	<b>Major PE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>HS1001</b>
<b>HS20XX</b>	<b>Major PE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>HS1001</b>
HW0208 Academic Communication in the Social Sciences	GER-Core	2	HW0105
Sustainability (online course - GC0001)	GER-Core	1	Nil
GER-PE/Unrestricted Elective	GER- PE/GER-UE	3	Nil
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	

## YEAR 2 SEMESTER 1

Course code and Title	Type	AU	Pre-requisite
<b>HS2001 Classical Social Theory</b>	<b>Major Core</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>HS1001</b>
<b>HS3002 Understanding Social Statistics OR HS20XX</b>	<b>Major Core OR Major PE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>HS2002 OR HS1001</b>
<b>HS20XX</b>	<b>Major PE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>HS1001</b>
Digital Literacy Course I	GER-Core	3	Nil
GER-PE/ Unrestricted Elective	GER- PE/GER-UE	3	Nil
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	

## YEAR 2 SEMESTER 2

Course code and Title	Type	AU	Pre-req
<b>HS3002 Understanding Social Statistics OR HS20XX</b>	<b>Major Core OR Major PE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>HS2002 OR HS1001</b>
<b>HS20XX</b>	<b>Major PE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>HS1001</b>
<b>HS30XX</b>	<b>Major PE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>HS2001 AND HS2002</b>
Digital Literacy Course II	GER-Core	3	Nil
GER-PE/ Unrestricted Elective	GER-PE/GER-UE	3	Nil
Any course offered in NTU	GER-UE	3	Nil
Ethics (online course – HY0001)	GER-Core	1	Nil
<b>Total</b>		<b>19</b>	

## YEAR 3 SEMESTER 1

Course code and Title	Type	AU	Pre-requisite
<b>HS3001 Contemporary Social Theory</b>	<b>Major Core</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>HS2001</b>
<b>HS4001/HS4002 Research Practicum*</b> OR <b>HS3XXX</b>	<b>Major Core</b> OR <b>Major PE</b>	<b>4</b> OR <b>3</b>	<b>HS2002 (for HS4001)/ HS3002 (for HS4002)</b> *Students must take either HS4001 or HS4002
<b>HS3XXX</b>	<b>Major PE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>HS2001 AND HS2002</b>
Any course offered in NTU	GER-UE	3	Nil
Any course offered in NTU	GER-UE	3	Nil
Career-related course (online – ML0003)	GER-Core	1	Nil
<b>Total</b>		<b>16 OR 17</b>	

\*HS4001 is offered in Sem 1 and Sem 2. HS4002 is only offered in Sem 1.

## YEAR 3 SEMESTER 2

Course code and Title	Type	AU	Pre-requisite
<b>HS4001 Research Practicum*</b> OR <b>HS3XXX</b>	<b>Major Core</b> OR <b>Major PE</b>	<b>4</b> OR <b>3</b>	<b>HS2002 (for HS4001)</b> *Students must take either HS4001 or HS4002
<b>HS4XXX</b>	<b>Major PE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>All Major Cores except HS4001/HS4002</b>
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Any course offered in NTU	GER-UE	3	Nil
Any course offered in NTU	GER-UE	3	Nil
Entrepreneurship & Innovation (online – ET0001)	GER-Core	1	Nil
<b>Total</b>		<b>18 or 19</b>	

\*HS4001 is offered in Sem 1 and Sem 2. HS4002 is only offered in Sem 1.



# YEAR 4 SEMESTER 1

Course code and Title	Type	AU	Pre-requisite
<b>Graduation Requirements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HS4099/HS4098 Graduation Project (2 semester project)</b></li> <li>OR</li> <li>• <b>1(+1) HS4XXX courses</b></li> </ul>		<b>5(+3)</b> OR <b>4(+4)</b>	<b>Must have completed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least 95 AUs</li> <li>• all Sociology Core courses</li> <li>• at least 7 Major PEs for a grade</li> </ul>
<b>HS4XXX</b>	<b>Major PE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>All Major Cores except HS4001/HS4002</b>
Any course offered in NTU	GER-UE	3	Nil
Any course offered in NTU	GER-UE	3	Nil
<b>Total</b>		<b>14 OR 15</b>	

