

NINE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN US

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RSiS | S. RAJARATNAM SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

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1. 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. Students also have the opportunity to enrol in a wide range of professional skills workshops (such as media interviews, presentation skills, negotiation skills, scenario planning or crisis communication), career development workshops and Asian language classes (such as Arabic or Mandarin).

2. REAL PEOPLE, REAL EXPERIENCES

Our students have ample opportunities to interact with distinguished professionals from the diplomatic service, government, the armed forces, the security and corporate sectors by attending seminars, public lectures and other events organised by the school and its research centres.

3. EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Our world class faculty members are global experts in their respective fields of specialisation. Alongside their teaching duties, they conduct cutting edge, policy-relevant research in our research centres, which enables them to share the latest developments with the students.

4. FLEXIBILITY

Our students are given the opportunity to select electives from a multitude of options including courses from the other degree programmes at RSIS, as well as subjects taught as part of the MBA programme at Nanyang Business School, the Master of Arts in Contemporary China and the Master of Public Administration at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the Master of Mass Communication at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information.

“RSIS has opened up new perspectives for me to help me understand politics and world affairs in a different way. Their state-of-the-art policy research capabilities have helped me make better business decisions.”

Phillip Ee
MSc in Strategic Studies
Managing Director (Special Projects), Surbana Jurong

“Studying at RSIS was a very good decision. It gave me a head start in my field, and opened my eyes to the complex realities of the world, helping me understand it a little better.”

Ishika Mookerjee
MSc in International Political Economy
Asia Reporter, Citywire

5. COSMOPOLITAN STUDENT BODY

Each year, our students hail from up to 40 countries around the globe and from very diverse academic and professional backgrounds. Around 40 per cent of them are Singaporeans while the others come from anywhere around the world that you can think of, including China, India, Nepal, Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, Uzbekistan, the US, Canada, the UK, Norway, Iceland or Colombia, to name a few examples.

6. OUR GLOBAL REACH

RSIS has more than 2,000 alumni from 70 countries, comprising government officials, military officers, entrepreneurs, academics, researchers, media and public relations professionals, consultants and investment bankers, amongst others.

7. SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All our students are eligible for scholarships and other forms of financial assistance and a good number of them receive funding.

8. OUR POSITIONING AT THE CUTTING-EDGE OF POLICY RELEVANCE THROUGH OUR RESEARCH CENTRES

Our faculty members and in-house researchers share the results of their frontier research with the students, who also benefit through the opportunity to get involved in research projects themselves.

9. OUR REPUTATION

RSIS is a graduate school of NTU, ranked #1 in Asia and #11 in the world in the QS World University Rankings 2018 in Asia and #11 in the world in the QS University Rankings 2018. RSIS is also ranked among the top 50 think tanks in the world, in the Global Go to Think Tanks ranking released by the University of Pennsylvania's International Relations Program.



RSIS Graduate Programmes prepare students to respond to current global challenges by equipping them with comparative and critical perspectives, historical analogies, theoretical frameworks for ordering complex data and the critical thinking skills needed to succeed. Our graduates go on to apply the knowledge they acquired at RSIS in a variety of fields including media, public relations, finance, consulting, research, academia, security, diplomacy, policymaking and the non-profit sector amongst others.

GRADUATE PROGRAMMES

- MSc (Asian Studies)
- MSc (International Political Economy)
- MSc (International Relations)
- MSc (Strategic Studies)
- NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme
- PhD Programme

“At RSIS, we offer a rigorous professional education in international affairs with a strong practical emphasis.”

Since our first masters programme was established in 1998, we have attracted exceptional students from diverse backgrounds and professions.

Besides being a graduate school, RSIS is also a think tank which houses several Research Centres. This, together with numerous conferences, workshops and seminars organised by RSIS, gives our students the unique opportunity to actively participate in research and networking activities as well as to be taught by faculty who are involved in cutting-edge, policy-relevant research.

With students at the centre of everything we do, we aim to enable our graduates to make a difference to society.”

Professor Ralf Emmers
Dean, and Professor of International Relations,
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies



