

Master of Social Sciences (China and Global Governance)

FAQs

1. Where will the classes be held?	
A. On the beautiful NTU campus and/or NTU's One-North Campus opposite Buona Vista MRT. Please click here for location map.	
2. Is the tuition fee stated on the webpage for the full programme?	
A. It covers tuition fee for all courses if completed in one year.	
3. Is the tuition fee for students valid for the whole programme whatever the period of study?	
A. 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.	
4. What is the maximum and minimum number of courses a student can take in a semester?	
A. For full-time study, up to 5 courses each semester. For part-time study, the maximum is up to 3 courses each semester.	
5. Are full-time students able to finish the full programme in a year?	
A. Yes. A full-time student will complete his or her degree in one of the following two schedules: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 8-Course plus Dissertation track:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Semester 1: 5 Courses• Semester 2: 3 Courses and Dissertation2. 10-Course Coursework track:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Semester 1: 5 Courses• Semester 2: 5 Courses	

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6. What happens if a student cannot pass his/her exam? Is there a 2nd attempt given before re-taking the course?	
A.	<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>
7. Does MCGG accept graduates from part-time bachelor degree programme?	
A.	MCGG welcomes applicants from all backgrounds. Acceptance is to be decided by the Admissions Committee.
8. What is the minimum duration for a student to complete the programme?	
A.	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.
9. Could I presume that the maximum duration for the part-time programme is 4 years?	
A.	Yes.
10. What is the programme timetable like for part-time students? For example, the frequency of lectures and/or tutorials per week?	
A.	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>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?</p>
A.	<p>There is no fixed quota.</p>
	<p>12. What does the class schedule look like?</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>13. What is the typical timetable for part-time enrolment? How can a working person manage to complete the coursework?</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>I. Coursework track: to complete 10 Courses</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>II. Dissertation track: to complete 8 courses plus a Dissertation:</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 plus Dissertation work</p>
	<p>Semester 3: 2 Courses plus Dissertation work</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 <u>2 years</u> 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 plus Dissertation work Semester 4: 1 or 0 Course plus Dissertation work</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 plus Dissertation work Semester 5: 1 or 0 Course plus Dissertation work</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 plus Dissertation work Semester 8: 1 or 0 Course plus Dissertation work</p>
<p>14. What is the nature of the course? Lecture Based? Discussion based? Assignment based?</p>	
<p>A.</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>15. Is the programme conducted in English or Mandarin?</p>	
<p>A.</p>	<p>All courses are conducted in English.</p>

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

22.	What is Dissertation? How long is it?
A.	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.
23.	Is there going to be a briefing or a talk coming up for the programme?
A.	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.
24.	Is there a requirement for class attendance?
A.	Students are required to maintain a minimum of 75% attendance in order to be allowed to take the final examination or complete the course.