# MA (Research) Degree Requirements

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<th>Degree</th>
<th>Master of Arts</th>
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<td>Start of programme</td>
<td>August – Semester 1 Intake only</td>
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<td>Language of Instruction</td>
<td>English/Malay</td>
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<td>Location</td>
<td>Singapore</td>
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<td>Mode of Study</td>
<td>Full-Time or Part-time</td>
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<td>International students’ visa must be enrolled full-time. Admission as a part-time student is at the discretion of the Department</td>
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<td>Duration of Degree</td>
<td>Maximum candidature for both Full-Time and Part-Time: Three (3) years</td>
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| Residency Requirement | - Students must spend at least six (6) months in Singapore throughout the duration of the scholarship  
- Periods of study leave and overseas fieldwork do not count towards residency requirement. |
| Coursework Requirements | Complete and pass at least 4 (modules) or 16 modular credits (MCs), unless exemption has been granted by the University, which include:  
- Three (3) required modules  
  MSS101 Social Science and Malay Studies (4MCs)  
  MSS201 Critiques in Malay Studies (4MCs)  
  MS6670 Graduate Research Seminar (4MCs)  
- One (1) elective module, of which at level 4000 (5MCs) OR at level 5000/6000 (4MCs) OR Independent Study Modules (ISM) MS5660 (4MCs) OR from other department at level 5000 (4MCs) subject to approval from both departments |

Note: Students should discuss with their supervisors before registering for ISM.
| English Language Requirements | • Students may be required to take the Diagnostic English Test (DET) to determine English proficiency. *(Students will be notified in their offer of admission letter).*  
  • Depending on their DET results, students may be required to take a Graduate English module(s) or be exempted or be exempted from taking the module(s) altogether.  
  • Students who are required to take the Graduate English Module(s) must obtain at least a ‘C’ grade in the module(s) at intermediate level within 2 years of their candidature.  
  • Graduate English modules are not counted towards the 16 modular credits (16) required for the MA degree coursework requirements. |
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| Thesis | Students must complete and submit a thesis within the maximum period of candidature.  
MA thesis should not exceed 30,000 words (including footnotes but excluding appendices, bibliography, maps, charts, statistical tables, graphs, illustrations, etc). |
| Minimum Grade Requirements | • Students whose Cumulative Average Point (CAP) falls below 3.00 (but ≥ 2.50) in any semester will be issued an academic warning.  
  • Students whose Cumulative Average Point (CAP) falls below 3.00 for 2 consecutive semesters will be placed on probation.  
  • Students whose Cumulative Average Point (CAP) falls below 3.00 for the third consecutive semester will be issued a letter of dismissal and denied re-admission.  
  • Students whose Cumulative Average Point (CAP) falls below 2.50 in any semester will be placed on probation.  
  • Students whose Cumulative Average Point (CAP) falls below 2.50 for 2 consecutive semesters will be issued a letter of dismissal. |
| Award of Degree | A student will be recommended for award of degree if he/she has met the following requirements:  
  • Complete and passed four (4) modules *(refer to coursework requirements above)* |
- Obtained a minimum Cumulative Average Point (CAP) of 3.00;
- Passed the MA thesis;
- Where applicable, obtained at least grade ‘C’ in Graduate English Module(s) (*refer to English language requirement above*)
- Other departmental requirements, if any