## YEAR 4 SEMESTER 2

Course code and Title	Type	AU	Pre-requisite
<b>Graduation Requirements</b> (continuation) • <b>HS4099/HS4098</b> <b>Graduation Project</b> <b>(2 semester project)</b> OR • <b>1 HS4XXX courses</b>	<b>Major Core</b>	<b>3</b> <b>OR</b> <b>4</b>	Started GP in Sem One
Any course offered in NTU	GER-UE	3	Nil
Any course offered in NTU	GER-UE	3	Nil
Any course offered in NTU	GER-UE	3	Nil
Total		12 OR 13	
<b>Total required to graduate</b>		<b>125</b>	



# **ASSESSMENT & CGPA**

# COURSE ASSESSMENT

Two components:

1. Continuous Assessment (50% to 100%)
2. Final Examination (0% to 50%)

Types of Continuous Assessment include:

1. Projects & Papers
2. Journals & Blogs
3. Videos
4. Presentations
5. Class Participation

# CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (CGPA)

At the end of every semester, your results will be tabulated and summarized in your **degree audit** as your SGPA & CGPA

CGPA is **CUMULATIVE!**

Your final CGPA will determine your **Class of Honours**

**Important Note: Freshmen GPA exemptions**

- 6 failures will be exempted from CGPA calculation.
- Failure will be recorded in transcript.

# ADDITIONAL NOTES:

1. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory option
  - For GER-UE / GER-PE courses
  - courses
  - 12 AUs
2. Special Term
3. MOE provides subsidized tuition fees for 8 semesters only



# **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

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**CGPA at  
end of  
Year 3**

**Eligibility**

1.	3.90 and above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graduation Project is compulsory.</li><li>• Either HS4099 Individual GP or HS4098 Team-based GP</li></ul>
2.	3.75 to 3.89	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two additional HS4XXX courses.</li></ul> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students may appeal to do HS4099/HS4098—subject to approval.</li></ul>
3.	Below 3.75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two additional HS4XXX courses</li></ul>



# GRADUATION PROJECT

Clear your  
major PEs  
sooner rather  
than later.

- In order to apply to begin your Graduation Project (HS4099 or HS4098), you **must** have completed:

- **95 AUs**
- **All Major Cores**
- **At least 7 Major Electives for a grade**

If you do major  
PEs on  
exchange, it will  
**NOT** be graded.

- It is recommended that students do not take more than 3 other courses during the first semester of HS4099 or HS4098.



# **CAREER PLANNING & PROFESSIONAL ATTACHMENT**

# PROFESSIONAL ATTACHMENT

## SSS Professional Attachment Programme (PA)

- Usually after Year 3, before Year 4.
- 10 weeks.
- 5 AUs of UEs on a pass/fail basis.
- Students can only take PA once for AUs.

Note: students are encouraged take other internships but no AUs.



**EXCHANGE**

# EXCHANGE MATTERS

1. Application to go for exchange in Year Two will take place in Year One.
2. You will be notified by email.
3. We recommend that you go on exchange in **Year 2 Sem 2** as core courses are offered in Year Sem 1 and Year 3 Sem 1.
4. Year 3 Sem 2 is to prepare and apply for professional attachment.
5. Consider shorter Summer/Winter exchanges

# EXCHANGE — NTU REQUIREMENTS

1. At least **69 AUs of Graded Courses** must be completed in NTU.
2. Your **Residential Period** (physical presence) in NTU must be at least **3 years**.
3. All Sociology Major Core Courses must be completed in NTU.

# EXCHANGE — TRANSFER OF CREDITS

- You are responsible for the transfer of credits.
- A maximum of 3 courses will be counted towards fulfilling Major PEs. Only two courses at the 4000-level are allowed (if you are eligible to take 4000-level courses).
- Important note: these AUs will be pass-fail (non-graded).
- A maximum of 6 courses or 20 AUs will be transferred back to NTU (whichever is fewer)

More information available:

<http://www.sss.ntu.edu.sg/Programmes/Undergraduate/Current Students/Pages/Exchange.aspx>



**GOOD HABITS**



# KEEP TRACK OF YOUR PROGRESS

1. Check you degree audit regularly
2. Inform the Sociology UG manager\* if there are discrepancies.
3. Use your **NTU email account** for all communications with NTU professors and staff.
4. The schedule of online courses is subject to change.
5. If you are in doubt, please check with the Sociology UG manager\*.

\* **Yanjia** is our UG manager (UG-Sociology@ntu.edu.sg).

# ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- We take academic integrity very seriously.
- If you are caught cheating or plagiarizing, the penalty may include expulsion from the University.

Note: Plagiarism means representing someone else's work as your own.

# NORMS AND EXPECTATIONS

1. Treat everyone with courtesy and respect.
2. You are not customers/clients.
3. Familiarize yourself with NTU's Student Code of Conduct