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PPGA Freshmen Academic Talk

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PPGA Family! 😊**



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1. Academic Requirements & Curriculum Structure



BSocSci (Hons) in:

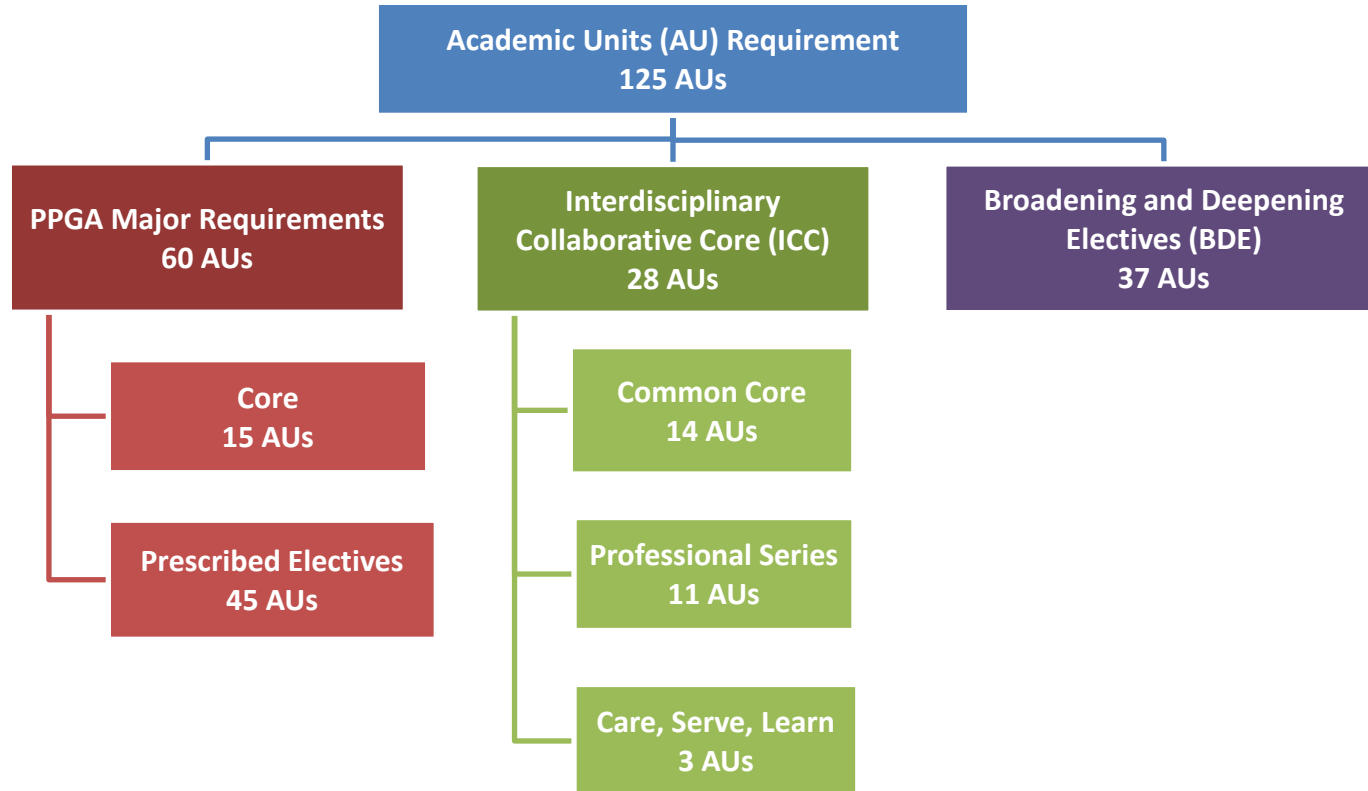
Public Policy & Global Affairs (PPGA)

PPGA with 2nd Major in Media & Journalism Studies (PPMJ)