GRADUATE PROGRAMMES OVERVIEW

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Programme	Master of Science (Asian Studies)	Master of Science (International Political Economy)	Master of Science (International Relations)	Master of Science (Strategic Studies)	NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme	PhD Programme
Duration	1 year (full-time) OR 2 years (part-time)				2 years (full-time)	4 years (full-time)
Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political developments in the region Traditional and non-traditional security in the region Economic developments in major Asian countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The basics of economic analysis with an emphasis on macroeconomics Trade, finance and production networks Key political developments affecting the world economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theories of International Relations The making of foreign policy The relationship between states and non-state actors in a globalised international system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theoretical and empirical skills in international and strategic studies Insights into the multiple and cross-disciplinary influences affecting contemporary public and private decision-making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialisations in Strategic Studies, International Relations or International Political Economy Development of theses that address real-world policy problems and challenges
Core Courses	1. Comparative Politics of Asia	1. Theories and Issues in International Political Economy 2. Quantitative Methods in the Study of International Politics	1. The Study of International Relations	1. The Analysis of Defence and Security Policies 2. The Evolution of Strategic Thought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The same core courses as for the other masters programmes depending on the specialisation chosen by the student 	1. The Advanced Study of International Politics: Concepts, Methods and Research Design 2. Quantitative Methods in the Study of International Politics
Primary Courses (examples)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State and Politics in Modern Indonesia State, Society and Politics in China Non-Traditional Security Issues in Asia Government-Business Relations in Asia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Globalising China in the World Economy Energy and Environment Issues Introduction to the Political Economy of Southeast Asia Political Risk Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Human Rights Law Global Governance Current Topics and Controversies in US Foreign Policy Cybersecurity Law and Cyberterrorism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terrorism, Intelligence and Homeland Security Comparative Asian Security Policy Intelligence in Peace and War Conflicts in the Digital Age: Information and Cyber Warfare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The same primary courses as for the other masters programmes depending on the specialisation chosen by the student 	–
Elective Courses	Students can choose from a wide range of options including courses from the other MSc programmes at RSIS, as well as subjects taught as part of the MBA programme at Nanyang Business School, the Master of Arts in Contemporary China, the Master of Public Administration at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the Master of Mass Communication at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information.					Any MSc course linked to the PhD Candidate's area of specialisation.
Certificates	<p>RSIS MSc students can choose to pursue specialised certificates in the comparative study of religions in plural societies (CRSP) and in terrorism studies (CTS).</p> <p>CSRP courses: Religion, Violence and Peace Building Studying Religion in Plural Societies Managing Inter-Religious Dynamics in a Plural Context Contemporary Relations of Islam and Politics Modern Challenges, Contextualisation & the Qur'an Dialogue: Inter-religious Encounters & Peacebuilding Islam, Diversity and the Religious Other Christianity, Religious Violence and Peacebuilding</p> <p>CTS courses: The Analysis of Defence and Security Policies The Evolution of Strategic Thought Terrorism, Intelligence and Homeland Security Countering Religiously-Motivated Terrorism in SE Asia Jihadist Strategic Thought and Practice Conflicts in the Digital Age: Information and Cyber Warfare Selected Issues in Terrorism and Counterterrorism Intelligence in Peace and War</p>					–
International Exposure	Opportunity to participate in the US Foreign Policy Summer Programme at the Elliott School of International Affairs (George Washington University).					Overseas Fieldwork
Cohort Size	40-60	40-60	40-60	40-60	10-15	–
Scholarships and Study Awards	RSIS offers generous scholarships and study awards for exceptional candidates. For more information, please visit http://www.rsis.edu.sg/gpo/admissions/financial-assistance					All candidates will be considered for research scholarships.
Application Period	1 September – 31 January Please visit www.rsis.edu.sg/gpo/admissions/how-to-apply/ for detailed information on how to apply.				All year round.	Apply by 31 July for the January intake. Apply by 31 January for the July intake
Key Admission Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor Degree (Honours) University transcripts TOEFL / IELTS Resume; 2 essays; 2 references 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor Degree (Honours); Masters Degree University transcripts GRE Resume; 2 essay; 2 references Research proposal³

Tuition Fees

MSc (AS), MSc (IPE), MSc (IR), MSc (SS)¹

Singapore Citizens/PRs (Subsidised Fees)² S\$ 9,450

International Students (Subsidised Fees) S\$ 14,250

Full Fees S\$ 30,850

NTU-WARWICK DOUBLE MASTERS PROGRAMME

Year 2 at RSIS: S\$ 32,500

PHD PROGRAMME¹

Singapore Citizens/PRs (Subsidised Fees) S\$ 9,000

International Students (Subsidised Fees) S\$ 13,500

Full Fees S\$ 30,100

1. Fee information is accurate at time of print (AY2019/2020) and is subject to change each academic year. For the latest information, please refer to the Graduates Programmes website at www.rsis.edu.sg/gpo/admissions/fees.

2. Eligibility Guidelines for the Ministry of Education (MOE) Tuition Fee Subsidies: applicants who have previously enjoyed an MOE subsidy in a graduate programme will not be eligible for subsidised fees for a graduate programme at the same or lower level.

3. Applicants are strongly encouraged to tailor their Research Proposals to fit into one of the three PhD programme specialisations on offer at RSIS, namely, International Political Economy, International Relations or Strategic Studies. Applicants are also advised to identify faculty members whom they would wish to have as their primary supervisor. Detailed faculty profiles are available at www.rsis.edu.sg/gpo/gpo-staff-profiles.