

# Master of Social Sciences (China and Global Governance)

## FAQs

<b>1. Where will the classes be held?</b>	
<b>A.</b> On the beautiful NTU campus and/or NTU's One-North Campus opposite Buona Vista MRT. Please <a href="#">click here</a> for location map.	
<b>2. Is the tuition fee stated on the webpage for the full programme?</b>	
<b>A.</b> It covers tuition fee for all courses if completed in one year.	
<b>3. Is the tuition fee for students valid for the whole programme whatever the period of study?</b>	
<b>A.</b> The tuition fee is payable at the start of each semester. Full-time students may complete the programme within 1 year. Please note that tuition fee is subjected to adjustments made by NTU.	
<b>4. What is the maximum and minimum number of courses a student can take in a semester?</b>	
<b>A.</b> For full-time study, up to 5 courses each semester. For part-time study, the maximum is up to 3 courses each semester.	
<b>5. Are full-time students able to finish the full programme in a year?</b>	
<b>A.</b> Yes. A full-time student will complete his or her degree in one of the following two schedules: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 8-Course plus Dissertation track:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Semester 1: 5 Courses</li><li>• Semester 2: 3 Courses and Dissertation</li></ul></li><li>2. 10-Course Coursework track:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Semester 1: 5 Courses</li><li>• Semester 2: 5 Courses</li></ul></li></ol>	

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<b>6. What happens if a student cannot pass his/her exam? Is there a 2nd attempt given before re-taking the course?</b>	
<b>A.</b>	<p>Students will be assessed for each course with a Course Grade. The instructor of the course decides on the format to assess students.</p> <p>If an examination is held to assess students, and a grade lower than C is given to the student; the student will not receive the Academic Units (AUs) from the course. For Core courses, the student will need to re-take the course. For Electives, students can choose to re-take or take another course to meet the graduation AU requirement.</p>
<b>7. Does MCGG accept graduates from part-time bachelor degree programme?</b>	
<b>A.</b>	MCGG welcomes applicants from all backgrounds. Acceptance is to be decided by the Admissions Committee.
<b>8. What is the minimum duration for a student to complete the programme?</b>	
<b>A.</b>	For a full-time student, it will take at least 1 year to complete the programme requirements; and 2 years for a part-time student.
<b>9. Could I presume that the maximum duration for the part-time programme is 4 years?</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Yes.
<b>10. What is the programme timetable like for part-time students? For example, the frequency of lectures and/or tutorials per week?</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Each course will meet once a week for a 3-hour class (in a variety of combinations of lecture and tutorial) in the evening or during the weekend. For example, a part-time student takes 2 courses per semester, he or she will attend classes twice a week for a total of six hours.

	<p><b>11. Is there an intake quota for MCGG (both part-time and full time)? If so, what is the number of students that NTU would take in both part-time and full-time students?</b></p>
A.	<p>There is no fixed quota.</p>
	<p><b>12. What does the class schedule look like?</b></p>
A.	<p>Classes will be scheduled in the evenings (6:30 pm – 9:30 pm) and during the weekends (9.30am – 12.30pm or 2.00pm – 5.00pm on Saturday/Sundays).</p>
	<p><b>13. What is the typical timetable for part-time enrolment? How can a working person manage to complete the coursework?</b></p>
A.	<p>A part-time and/or working student can complete his or her degree in one of the following sample schedules:</p>
	<p><b>I. Coursework track: to complete 10 Courses</b></p>
	<p>"The Fast Track" (to complete the degree in <u>2 years</u>):</p>
	<p>Semester 1: 3 Courses</p>
	<p>Semester 2: 3 Courses</p>
	<p>Semester 3: 3 or 2 Courses</p>
	<p>Semester 4: 1 or 2 Courses</p>
	<p>To complete a degree in <u>2.5 years</u>:</p>
	<p>Semester 1: 2 Courses</p>
	<p>Semester 2: 2 Courses</p>
	<p>Semester 3: 2 Courses</p>
	<p>Semester 4: 2 Courses</p>
	<p>Semester 5: 2 Courses</p>
	<p>"The Slow Train" (to complete the degree in <u>4 years</u>):</p>
	<p>Semester 1: 2 Courses</p>
	<p>Semester 2: 1 Course</p>
	<p>Semester 3: 1 Course</p>
	<p>Semester 4: 1 Course</p>
	<p>Semester 5: 1 Course</p>
	<p>Semester 6: 1 Course</p>
	<p>Semester 7: 2 Courses</p>
	<p>Semester 8: 1 Course</p>
	<p><b>II. Dissertation track: to complete 8 courses plus a Dissertation:</b></p>
	<p>"The Fast Track"* (to complete a degree with Dissertation in <u>1.5 years</u>):</p>
	<p>Semester 1: 3 Courses</p>
	<p>Semester 2: 3 Courses <b>plus Dissertation work</b></p>
	<p>Semester 3: 2 Courses <b>plus Dissertation work</b></p>