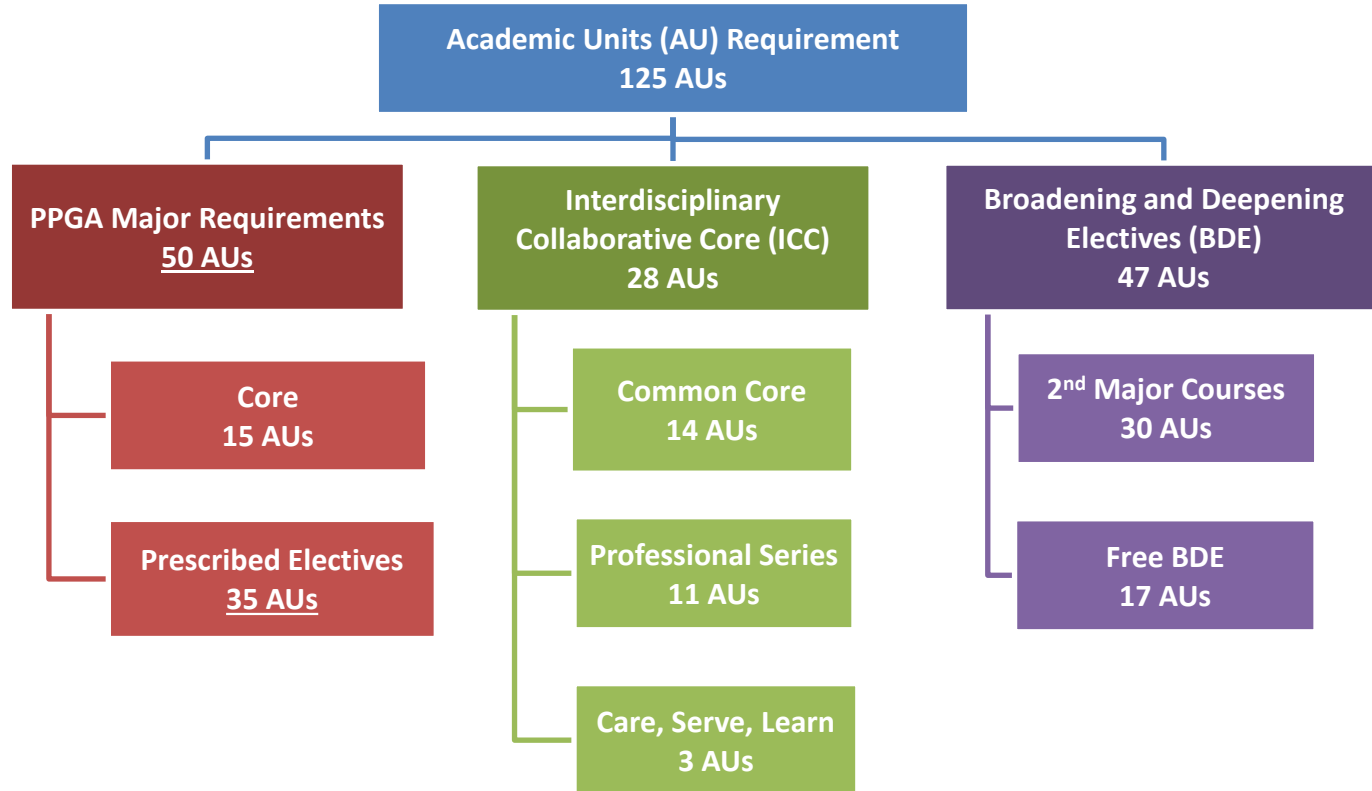
- A four-year course
- To complete 125 Academic Units (AUs) for graduation
- Modules are usually 3 AUs, some are 2 or 4 AUs



PPGA



PPMJ



PPGA & PPMJ Major Core Requirements

Major Core (15 AUs)

Year 1 Semester 1

- HA1001 Introduction to International Relations & Foreign Policy (3 AUs)
- HA1002 Introduction to Political Theory (3 AUs)
- HA1012 Fundamentals of Politics (3 AUs)

Year 1 Semester 2

- HA1003 Introduction to Public Administration & Policy (3 AUs)
- HA1011 Politics of Singapore (3 AUs)

PPGA Major Prescribed Electives Requirements

Major Prescribed Electives (MPEs) – 45 AUs

- Choose any **7 Level 2XXX** or **3XXX** MPEs
- Choose any **4 Level 4XXX** MPEs
- Graduation Project (Compulsory for students with CGPA of 3.90 and above) **OR** 2 Level 4XXX MPEs

PPMJ Major Prescribed Electives Requirements

Major Prescribed Electives (MPEs) – 35 AUs

- Choose any 5 Level 2XXX or 3XXX MPEs
- Choose any 3 Level 4XXX MPEs
- Graduation Project (Compulsory for students with CGPA of 3.90 and above) **OR** 2 Level 4XXX MPEs

List of PPGA Courses and Course Outlines

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BSocSci (Hons) in Public Policy and Global Affairs

The Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Public Policy and Global Affairs is a four-year programme that prepares students for a career and leadership role in both public and private sectors in Singapore, in the Asian region and across the globe.

