

SCHOOL OF LAW

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SCHOOL OF LAW

The Singapore University of Social Sciences School of Law's primary focus is to train and produce lawyers for the practice of law in Singapore, particularly in the areas of criminal law and family law. This is part of the national effort to meet the need for lawyers in these areas. In view of School of Law's emphasis on the practice of law, the two programmes offered, Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Laws, which specialise in criminal law and family law, will aim at providing a comprehensive education that is practice-oriented and multidisciplinary. Students will have ample opportunities to interact with practising lawyers, and work on real cases throughout their studies. Both degrees will qualify the graduates to sit for Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations as long as they graduate with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.5.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Join us at the Singapore University of Social Sciences School of Law! So you want to be a lawyer! Here's your chance by joining us at the SUSS School of Law. Why join us? Well, if you want to practise law as a lawyer in Singapore, we aim to train you and make you ready for practice in Singapore. We will teach you and train you 'in context' – to be an important part of your community. At the SUSS School of Law, you will not only learn the law but also gain practical skills relevant to the practice of law. When you graduate, you will be a law graduate who can immediately apply what you have learnt and who is ready to be a productive member of a law practice. In time you will grow into and become an integral part of the social fabric of our community. So don't wait, be a pioneer in this refreshing approach to the study and practice of law!"

Professor
LESLIE CHEW
Senior Counsel and Dean
School of Law

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GOOD REASONS TO STUDY AT **Singapore University of Social Sciences**



ONE OF THE SIX
AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITIES
IN SINGAPORE



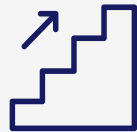
HIGH ACADEMIC
STANDARDS



EXPERIENCED FACULTY
MEMBERS AND
INDUSTRY EXPERTS



FOCUS ON REAL-
WORLD LEARNING



LIFELONG EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES



GOVERNMENT TUITION
GRANT OR SUBSIDY FOR
ELIGIBLE STUDENTS



WELL-DESIGNED ONLINE
LEARNING RESOURCES



FLEXIBLE AND
SELF-PACED LEARNING



INDUSTRY-RELEVANT
CURRICULA



PRACTICE-ORIENTED
APPROACH

BACHELOR OF LAWS JURIS DOCTOR



Programme Overview



SUSS School of Law degrees are offered both to degree holders as well as fresh school leavers and diploma holders. Applicants with a bachelor's degree will be offered the Juris Doctor (JD) whilst fresh school leavers and diploma holders will be offered the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree, a direct honours programme. Both degrees will qualify the graduates to sit for Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations as long as they graduate with a CGPA of 3.5.



Unique Features

Both degree programmes will comprise classes conducted in the evenings. The programmes will also be modular and students will have up to six years to complete the degree.

The School of Law will adopt an applied learning approach rather than a purely academic approach in pedagogy. You can expect that the cases and scenarios you discuss will be drawn from actual cases.

Answer the Call

- Train to be specialist criminal and family lawyers
- Meet the community's needs for well-equipped criminal and family lawyers
- Study law through skills training and applied learning
- Study complementary non-law subjects such as social work and forensics
- Work on real cases with practising lawyers, state counsels and prosecutors through a structured Legal Clerkship Programme
- Be part of our programme that is flexible, modular and delivered in the evenings, and allows you to continue working or following other pursuits

Be a Problem Solver

Essentially a lawyer is a problem solver. Clients do not see lawyers for fanciful ideas or idealistic views. The client is at the heart of what a lawyer does every day in practice. A competent and able lawyer is one who provides the client with the best possible solution given the client's circumstances or context.

Learn from Experienced Lawyers

At the SUSS School of Law, you will be taught by faculty who are experienced practitioners. Our faculty are not just academically qualified but also lawyers who have practised and who know firsthand what it means to practise law.

Understand the Significance of Law in our Society

"The rule of law is held to be not only good in itself, because it embodies and encourages a just society, but also as a cause of other good things, notably growth".

Lord Bingham of Cornhill, "The Rule of Law"



Whom is this for?

One of the mandates of the SUSS School of Law is to train lawyers with a heart for and who will eventually practise as lawyers within the community, primarily in criminal law and family law. Accordingly, our student recruitment will focus on and give preference to applicants who have a fair amount of work experience, especially those who have worked for some time in related fields such as social work, law enforcement and the prison service.

Other applicants who can show current involvement in community work connected with criminal law and family law will also be given preferred consideration.



Career Prospects

The LLB and JD programmes will be recognised degrees under the Legal Profession Act, and provided the student graduates with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.5, he/she will be a 'qualified person' under the Legal Profession Act and will be eligible to sit for Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations.

