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GRADUATION PROJECT

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GENERAL GUIDELINES

• PPGA Majors have to successfully complete a Graduation Project (HA4099 – 8 AUs) as part of the requirements for the BA (Honours) in PPGA.
• The aim of the HA4099 Graduation Project is to provide training in independent scholarly work.
• With the guidance of a supervisor, student will choose a research topic, formulate research questions, apply theories or concepts to develop hypotheses, and design a methodological approach to addressing the research question.
• By the completion of the project the student will have gained experience in theoretical reasoning, empirical research (especially the collection, interpretation and analysis of data), and the written and verbal presentation of research findings.
The criteria for eligibility:

- Completed 91 Academic Units
- Completed all core courses (must be taken at NTU).
- Completed the required number of PPGA prescribed electives for a grade. This is set at 9.
Note:

• Students who are planning to go for exchange are not allowed to register for GP.

• For any late submissions, 2 percentage point of the final grade per day will be deducted. Students are solely responsible for any errors in the paper.
New Change

• From AY2018-19, we will have two options.
  – Individual Graduation Project
  – Group Graduation Project

• Timelines and Procedures will be the same for both options.
Timelines and procedures

• COMPULSORY for students with CGPA standing of 3.90 and above at the end of their 3rd year of study

• Those with CGPA between 3.75 and 3.90 may OPT-IN to do the GP, subject to approval by the Program.

• Students with CGPA below 3.75 will NOT be allowed to do GP.

• Students who do not do the GP are to take two 4000-level courses to fulfill the 8AUs requirement.
Timelines and procedures—key dates

- Guidelines and forms are on PPGA website
  http://www.sss.ntu.edu.sg/Programmes/ppga/undergraduate/Pages/Graduation-Project.aspx
Timelines and procedures—key dates

• **June 15:** Submit Application
• **July 20:** Announcement of supervisors to eligible students
• **August 17:** Submit Proposal (after consultation with your faculty advisor)
• **September 14:** Submit Ethics Approval Form
• **November 2:** Submit progress report to supervisor
• **March 1, 2019:** Submit final report
Faculty advisors

• Role of the advisor
  – Mentoring
  – To help and advise you on methodological and substantive questions
What should a Graduation Project do: Ethical considerations

• Integrity
• Conflict of interest
• Confidentiality and privacy
• Informed consent
• Vulnerable populations and potential risks
The GP should include:

- a statement of the research question and significance
- a review of relevant literature (empirical and/or theoretical)
- a discussion of relevant theories/concepts and how they address the research question (presented as a set of hypotheses if relevant)
- a discussion of the research methodology used (including a short description of case studies or databases)
- an analysis of the findings
- a conclusion, including a summary of the findings and a discussion of the significance and limitations of the research
What should a Graduation Project do?: final report

• Should cover the following areas
  – Research question and significance
  – Review of relevant literature
  – Discussion of research methodology
  – Analysis of findings
  – Conclusion and summary of the findings
  – References

• Proper citation, original work.

• Word limit: 10,000 words. This includes footnotes, bibliography and appendix, if any.
GP Research Areas

- Comparative Public Administration
- Comparative Public Policy
- Comparative Politics in Asia
- Global Governance and Regulation
- Globalization and East Asian Politics
- Government, Nonprofits and Society
- International Security
- Migration and Asylum Policy
- Normative theories of International Relations
- Performance Measurement in Public Sector
- Policy Analysis and Evaluation
- Political Communication
- Political Theory
- Politics and Government in Southeast Asia
- Politics in Singapore
- Public Administration in Southeast Asia
- Public Administration in Singapore
- Public Budgeting and Finance
- Public Policy Making in Singapore
- Science, Technology and Public Policy
- Singapore's Foreign Policy
- South-South relations
Questions?