

# S RAJARATNAM SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

RSIS Masters Programmes

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OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**  
A Graduate School of Nanyang Technological University



**NANYANG  
TECHNOLOGICAL  
UNIVERSITY**

# Our Programmes

In today's world, global affairs has a broad imprint, impacting on social factors, politics, religious beliefs as well as environmental, economic and health considerations.



## Be a Master of Your Full Potential

Getting your graduate degree is an important step to furthering your career. We offer a number of programmes that can help you achieve the most out of your endeavours.

### MASTER OF SCIENCE ASIAN STUDIES

Globally, there is a growing interest in Asian Studies as political developments in the region take a new turn and the economic strength of Asia gains influence.

Under this programme, students can be attuned to the latest developments in the region with ample opportunities to meet foreign policy makers and Asian think tanks throughout the world. Students will also have the opportunity to further hone their linguistic skills in Singapore, a melting pot of cultures and home to a myriad of Asian languages.

The MSc (Asian Studies) programme is empirically driven and area-centric. The programme places strong emphasis on a range of issues, including:

- Political economy and security;
- Key diplomatic, economic, governmental and security issues with contemporary policy implications.

### MASTER OF SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

In the context of the rapid paradigm shifts that are taking place in the world today, the MSc (International Relations) programme aims to equip students with the ability to decipher international relations theories and develop their own concepts to deal with real-world situations.

The MSc (International Relations) programme has been specially designed to cover a broad spectrum of issues, including:

- Theories of international relations;
- The making of foreign policy;
- Business planning and technology management;
- Area studies, specifically on the Asia-Pacific region.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

### INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

In today's globalised world, politics and economics are so closely intertwined that understanding one area and not the other makes comprehension incomplete. Analysing and drafting effective policy requires knowledge about the interaction between economic and political goals and objectives. The MSc (International Political Economy) programme provides the link between politics and economics by examining relevant theoretical and practical concepts from both disciplines.

The MSc (International Political Economy) programme has been designed to ensure that students gain a sound understanding in:

- Theoretical and methodological issues in International Political Economy;
- The basics of economic analysis, with an emphasis on macroeconomics;
- Trade, finance and production networks;
- Key political trends and developments that may affect the world economy and vice versa.



## **MASTER OF SCIENCE STRATEGIC STUDIES**

The MSc (Strategic Studies) programme is an important discipline that seeks to equip students with the ability to decipher strategic theories and emerging security issues.

The MSc (Strategic Studies) programme has been specially designed to cover a broad spectrum of issues, including:

- The study of the use of force in international politics;
- Traditional security issues in the Asia-Pacific region;
- The nexus between non-traditional security issues and the use of force;
- Regional geopolitical issues and their impact on regional security.

## **NTU-WARWICK DOUBLE MASTERS PROGRAMME**

From October 2010, a new NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme will be launched.

This exciting full-time Masters degree course allows first-year students to study at Warwick University's prestigious Politics and International Studies Department and second-year students to study at the equally respected RSIS.

The programme's European-Asia postgraduate model addresses the market need for a global educational experience which consists of an international topic-based curricula. Its double-degree structure also has a complementary logic whereby first-year studies at Warwick emphasise theoretical frameworks while second-year studies at RSIS focus on the more practical aspects deriving from a professional education.

## **THE NANYANG MBA INTERNATIONAL STUDIES – JOINTLY OFFERED WITH NANYANG BUSINESS SCHOOL, NTU**

This interdisciplinary degree allows students to obtain an excellent international studies education at RSIS, as well as a well-recognised MBA from the Nanyang Business School (NBS), one of Asia's foremost business schools.

Today, business is no longer conducted in a silo. Political influences can affect the economy, which will in turn have significant impact on businesses. The interconnection between politics and business implies that it is an imperative to have a strong grasp of both disciplines in order to gain a strong edge in the corporate world.

Set against Singapore's cosmopolitan environment, this MBA would enhance students' ability to handle issues in an international setting.

As a renowned centre of excellence in international studies, RSIS aims to equip students with the necessary knowledge and skills needed to manage increasingly complex global problems.



# About Singapore

## **A Vibrant Cosmopolitan City**

One of the most vibrant cities in the world, Singapore is a dynamic melting pot of cultures that embodies the quintessence of the East and West. Its unrivalled array of arts, culture, architecture, cuisine and entertainment makes living and learning here an enriching experience.

Singapore is also renowned for having a high-quality yet affordable standard of living; a low crime rate and a safe environment; an efficient public transport system; political stability; and warm, friendly people.

No matter where you're from, Singapore will be able to offer you something.

Its strategic location, excellent facilities and fascinating cultural contrasts make it a conducive environment for learning and studying.

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# Admission Requirements

- A good Bachelor degree from a university approved by the Academic Board.
- A good TOEFL or IELTS score if English was not the medium of instruction at tertiary level. Test dates must be within 2 years or less from the date of your application.
- For applicants to The Nanyang MBA (International Studies), a good GMAT score is required and with at least two years work experience.

For more information on RSIS MSc Programmes and the NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme, please visit <http://www.rsis.edu.sg/grad/welcome.htm>

For information on The Nanyang MBA (International Studies), please visit <http://www.nanyangmba.ntu.edu.sg/Admissions/Application.asp>

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# Career

## **Offering Opportunities, Advancing Careers**

Armed with solid foundations and real-world experience, our graduates have gone on to excel in their respective fields of specialisation. Some of our graduates have been employed by the public sector, including diplomacy, trade and industry, home affairs, and defence-related ministries. Others have moved into banking and finance, risk analysis, education, journalism and research. Our graduates' strengths in research and analysis are sought-after by global leaders, giving a competitive edge over their peers in the job market.

