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The South Asian Studies Programme (SASP) at the National University of Singapore offers degrees by research and dissertation at both the MA and PhD levels. The scope for research is extensive and the interests and backgrounds of the supervising teaching staff are wide-ranging and eclectic. Fluency in English is essential, as all theses work must be presented in that language, but the Programme encourages and supports the use of research materials which draw upon South Asian languages.

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- TOEFL/IELTS, where applicable.

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