	<p>*Please note that while it is "theoretically" possible to complete the degree in 1.5 years, part-time students are NOT encouraged to take the Dissertation track and aim to finish the degree in 1.5 years. Dissertation requires a great deal of devotion to independent research work, and it takes at least a <u>full year</u> to complete a satisfactory Dissertation. Based on past experiences, many part-time students simply did not have the time and energy to complete a qualified Dissertation in 1.5 years, and many ended up <i>failing</i> the exam for Dissertation and spending 1 or more extra semesters to complete the Dissertation. Therefore, the programme office STRONGLY advises part-time students who are interested in taking the Dissertation track to plan to spend at least <b><u>2 years</u></b> to complete the Dissertation and the degree.</p> <p>To complete a degree with Dissertation in two years:  Semester 1: 3 Courses  Semester 2: 3 Courses  Semester 3: 1 or 2 Courses <b>plus Dissertation work</b>  Semester 4: 1 or 0 Course <b>plus Dissertation work</b></p> <p>To complete a degree with Dissertation in two and a half years:  Semester 1: 2 Courses  Semester 2: 2 Courses  Semester 3: 2 Courses  Semester 4: 1 or 2 Courses <b>plus Dissertation work</b>  Semester 5: 1 or 0 Course <b>plus Dissertation work</b></p> <p>To complete a degree with Dissertation in four years:  Semester 1: 1 or 2 Courses  Semester 2: 1 Course  Semester 3: 1 Course  Semester 4: 1 Course  Semester 5: 1 Course  Semester 6: 1 Course  Semester 7: 1 Course <b>plus Dissertation work</b>  Semester 8: 1 or 0 Course <b>plus Dissertation work</b></p>
<p><b>14. What is the nature of the course? Lecture Based? Discussion based? Assignment based?</b></p>	
<p><b>A.</b></p>	<p>It is to be decided by the instructor of each course. As a graduate programme, it will be a combination of lectures and discussions.</p>
<p><b>15. Is the programme conducted in English or Mandarin?</b></p>	
<p><b>A.</b></p>	<p>All courses are conducted in English.</p>

<b>16. What is the "ideal" candidate you are looking for?</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Each candidate's past experiences, academic performance, interest in the programme and other relevant credentials will be taken into consideration.
<b>17. Are the fees depend on the period of candidature of the student?</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Yes, the fees are reviewed and subject to revision yearly. As and when fees are revised, the new fees will be applicable to new students.
<b>18. How is competency in various courses going to be assessed? Will it be exam based, project work, classroom participation or combinations of these?</b>	
<b>A.</b>	It varies and is to be decided by the instructor of each course. Most likely a combination of all.
<b>19. How long will it take to graduate on a part-time basis?</b>	
<b>A.</b>	MCGG allows students to tailor their own curriculum; it will take anywhere between 2 to 4 years.
<b>20. If I am keen to attend certain courses in the programme, would NTU consider charging me on a per course basis?</b>	
<b>A.</b>	The arrangement to allow non-graduating students to audit a course on a fee-paying basis is available. Please contact us at <a href="mailto:mccg@ntu.edu.sg">mccg@ntu.edu.sg</a> .
<b>21. Assessment for the programme: Is it purely coursework or coursework and examination or purely examination?</b>	
<b>A.</b>	MCGG is a coursework-based programme, which means each course has its own assessment format; It could be purely coursework or coursework and examination.

	<b>22. What is Dissertation? How long is it?</b>
<b>A.</b>	The student is expected to complete an original research paper dealing with a chosen topic under the supervision of a MCGG faculty member. It usually takes more than a semester to complete a Dissertation, and the minimum Dissertation length is 15,000 words in English.
	<b>23. Is there going to be a briefing or a talk coming up for the programme?</b>
<b>A.</b>	MCGG usually hold information sessions during February/March and September/October. However, throughout the year the Programme Office welcomes enquiry through email and/or phone.
	<b>24. Is there a requirement for class attendance?</b>
<b>A.</b>	Students are required to maintain a minimum of 75% attendance in order to be allowed to take the final examination or complete the course.