

 **2019**
Undergraduate Programmes
SCHOOL OF
BUSINESS

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN **FINANCIAL** **TECHNOLOGY**





Programme Overview

The Graduate Diploma in Financial Technology (GDFT) programme offered by the School of Business at the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) aims to help finance professionals and those in the PMET segment to gain knowledge of financial innovations and technologies, and to support upskilling to meet work challenges posed by advancements in technology and the disruptive changes in applications, processes, products, as well as business models that are transforming the financial services industry.

This programme caters to entrepreneurs, mid-career bankers, executives and finance professionals to acquire professional advancement and deepen their knowledge of finance, financial technologies and financial innovations. SUSS alumni who are looking for upgrading opportunities in the finance sector will find that this programme is a good option for them to continue with lifelong learning.

Unique Features of the Programme

- It focuses on financial technologies and financial innovations.
- It is stackable and thus in line with the nation's emphasis on stackable credentials that facilitate lifelong learning. An applicant to the SUSS Master of Finance (MFIN) degree programme who possesses the Graduate Diploma in Financial Technology from SUSS may be granted course recognition for selected courses upon admission to the MFIN programme.
- Deviating from traditional finance programmes, it emphasises more on technical know-how, programming skills and hands-on lab training.

Programme Structure

GDFT students are required to complete 30 cu of coursework. Most courses are based on a 5-cu configuration. The minimum candidature period is **one (1) year** and the maximum candidature period is **two (2) years**. It is a programme with evening (during weekdays) or weekend classes. Students can work in the day and study in the evening.

Students have to maintain a minimum CGPA of 2.5 in their coursework as part of the fulfillment of the GDFT programme.

Compulsory Financial Technology Courses (15 cu) (Option to exit with a Graduate Certificate in Financial Technology)

- Technological Innovations in Finance
- Blockchain Technologies: Applications and Challenges
 - Python Programming
 - Blockchain Security and Privacy



Compulsory Financial Technology and Financial Regulation Courses (15 cu)

- Hands-on Lab with Multichain
- Fintech Innovation Ecosystem
- Big Data, Cloud Computing and Machine Learning
- Financial System, Financial Markets and Financial Supervision



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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Admissions

Applicants must possess an undergraduate degree or an equivalent qualification from a recognised institution.

For SUSS graduate programmes that are conducted in the English Language, you must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR) of having at least an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 580 (paper-based) or 85 (Internet-based) [IELTS/TOEFL score must be obtained within the last 2 years at point of application] IF:

- your undergraduate degree is not awarded by an English-medium university, OR
- your undergraduate degree is awarded by an English-medium university but the language of instruction was not English.

Applicants with an undergraduate degree that was conducted in English but awarded by a non-English medium university must produce an official letter from the university to certify as such in order to seek waiver of the ELPR requirement.

In addition, you will need to meet these minimum requirements:

- A Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Finance or in related disciplines (e.g. Accountancy, Economics, Statistics, IT). Applicants with relevant work experience but with other qualifications may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Applicants with social outreach or volunteering experience have an added advantage.
- Have completed a statistics course at an undergraduate level or higher, without which the applicants may be required to take a preparatory course on Statistics to fulfill this requirement.

Shortlisted candidates may be required to undergo one or more interviews and/or take such written admission or other evaluation tests as may be prescribed by the Singapore University of Social Sciences from time to time.

The offer of admission is dependent on the number of places available in individual programmes. The decision of the Admissions Committee of the University is final and binding. The University reserves the right to refuse admission and is not obliged to offer an explanation for the non-admission of unsuccessful candidates.

Tuition Fees

Our tuition fees are on par with those of other local universities. 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.

Concessions

SUSS offers the following course fee concessions:

- Applicants who are 60 years old and above will enjoy a 20% course fee concession.
- Alumni (Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral programmes) of SUSS and SIM will enjoy a 20% course fee concession.

Students will enjoy only one of the two categories of concession. The above concessions are applicable to all programmes offered and awarded by SUSS unless specified otherwise.

The concessions are not applicable to students under any scholarship or sponsorship schemes, as well as courses offered with external institutions/organisations. They are also not to be used concurrently with any other concessions.

To encourage further education and upgrading by our alumni, graduates from the Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral degree programmes awarded by SUSS will enjoy an additional 30% course fee concession for the first two master's courses when they enrol for a Graduate Diploma and/or Master's programme with the University.

Please visit suss.edu.sg for current tuition fees and concession details.