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## **About the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University**

The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) was inaugurated on 1 January 2007 as an autonomous School within Nanyang Technological University (NTU). The School absorbs the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), which was established in 1996.

The School exists to develop a community of scholars and policy analysts at the forefront of Asia-Pacific security studies and international affairs. Its three core functions are research, graduate teaching and networking activities in the Asia-Pacific region. It produces cutting-edge security related research in Asia-Pacific Security, Conflict and Non-Traditional Security, International Political Economy, and Country and Area Studies.

The School's activities are aimed at assisting policymakers to develop comprehensive approaches to strategic thinking on issues related to security and stability in the Asia-Pacific and their implications for Singapore.

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## **About Nanyang Technological University (NTU)**

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a research-intensive university ranked among the world's top 100 universities. The Yunnan Garden campus, NTU's main campus, is located in the south-western part of Singapore and will be the Youth Olympic Village of the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in 2010. The NTU@one-north campus, home to educational and alumni clubhouse facilities, is located near Singapore's biomedical research hub, Biopolis; and the new engineering and physical sciences hub, Fusionopolis.

NTU has four colleges. The Nanyang Business School (the College of Business) is the first and only Singapore business school to be ranked in the top 25 of the Financial Times Global MBA 2009 rankings. The College of Engineering, with six schools focused on technology and innovation, has a research output among the top four in the world. The College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences is home to the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, a top journalism and media school in Asia; a fast-growing humanities and social sciences school with distinctive niches of excellence; and Singapore's first professional art school offering degree courses in art, design and interactive digital media. The College of Science is home to award-winning faculty, world-class laboratories and Olympiad medal winners.

The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, one of three autonomous institutes of NTU, is a world authority on strategic studies and security research. NTU is also home to the internationally-acclaimed National Institute of Education, Singapore's only teacher-training institute. The Earth Observatory of Singapore, established in 2008 with \$150 million in state funding, is dedicated to hazards-related earth science.

As Singapore's main science and technology university, NTU makes significant contributions to the nation's renewed drive for research and innovation spearheaded by the Singapore National Research Foundation (NRF). NTU's strengths in biomedical sciences, environmental and water technologies, and interactive and digital media mirror the NRF's research focus. Impressed by the vibrant entrepreneurship environment at NTU, the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, widely known as 'The Foundation of Entrepreneurship', has chosen NTU to be the first Kauffman campus outside the United States of America. NTU has a strong and broad international reach covering academic and research partnerships with top institutions in the US, Europe and Asia, such as MIT, Stanford University, Cornell University, Caltech, University of Washington, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Carnegie Mellon University, Cambridge University, Imperial College and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, and Peking University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Waseda University, and the Indian Institute of Technology.

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### Message from the Dean

The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) is a Graduate School of the Nanyang Technological University. Since our launch in 2007, RSIS has attracted top quality students from diversified professions. We have seen a robust growth in student numbers from a small class of 10 to more than 180 students, representing approximately 40 countries.

At RSIS, we are proud to provide a rigorous professional education with a strong practical emphasis. This prepares our students for a career in a broad range of fields, including foreign and national security-related ministries, MNCs and local corporations, investment banks, NGOs and journalism.

Students are offered competitive opportunities through four graduate programmes – the Masters of Science in Strategic Studies, International Relations, International Political Economy, and Asian Studies. We also offer the Nanyang MBA in International Studies, and from October 2010, a new NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme will be launched.

Additionally, RSIS has a growing PhD Programme, with students researching on topics ranging from counter-terrorism to defence management.

Besides being an educational institution, RSIS is also a think tank on policy and academic research. In this regard, RSIS comprises the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS), the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, and the Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade and Negotiations (TFCTN).

The School also convenes numerous conferences, workshops, seminars, and colloquia on aspects related to the security and stability of Asia-Pacific. RSIS MSc programmes are different from other Masters Degree courses because we believe in encouraging our students to actively participate in research and networking activities. Here at RSIS, students are at the centre of our teaching programmes and we aim to produce graduates who can make a difference to society.

**Ambassador Barry Desker**, Dean, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies

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### Message from the Head of Graduate Studies

In today's world, global affairs has a broad imprint, impacting on social factors, politics, religious beliefs as well as environmental, economic and health considerations. Globalisation also means that these impacts are becoming increasingly interrelated. What happens in one part of the world invariably affects other parts.

As a renowned centre of excellence in international studies, RSIS aims to equip students with the necessary knowledge and skills needed to manage increasingly complex global problems. Our mission is to provide students with the relevant training and perspectives to work across different issues and diverse policies.

#### RSIS programmes are unique in the following ways:

- **The "Professional" Edge.** Classes are conducted in the form of seminars, whereby students are encouraged to contribute to debates and offer their own professional and geographical perspectives.
- **Real People, Real Experiences.** Students have greater contact with professionals from the

diplomatic service, government, the armed forces, and the security and corporate sectors.

- **Excellence in Teaching.** Our world-class faculty are global experts in their respective fields of specialisation.
- **Flexibility.** Although students are required to take certain core courses, they are also given the opportunity to select elective courses.

RSIS continually seeks to expand its learning opportunities. Last year, we launched an MBA in partnership with the Nanyang Business School, and next year, we will launch a double degree with Warwick University's Political Science and International Studies Department.

I strongly believe that RSIS has established an enabling environment conducive to effecting positive change in today's world.

**Professor Ron Matthews**, Head of Graduate Studies and Deputy Director of the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies



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