The graduate is qualified to practise law in any area, but he/she will have particular knowledge and skills to excel in the fields of criminal law and family law.



Programme Structure

Courses taught in both degree programmes will cover the core law subjects which are found in equivalent three-year law programmes in the UK. In addition, our students will be required to take complementary non-law subjects such as forensics and social work. Our LLB candidates will also have the opportunity to take electives including subjects such as Emerging Technologies and the Law, Islamic Family Law in Singapore, and Introduction to Financial Reporting for Lawyers.

In the latter part of both the JD and LLB programmes, students will undertake a 15-credit unit Legal Clerkship Programme which will provide them the platform for authentic practical training in real-life situations, in collaboration with partners that work with criminal and family law cases.

Students are required to complete a total of 180 credit units (cu) to graduate from the LLB programme or 150 cu to graduate from the JD programme. Students are also required to complete, as a condition of graduation, 20 hours of pro bono work as mandated under the rules of the Singapore Institute of Legal Education.

Introductory Courses (Total 10 cu)

- Critical Thinking and Legal Interpretation
- Legal Writing and IT Essentials

Legal Knowledge (Total 100 cu)

- Legal Methods and the Singapore Legal System
- Law of Business Organisations
- Contract and Civil Litigation
- Torts, Litigation and Evidence
- Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence
- Law of Property
- Equity and Trusts
- Constitutional and Administrative Law
- Wills, Probate and Administration
- Family Law and the Family Justice Courts

Legal Clerkship Programme (Total 15 cu)

Allied Knowledge - Non-Law Compulsory (Total 10 cu)

- Introduction to Forensics
- Development of Social Work and Social Services in Singapore

Compulsory Elective Course (Total 5 cu) (only applicable to Bachelor of Laws students)

- Islamic Family Law in Singapore

Elective Courses (Choose 25 cu) (only applicable to Bachelor of Laws students)

- Drawn from a pool of electives that will be made known to students

Professional (Total 15 cu)

- Ethical Legal Practice and Client Care
- Mediation Advocacy
- Trial Advocacy

Important Notes:

- The courses listed are subject to change.
- Please refer to the SUSS website for more details.

JOIN US



Find out more!

ADMISSION CRITERIA

BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB)

- Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents
- GCE 'A' Level with three passes (prior to 2006) or three H2 passes (from 2006); or a local Polytechnic Diploma; or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma; or a NUS High School Diploma
- Demonstrate aptitude to practice law through taking the Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT)¹
- All applicants (other than fresh school leavers with GCE 'A' Level or diploma certificates) will be required to provide a full CV detailing their work experience

JURIS DOCTOR (JD)

- Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents
- At least a bachelor's degree and substantial work experience
- Demonstrate aptitude to practice law through taking the Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT)¹
- All applicants will be required to provide a full CV detailing their work experience

All eligible applicants will be assessed through admission interviews, a review of their personal statements on aspirations and motivations, and any supporting evidence of their commitment to the practice of criminal and family law.

¹ LNAT is a registered trademark of LNAT Consortium Limited. Details of the test, including training for it is available at <http://www.lnat.ac.uk>

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

English Language

A good command of English provides a strong platform for a learner to successfully complete a degree programme. All Bachelor of Laws students who do not meet the essay passing grade during the admission interview will be required to complete SDE103 and SDE104 courses (fees are waived).