With an interdisciplinary orientation and a focus on Singaporean society, the direct honours degree programme offers courses that equip its graduates with multi-dimensional practical knowledge in areas such as policy analysis, programme evaluation, public financial management, human resource management, and non-profit management. The education they receive will enable them to contribute to the public, non-profit, or business sectors in Singapore. The professional training in political dynamics, international politics, comparative public administration, and global affairs also lays a solid foundation for graduates for a possible career in regional and international governmental organisations as well as regional and international non-governmental organisations.

Curriculum and Suggested Study Plan ▾

Course Outline ^

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 HA1001 Introduction to International Relations and Foreign Policy (PDF)
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 HA1002 Introduction to Political Theory (PDF)
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 HA1003 Introduction to Public Administration and Policy (PDF)
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 HA1011 Politics of Singapore (PDF)
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Interdisciplinary Collaborative Core (ICC)

ICC Core Courses (14 AUs)	• CC0001 Inquiry & Communication in an Interdisciplinary World (2 AUs) • CC0003 Ethics & Civics in a Multicultural World (2 AUs) • ML0004 Career Design & Workplace Readiness in a Dynamic World (2 AUs) • CC0015 Health & Wellbeing (2 AUs) • CC0006 Sustainability: Society, Economy & Environment (3 AUs) • CC0007 Science & Technology for Humanity (3 AUs)
ICC Professional Series (11 AUs)	• HW0208 Academic Communication in the Social Sciences (2 AUs) • Digital Proficiency (3 AUs) – Choose one from a pool of courses • HB3080 Professional Attachment (5 AUs)/HB3081 Professional Internship (12 AUs) • Professional Preparation (1 AU)
Care, Serve, Learn (3 AUs)	Care, Serve, Learn (3 AUs): Focus on developing empathy and understanding of societal issues through community service and reflective learning.

Compulsory Internship

HB3080 Professional Attachment (5 AUs)

- 10 weeks
- Usually undertaken at the end of Year 2 or 3 or during vacation (May-July)

HB3081 Professional Internship (12 AUs*)

- 24 weeks (Semester-Long), subject to approval
- Undertaken during Year 3 of study
- Students are not allowed to register for any courses in NTU while on semester internship
- Overseas Entrepreneurship Programme (OEP)

*Note: 12 AUs will consist of 5 AUs from ICC + 7 AUs from BDE



Broadening & Deepening Electives (BDE)

- 37 AUs for **PPGA**
- Students can choose to do:
 - Courses from any Schools
 - NTU-Approved Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC)
 - 1 or 2 Minors (Usually around 15 AUs each)
 - Second Major* (Usually around 30-35 AUs)
 - Undergraduate Research Experience on Campus (URECA)

*Second Major is only applicable to Single Major students and subject to fulfilment of CGPA criteria at the end of Year 1



Broadening & Deepening Electives (BDE)

- 47 AUs for **PPMJ**
- **PPMJ** students are to clear **30 AUs** of courses for the Second Major.

Compulsory Core Courses (9 AUs)	• CS0201 Foundations of Communication Studies (3 AUs) • CS0204 Basic Media Writing (3 AUs) • CS0209 Media Law, Ethics & Policy (3 AUs)
Compulsory Elective (3 AUs)	• CS2021 News Reporting and Writing (3 AUs)
Choice Electives (18 AUs)	Students are to complete at least 18 AUs of courses from the approved basket of CS courses.

Year of Study Classification

- Students are classified into respective study year according to the number of AUs earned.

Completed AUs	Year of Study Classification
0 to 26	Year One
27 to 60	Year Two
61 to 90	Year Three
91 and above	Year Four

2. Suggested Study Plan for PPGA

Year 1		Year 2			Year 3			Year 4	
Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	ST	Sem 1	Sem 2	ST	Sem 1	Sem 2
CC0015 (2 AUs)	CC0001 (2 AUs)	CC0006 (3 AUs)	ML0004 (2 AUs)	Internship (5 AUs)			Internship (5 AUs)	GP (4 AUs)	GP (4 AUs)
Digital Proficiency (3 AUs)	CC0003 (2 AUs)	HW0208 (2 AUs)	CC0007 (3 AUs)		HA4XXX - MPE (4 AUs)	HA4XXX – MPE (4 AUs)		Professional Prep (1 AU)	
		CSL (3 AUs)	HA2/3XXX- MPE (3 AUs)		HA4XXX- MPE (4 AUs)	HA2/3XXX- MPE (3 AUs)			
HA1001– Core (3 AUs)	HA1003– Core (3 AUs)	HA2/3XXX– MPE (3 AUs)	HA2/3XXX- MPE (3 AUs)		HA2/3XXX- MPE (3 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)		HA4XXX – MPE (4 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)
HA1002– Core (3 AUs)	HA1011– Core (3 AUs)	HA2/3XXX– MPE (3 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)		BDE (3 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)		BDE (3 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)
HA1012– Core (3 AUs)	HA2/3XXX- MPE (3 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)		BDE (3 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)		BDE (3 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)
5 Courses (14 AUs)	5 Courses (13 AUs)	6 Courses (17 AUs)	6 Courses (17 AUs)		5 Courses (17 AUs)	5 Courses (16 AUs)		4 Courses + GP* (15 AUs)	3 Courses + GP* (13 AUs)
27 AUs		34 AUs			33 AUs			28 AUs	

