

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the Nanyang Centre for Public Administration (NCPA) at NTU, Singapore!

The Master of Social Sciences (China and Global Governance) – MCGG programme, formerly known as the Master of Arts in Contemporary China (MACC), was renamed in January 2019 to better reflect its expanded focus. While the MACC concentrated on China's domestic developments, the MCGG now offers a comprehensive examination of China's role in global affairs and governance.

As a key component of NCPA's programmes, MCGG is uniquely placed to leverage on NCPA's extensive expertise in teaching and research. Through this programme, you will gain valuable insights from distinguished scholars and industry practitioners, equipping you to understand and navigate the complexities of China's political, economic, and cultural dynamics within a global context.

We offer a neutral and empirically-grounded perspective on China's role in global governance, integrating both Eastern and Western viewpoints into a well-rounded curriculum. Our interdisciplinary approach, diverse student body, and opportunities for further experiences through exchange programmes and summer schools with partner institutions, ensure a dynamic, interactive, and enriching learning experience.

Our robust alumni network of over 20,000 members around the globe provides valuable professional development opportunities for our students.





Join us on this transformative journey in understanding China's global role and growing prominence in the world. We are excited to embark on this educational journey with you and contribute to the broader discussion on China's international impact. Apply now and be part of a programme that empowers you to shape the future of global governance and make a meaningful impact.

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Admission period

The programme offers two intakes each year.

Intake	Online application	
	Opening date	Closing date
January admission	 JUL	 AUG
August admission	 NOV	 JAN

Application periods are tentative and subject to changes. You may refer to our website for the actual dates.

Scholarships

These MCGG scholarships bear no bond or obligation for scholars and are offered on a merit basis to students who demonstrate a strong passion in the programme.

- MCGG ASEAN Scholarship
- MCGG International Scholarship

Information on scholarships is available on our website.



Applications must be submitted online at [https://www.ntu.edu.sg/education/graduate-programme/master-of-social-sciences-\(china-and-global-governance\)](https://www.ntu.edu.sg/education/graduate-programme/master-of-social-sciences-(china-and-global-governance)). Any other forms of submission will not be accepted.

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**Navigate
Global Challenges –
Examine China's Role
in Governance**

**Master of Social Sciences
(China and Global Governance)**

About Master of Social Sciences (China and Global Governance)

China’s meteoric ascent on the global stage is one that has been significant and powerful. It has positioned China as a key player in global governance. Join us as we dive into China’s evolving global role, offering insights into its political, economic, and social dynamics from both the Eastern and Western perspectives.

This programme is fully taught in English and offers robust, research-informed insights into China’s evolution and its increasingly important role in shaping both current and future global developments. The MCGG programme is open to both full-time and part-time students.

Period of study

Full-time	1 year (2 semesters)
Part-time	1.5 – 2 years (3 – 4 semesters)*

*Maximum candidature of 4 years (8 semesters)

There are two semesters in a year with 13 teaching weeks per semester.

Programme Structure

Students can choose either:

Coursework Track	OR	Dissertation Track
10 Courses: 2 Core Courses + 8 Elective Courses		8 Courses: 2 Core Courses + 6 Elective Courses + Dissertation

Why choose the Master of Social Sciences (China and Global Governance) programme?

Strategic perspective of China

MCGG is one of the pioneering programmes in Asia to focus on contemporary China, and the only English programme in Southeast Asia to integrate Eastern and Western perspectives to offer a holistic appreciation of China from a global outlook.

Multidisciplinary and distinguished faculty

Benefit from a rigorous and focused curriculum delivered by an interdisciplinary faculty, comprising renowned academic experts and qualified professionals with extensive research and consulting experience in specialist fields.

Dynamic programme in a diverse global classroom

Students from around the world contribute a global perspective to the programme, fostering a diverse and dynamic learning environment that is enhanced by Singapore’s multicultural and multilingual society.

Strong alumni network

Connect with our extensive network of over 20,000 NCPA alumni members for professional development and networking opportunities in Singapore and beyond.



If China was once the ‘sleeping lion’, as described by Napoleon Bonaparte, has she now woken up?

Seeking answers, I found that the MCGG programme offers an advanced understanding of modern China through its interdisciplinary approach. The well-structured curriculum, taught by esteemed China specialists, systematically expanded my knowledge.

Lively classroom discussions and robust exchanges of ideas deepened my understanding of complex issues. This learning experience was further enriched by an immersion trip to China and a semester-long exchange programme at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan.

So, has China woken up and shaken the world? I encourage you to explore MCGG and discover the answer for yourself.

Yong Chuk Kwin (Class of 2014)

Senior Vice President
DBS Bank

Admission requirements

- A bachelor’s degree is required for all applicants.
- For students from universities where English is not the medium of instruction, a good IELTS/TOEFL test score is required. Test dates must be within 2 years or less from the application. No minimum Chinese language proficiency is required.

Please note that meeting these minimum requirements does not imply automatic admission into the programme.



Driven by my interest in international relations with a focus on China, MCGG has been a learning journey beyond my expectations. In addition to the rich debates on China’s role on the global stage and its evolving dynamics, the curriculum holistically covers political, historical, and often overlooked societal and cultural aspects. The programme has been especially engaging, and I particularly enjoyed exploring the societal and cultural dimensions.

Enabel Tan (Class of 2024)

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