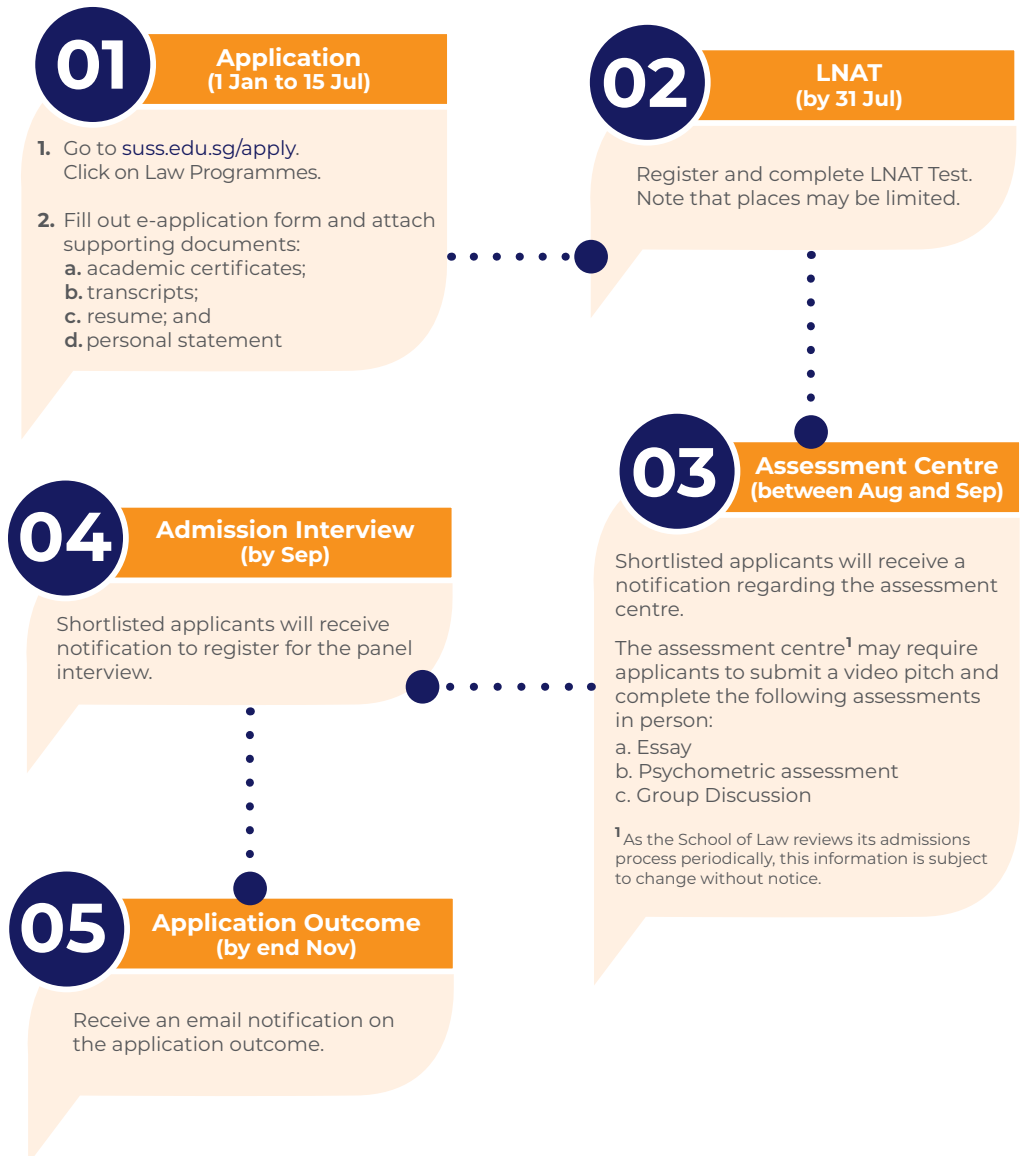
Mother Tongue Language

All applicants must satisfy one of the following minimum Mother Tongue Language (MTL) proficiency requirements set by the Ministry of Education:

- minimum of D7 for the higher MTL paper taken at the 'O' Level examination
- minimum of 'S' grade for the H1 MTL paper or General Studies in Chinese
- minimum of 'S' grade for the H2 MTL paper taken at the 'A' Level examination
- pass in the MTL 'B' Syllabus paper at the 'A' Level examination
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma: pass in SL/HL MTL A or B paper taken at IBDP Examination

Applicants who have not satisfied the requirements above may be admitted on a provisional basis and will be required to attain the MTL requisite within the period of their university study before being permitted to graduate from SUSS.

HOW TO APPLY



All applications are considered individually on merit, and the offer of admission is dependent on the number of places available in individual programmes. Admission is solely at the discretion of SUSS and the decision is final and binding. SUSS reserves the right to refuse admission and is not obliged to offer an explanation for the non-admission of unsuccessful candidates.

TUITION FEES



Find out more!

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

TUITION GRANT SCHEME

The Tuition Grant Scheme (TGS) was introduced by the Singapore Government to subsidise the cost of tertiary education in Singapore. The TGS is extended to Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents enrolled in the Law programmes at SUSS. Eligible students who are awarded the Tuition Grant will pay the subsidised tuition fees.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID



Find out more!

SUSS offers scholarships to outstanding students pursuing their undergraduate studies with the University in recognition of their excellent academic achievements, leadership qualities, special talents and contributions.

There are also various types of financial aid available to students who need financial assistance during the course of their study.

Please visit suss.edu.sg for more details on the admission criteria, tuition fees and other information.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



A TALK WITH THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE SUNDARESH MENON



SCCA LEGAL EAGLE CHALLENGE

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



LAW ALUMNI EVENT



LAW FRATERNITY GAMES

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