NTU SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Study Guide
for
Sociology Majors
(2021 cohort and later)

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

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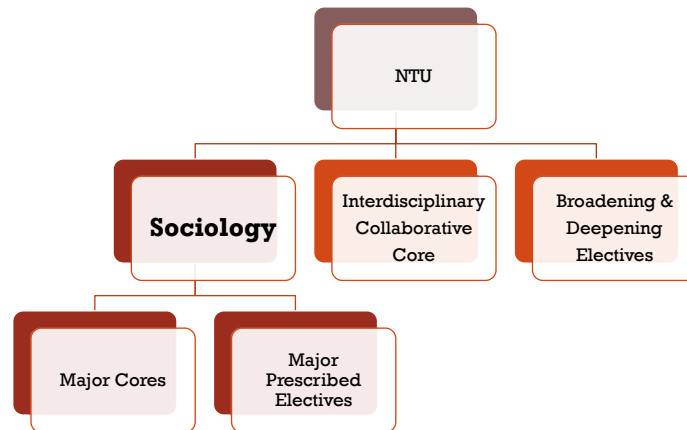# AGENDA

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- Semester-by-Semester Guide
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STRUCTURE OF NTU-SSS CURRICULUM

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SSS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

Major core (handwritten annotation)

1.	Sociology Major Requirements	69 AUs
2.	ICC Common Core	17 AUs
3.	ICC Foundational Core	10 AUs
4.	Broadening and Deepening Elective Requirements (BDE)	29 AUs

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ICC REQUIREMENTS (7 COURSES)

Key transferable skills	1. Inquiry and Communication in an Interdisciplinary World (2 AUs) 2. Navigating the Digital World (2 AUs) 3. Ethics and Civics in a Multicultural World (2 AUs) 4. Career and Entrepreneurial Development of the Future World (2 AUs)
Global challenges	5. Science and Technology for Humanity (3 AUs) 6. Sustainability: Society, Economy & Environment (3 AUs) 7. Healthy Living and Wellbeing (3 AUs)
College foundation cores	1. Effective Communication (2 AUs) 2. Digital Literacy (3 AUs) 3. Internship (5-12* AUs)

* additional 7 AUs are from BDE

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AU EXEMPTIONS FOR POLY STUDENTS

AU Exemption is OPTIONAL

Only use it if you decide that you do not need the 6 AUs

1. Applications for AU exemptions must be submitted in your **first semester** of enrolment in SSS Very important

2. No exemptions will be given for the following courses:
   - Major Cores
   - Major Electives
   - Interdisciplinary Collaborative Cores (ICC)

3. You may apply for up to a **maximum of 6 AU exemptions**
   - The number of AUs available for BDE will be reduced accordingly.

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AU EXEMPTIONS AND TRANSFER OF CREDIT

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE:

Please think carefully before you apply for exemptions/transfer of credits:

- If you are granted exemptions, you will have fewer AUs in the BDE category to use.
- Exemptions/transfer of credit CANNOT be reversed.
- You will not be granted additional AUs to use in your final year.

BDE AUs are needed to:

- Complete Minors and Second Majors
- Do URECA (Undergraduate Research Experience on Campus)
- Go on semester-long credit-bearing Professional Internship

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YEAR OF STUDY CLASSIFICATION

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

Completed AUs	Year of Study Classification	Approx. no. of AUs to be completed
Below 30	Year One	29
30 to 63	Year Two	34
64 to 96	Year Three	33
97 and above	Year Four	Remaining 29

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SOCIOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

3 categories (69 AUs):

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

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SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER GUIDE

Use this guide to create your personalized plan

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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.

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YEAR 1 SEMESTER 1

Course code and Title	Course type	AU	Pre-requisite
HS1001 Person and Society	**Major Core**	**3**	**Nil**
HS1002 Singapore Society in Transition	**Major PE**	**3**	**Nil**
HS1003 Social Problems in a Global Context	**Major PE**	**3**	**Nil**
Ethics and Civics in a Multicultural World	ICC	2	Nil
Healthy Living and Wellbeing	ICC	3	Nil
Total		**14**	

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YEAR 1 SEMESTER 2

Course code and Title	Type	AU	Pre-requisite
HS2002 Doing Social Research	**Major Core**	**3**	**HS1001**
HS20XX	**Major PE**	**3**	**HS1001**
HS20XX	**Major PE**	**3**	**HS1001**
Navigating the Digital World	ICC	2	Nil
Inquiry and Communication in an Interdisciplinary World	ICC	2	Nil
Any course in NTU	BDE	3	Nil
Total		**16**	

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YEAR 2 SEMESTER 1

Course code and Title	Type	AU	Pre-requisite
HS2001 Classical Social Theory	**Major Core**	**3**	**HS1001**
HS3002 Understanding Social Statistics OR **HS20XX**	**Major Core** OR **Major PE**	**3**	**HS2002** OR **HS1001**
HS20XX	**Major PE**	**3**	**HS1001**
Science and Technology for Humanity	ICC	3	Nil
Effective Communication	ICC	2	Nil
Any course in NTU	BDE	3	Nil
Total		**17**	

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YEAR 2 SEMESTER 2

Course code and Title	Type	AU	Pre-req
HS3001 Contemporary Social Theory	**Major Core**	**3**	**HS2001**
HS3002 Understanding Social Statistics OR **HS20sXX**	**Major Core** OR **Major PE**	**3**	**HS2002** OR **HS1001**
HS20XX	**Major PE**	**3**	**HS1001**
Sustainability: Society, Economy & Environment	ICC	3	Nil
Career and Entrepreneurial Development of the Future World	ICC	2	Nil
Digital Literacy	ICC	3	Nil
Total		**17**	

