BACHELOR OF
GENERAL STUDIES
(Part-time Programme)

SCHOOL OF
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Programme Overview

Whether you are 26 or 62, the General Studies Programme can help you realise your intellectual interests by giving you the freedom to design your own course of study.

The General Studies Programme allows you to pick courses from one or more fields of study offered at SIM University (UniSIM). You can choose to specialise in one area of study or take a multi-disciplinary approach and savour the best of every area. Whatever your passion, whatever piques your interest, you choose to learn in here, at your own time.

Continuing Your Learning

Lifelong learning can be one of the most joyous experiences in our lives. To learn for the pure quest for knowledge is to extend our own natural curiosities. This is a process of self-actualisation that knows no bounds and sustains our active engagement with the world around us.

The General Studies Programme is perfect for quenching this thirst for knowledge. It is a multi-faceted approach to lifelong learning that places YOU at the forefront of intellectual engagement.

The General Studies Programme is also perfect for career enhancement. You pick the courses necessary for your professional development – to upgrade or fill the gap in your skills and knowledge.

Catering To Diverse Interests

No other tertiary programme offers you the vastness or choice like this one. Many of the University’s courses are there for the picking, unrestricted by discipline of level. Whether you wish to specialize in a topic or broaden your mind discovering new worlds, the choice is yours.

Focusing On Your Needs

At the General Studies Programme, you are the architect of your Curriculum Plan. You get to choose what you want to study and how long you want your journey to be. The course design is uniquely yours.

Study At Your Own Pace

You may read courses semester after semester according to your liking and ability, or take a rest after a semester before resuming.
Flexible Learning

Flexibility is the key principle practised at UniSIM. Our curriculum and pedagogy are designed with a clear understanding of the needs of adult learners – people who often have to juggle work, family and social obligations.

We encourage learning anytime, anywhere and we offer you access to a suite of learning support, such as academic counseling, audio-visual and online materials, and email and discussion forums.

At UniSIM, you will enjoy an open and flexible learning environment where you may learn at your own pace, and in your space. What is more, thanks to our modular learning approach, you can customise your learning to your own needs.

Experienced Faculty

The exemplary quality of our programmes is complemented by the quality of our faculty members, who come from all over the world. They are industry professionals and eminent academics with active consultancy portfolios, who willingly impart their invaluable expertise honed from years of professional experience. They are a testimony to our commitment to meeting the educational needs of working professionals.

Assessment

UniSIM assesses students through two components; a continuous assessment component and an examinable component. A combination of these two will be used to determine your final grade in the course.

You must pass all the required assessments of each course to accumulate the credits for that course. There is no minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) requirement for the General Studies Programme.

The continuous assessment component includes written assignments such as essays, quizzes, case study analyses, as well as laboratory reports and research projects. Some courses require practical hands-on training organised as laboratory-sessions, project discussion groups or week-end classes.
Programme Structure

One academic year comprises two semesters: January to June and July to December. Unlike other UniSIM programmes, there is no limit imposed on your length of study to obtain a qualification. This means that the General Studies Programme can be completed at your own pace. There is no minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) requirement.

Students are required to complete a total of 130 credit units (cu) to graduate with a basic degree in General Studies, of which 40 cu must be from Levels 2 and/or 3 courses and 10 cu must be from the UCore.

Courses Available

(Below are some examples of the courses available under the General Studies Programme)

- Art Appreciation
- Calculus and Statistics
- Child Growth and Development (0-8 Years)
- Modern Chinese Grammar and Rhetoric
- Cognitive Psychology: Exploring the Mind
- Contact and Agency Law
- Film Theory
- Financial Accounting
- Fundamentals of English-Chinese Translation
- Fundamentals of Intellectual Property Law in Singapore
- Fundamentals of Investing
- Life Span Development
- Marketing Management
- Managing Your Personal Finances
- Microprocessor Programming
- Multimedia Tools
- Music Appreciation
- Organisational Behaviour
- Overseas Study Mission (China – Beijing)
- Overseas Study Mission (Vietnam – Ho Chi Minh City)
- Public Relations
- Social Emotional Learning
- Talent and Performance Management
- The Law and You
- Volunteer Resource Management
- Western Painting (Oil)

... and many more others

For more information on our Bachelor of General Studies, please visit unisim.edu.sg/GSP

The General Studies degree saved me from a mid-life crisis and enabled a breakthrough from my boring and monotonous lifestyle. The programme transformed me from an uninteresting person into someone who is passionate, enthusiastic, and always on the move. The courses offered in the Programme have enriched my life and boosted my confidence. The Western Painting and Art Appreciation modules uncovered my artistic talent on canvas; and the modules in Psychology, Sociology, and Counselling have led me to a new calling ...... a healthcare related profession which I am truly passionate about.

The smiles on the patients’ faces make me feel gratified that all my years of hard work studying and learning at UniSIM have been fruitful. After graduating from the General Studies Programme, I completed two Master degrees, one in Counselling and the other in Gerontology, and am currently preparing for my entrance to a doctorate degree. I am very grateful to the General Studies Programme for giving me the impetus.”

Admissions

You must be a Singapore citizen, permanent resident or a resident in Singapore. In addition, you will need to meet these minimum requirements:

- GCE 'A' level with two passes (prior to 2006) or two H2 passes (from 2006), or local Polytechnic Diploma or International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or NUS High School Diploma. Applicants with an acceptable SAT1 score may be considered for admission on a case-by-case basis;
- Two years of full-time work experience, or currently employed on a full-time basis; and
- At least 21 years old.

Shortlisted candidates may be required to undergo one or more interview(s) and/or take written admission or other evaluation tests.

All applications are considered individually on merit, and the offer of admission depends on the number of places available. Admission is solely at the discretion of SIM University.

How to Apply

Applications are to be made online via unisim.edu.sg. You must submit all the required documents together with your admission application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Tuition Fees and Government Subsidy

The amount of course fee you pay in each semester depends on the number of courses you take in that semester. Course fees cover all study materials, classes, supervision, assignments and examinations. They do not include costs for textbooks and other additional items specified by SIM University from time to time.

Students may be eligible for a government subsidy of up to 55% of the course fee. In addition, Singapore Citizens (SC) aged 40 and above who are pursuing MOE-subsidised undergraduate programmes with UniSIM and who are eligible for the SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy will pay tuition fees that are 60% lower than the standard subsidised fees payable by other SC students who are below 40 years old.

SkillsFuture Credit can be used on top of existing government course subsidies to pay for approved work-skills-related courses at UniSIM.

Please visit unisim.edu.sg for current tuition fees and eligibility criteria for the government subsidy and SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy.

Internet Access

All SIM University students must have access to a computer or laptop and the Internet in order to use the electronic and website facilities, which allow access to course, academic or administrative information.

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