*GP = Graduation Project



2. Suggested Study Plan for PPMJ

Year 1		Year 2			Year 3			Year 4	
Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	ST	Sem 1	Sem 2	ST	Sem 1	Sem 2
CC0015 (2 AUs)	CC0001 (2 AUs)	CC0006 (3 AUs)	ML0004 (2 AUs)	Internship (5 AUs)			Internship (5 AUs)	GP (4 AUs)	GP (4 AUs)
Digital Proficiency (3 AUs)	CC0003 (2 AUs)	HW0208 (2 AUs)	CC0007 (3 AUs)		HA2/3XXX- MPE (3 AUs)	HA4XXX – MPE (4 AUs)		Professional Prep (1 AU)	
HA1001–Core (3 AUs)	HA1003–Core (3 AUs)	CSL (3 AUs)	HA2/3XXX- MPE (3 AUs)		HA2/3XXX- MPE (3 AUs)	HA4XXX – MPE (4 AUs)			
HA1002–Core (3 AUs)	HA1011–Core (3 AUs)	HA2/3XXX– MPE (3 AUs)	CSXXXX – CS Elective (4 AUs)		CSXXXX – CS Elective (4 AUs)	CSXXXX – CS Elective (3 AUs)			
HA1012–Core (3 AUs)	HA2/3XXX- MPE (3 AUs)	CS0201– CS Core (3 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)		BDE (3 AUs)	CSXXXX – CS Elective (3 AUs)		CSXXXX – CS Elective (4 AUs)	
CS0204– CS Core (3 AUs)	CS2021– CS Comp Elective (3 AUs)	CS0209- CS Core (3 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)		BDE (3 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)		BDE (3 AUs)	HA4XXX- MPE (4 AUs)
6 Courses (17 AUs)	6 Courses (16 AUs)	6 Courses (17 AUs)	6 Courses (18 AUs)		5 Courses (16 AUs)	5 Courses (17 AUs)		2 Courses + GP* (12 AUs)	1 Course + GP* (8 AUs)
33 AUs		35 AUs			33 AUs			20 AUs	

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3. Assessment

- Assessment weightage varies from course to course
 - Final Examination (not more than 60%) + Continuous Assessments (CA)
 - 100% Continuous Assessments (CA)
- Many forms of CA: Group Projects, Mid-Term Tests, Essays, Quizzes, Presentation, Class Participation, etc.

4. Graduation Project (GP)

GP (8 AUs) is **compulsory** for students with CGPA of 3.90 and above to be eligible for Honours (Distinction) and Honours (Highest Distinction)

CRITERIA	
1	Complete at least 91 AUs of courses
2	Complete all Core courses
3	Complete at least 7 Major Prescribed Electives (MPEs)
4	<u>CGPA Requirement</u> • 3.90 & above: Compulsory • 3.75 – 3.89: Will be allowed to opt-in to do GP at the discretion of the programme • 3.74 & below: Will not be allowed to do GP and <u>MUST</u> read 2 level 4XXX MPEs to fulfil the 8 AUs requirement

5. Other Opportunities

Undergraduate Research Experience on Campus (URECA) – 4 AUs

- For Year 2 and 3 students
- 11 months of research experience under supervision of a faculty member
- Eligible students will receive an invitation from the URECA office

Overseas Exchange

- GEM Explorer (Semester Exchange)
- GEM Discoverer (Short-Term)
- Singapore Universities Student Exchange Programme (SUSEP)

6. Important Notes

- Take charge and keep track of your academic progress
- Check your degree audit regularly
- Use your NTU email account for all communications with NTU and include your name and matriculation number in your emails
- For general enquiries, email SSS_UG@ntu.edu.sg
- For programme specific enquiries such as advice on study plan and graduation project, email UG-PPGA@ntu.edu.sg

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7. Q & A