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YEAR 3 SEMESTER 1

Course code and Title	Type	AU	Pre-requisite
HS4001/HS4002 Research Practicum* OR **HS3XXX**	**Major Core** OR **Major PE**	**4** OR **3**	**HS2002 (for HS4001)** **HS3002 (for HS4002)** *Students take either HS4001 or HS4002
HS3XXX	**Major PE**	**3**	**HS2001 AND HS2002**
Any course in NTU	BDE	3	Nil
Any course in NTU	BDE	3	Nil
Any course in NTU	BDE	3	Nil
Total		**15 OR 16**	

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

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YEAR 3 SEMESTER 2

Course code and Title	Type	AU	Pre-requisite
HS4001 Research Practicum* OR **HS3XXX**	**Major Core** OR **Major PE**	**4 OR 3**	**HS2002 (for HS4001)** *Students take either HS4001 or HS4002
HS3XXX	**Major PE**	**3**	**HS2001 AND HS2002**
HS4XXX	**Major PE**	**4**	**All Major Cores except HS4001/HS4002**
Any course in NTU	BDE	3	Nil
Any course in NTU	BDE	3	Nil
Total		**16 or 17**	

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

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INTERNSHIP BETWEEN YEARS 3 AND 4

▪ 10 weeks from mid-May to July

Alternatives:
1. 10-week internship between Years 2 and 3.
2. 24-week internship in Year 3 Semester 1/2.

▪ The alternative study guide for the 24-week internship will be made available on the Sociology Website.

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YEAR 4 SEMESTER 1

Course code and Title	Type	AU	Pre-requisite
Graduation Requirements • **HS4098/HS4099 Graduation Project (2 semester project)** OR • **1(+1) HS4XXX**	**Major Core**	**5(+3) OR 4(+4)**	**Students taking GP must have completed** • at least 97 AUs • all major core courses • at least 7 Major PEs for a grade • CITI certification
HS4XXX	**Major PE**	**4**	**All Major Cores except HS4001/HS4002**
Any course in NTU	BDE	3	Nil
Total		**11 OR 12**	

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YEAR 4 SEMESTER 2

Course code and Title	Type	AU	Pre-requisite
Graduation Requirements: HS4099/HS4098 Graduation Project (2 semester project) OR • **1 HS4XXX course**	**Major Core**	**3 OR 4**	Note: Started GP in Semester One
HS4XXX	**Major PE**	**4**	**All Major Cores except HS4001/HS4002**
Any course in NTU	BDE	3	Nil
Any course in NTU	BDE	3	Nil
Total		12 OR 13	
Total required to graduate		**125**	

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ASSESSMENT & CGPA

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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

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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.

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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

1. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory option
   - For BDE courses
   - 12 AUs
2. Special Term
3. Short Leave
4. MOE provides subsidized tuition fees for 8 semesters only

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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	CGPA at end of Year 3	Eligibility
1.	3.90 and above	• Graduation Project is compulsory. • Either HS4099 Individual GP or HS4098 Team-based GP
2.	3.75 to 3.89	• Two additional HS4XXX courses. OR • Students may appeal to do HS4099/HS4098— subject to approval.
3.	Below 3.75	• Two additional HS4XXX courses

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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 core courses** (must be taken at NTU)
    - At least **7 Major Electives** for a **grade**

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

    - **Compulsory internship as ICC-FC**
- It is recommended that students do not take more than 3 other courses during the first semester of HS4099 or HS4098.

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CAREER PLANNING & PROFESSIONAL ATTACHMENT/INTERNSHIP

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CAREER PLANNING

- University as transition to work world
- Need to use these four years wisely
- Do your own <u>study plan</u> for the four years.

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PROFESSIONAL ATTACHMENT/INTERNSHIP

Professional Attachment (PA)

- After Year 2 or Year 3. 10 weeks for 5 AUs on a pass/fail basis.

Professional Internship (PI)
  - Semester Internship in Year 3 (12 AUs)
- Students can only take credit-bearing PA/PI once.
- Must be completed before Year 4.

Note: students are encouraged take other non-credit bearing internships to explore the possibilities.

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EXCHANGE

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EXCHANGE MATTERS

Timing: Either Sem 1 OR Sem 2 in Year 3

Note: Major cores and ICC courses are offered in Years One and Two.

Consider shorter Summer/Winter exchanges

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EXCHANGE – NTU REQUIREMENTS

1. At least **69 AUs** of **Graded Courses** must be completed in NTU.

2. Your **Residential Period** (physical presence on campus) in NTU must be at least **3 years**.

3. All Sociology Major Core Courses and ICC courses <u>must</u> be completed in NTU.

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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)

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GOOD HABITS

Make sure you are on track.

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KEEP TRACK OF YOUR PROGRESS

1. Check your 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*.

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

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ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- We take academic integrity very seriously.
  - If you are caught cheating or plagiarizing, the penalty may include expulsion from the University.
  - If you fabricate information, you will also face disciplinary measures.

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

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NORMS AND EXPECTATIONS

1. Treat everyone with courtesy and respect.
2. You are not customers/clients.
3. When in doubt ask the UG manager or UG coordinator.
4. Do not consult your seniors as they are unfamiliar with the ICC curriculum.
5. Familiarize yourself with NTU's Student Code of Conduct

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CAUTION

- Phishing and scams
- Protect your personal data

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MATRIC CARD COLLECTION

Sociology collection times: 9am to 12pm; 1pm to 5pm
11 August (Wednesday)
17 August (Tuesday)
26 August (Thursday)

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