SINGAPORE: The National University of Singapore (NUS) will launch a programme for students who are keen to sharpen their understanding of current and emerging issues of global significance.

The Global Studies major, which will be driven by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, will start in August this year.

It is a relatively new field of inquiry, covering disciplines such as political science, economics and sociology.

NUS said the programme will prepare students to be future leaders by raising their awareness of global concerns and providing them with the skills to make sense of issues through the perspectives of different disciplines.

It will also equip students with two years of intensive language training to complement their chosen regional expertise. These are East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Europe and the Americas.

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