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To: All Returning Students of the Faculty of Science

Welcome back to the Faculty of Science. We hope you had an enjoyable vacation and are fully re-charged to begin your new semester of study.

This letter contains important information on the Online Module Registration through CORS and filing procedures for Graduation and Honours Projects for AY2018/19 Semester 2. Do read this letter <u>carefully</u>.

CENTRALISED ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM (CORS)

The schedule for Online Module Registration for Semester 2, AY2018/19 is as follows:

| Module registration period | 3 January 2019 – 15 January 2019 |
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| Lectures begin | 14 January 2019 |
| Tutorial registration for GER1000, GEQ1000 and selected Physics Level 1000 Modules | 14 January 2019 – 18 January 2019 |
| Tutorial registration for all other modules | 18 January 2019 – 25 January 2019 |
| Tutorials begin | 28 January 2019 |
| Drop with 'W' & no refund of points | 28 January 2019 0000hrs – 3 March 2019 2359hrs |
| Drop with 'F' & full refund of points | 4 March 2019 0000hrs onwards |

Please refer to the CORS website at <u>http://www.cors.nus.edu.sg/</u> for detailed schedules and activities of each bidding round.

Major/Minor Declaration

You will be prompted by the system for Major/s and Minor/s declaration upon the first login. The minimum requirement of your candidature is to read 1 Major Programme and the maximum allowance is 2 Major Programmes with 2 Minor Programmes (Pharmacy students are allowed to read a maximum of 1 Major Programme only). Do select the Programmes according to your ability. You may amend your declaration each semester during the first login to CORS. No amendment is allowed **beyond the fifth semester of study.**

Bidding

Always bid for module(s) in earlier rounds. If you are able to see your desired non-Science modules available for bidding under the 'Regular' modules category, please proceed to select them for bidding. The category under which you bid for the module and the module type code set for CORS will <u>not</u> affect how the module will be used for your graduation requirements.

Assistance

You may register for modules online via any computer with internet access. Students who prefer to do the online registration in the Faculty may proceed to S16-05-101 Computer Lab.



Should you require any assistance, please approach the Science Computer Based Learning Centre (CBLC) Helpdesk during the module registration period at S16 Level 2. The contact information and operating hours of Science CBLC Helpdesk for Semester 2, AY2017/18, are as follow:

3 January 2019 (Thurs) – 11 January 2019 (Fri) Hotline - 6516 8701 Email - <u>helpdesk@science.nus.edu.sg</u>

| Monday – Thursday | 0900 – 1730 hours |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Friday | 0900 – 1630 hours |
| Weekends & University/Public Holidays | Closed |

Please bring along your NUSNET ID and NUSNET Password during the module registration period. Students should <u>not</u> reveal their login/email passwords and NUS Smartcard PIN number to anyone. Disciplinary action will be taken against those who do so.

Department of Biological Science will <u>not</u> be operating the Life Sciences Operating Centre (LSOC) helpdesk in AY2018/19 Semester 2. Life Sciences students may write in to <u>dbsbox2@nus.edu.sg</u> should you have any queries. Information on Life Sciences Undergraduate Programme and modules are also available on <u>http://www.lifesciences.nus.edu.sg/</u>

Workload

All Single Degree students can select and bid up to a **maximum of 23 MCs** from Bidding Round 0 to Round 2. From Round 3 onwards, the workload allowance shall be in accordance to the student's CAP for students from Cohorts 2012/13 and beyond.

| CAP | Round | Max Workload | Remark |
|-------------|-------|--------------|-----------|
| 0.00 - 5.00 | 1 – 2 | 23 | |
| 0.00 | 3 | 26 | Freshman |
| 0.00 – 1.99 | 3 | 23 | Probation |
| 2.00 – 3.19 | 3 | 26 | |
| 3.20 - 5.00 | 3 | 32 | |

Do note that the stipulated minimum workload that each student should have from AY2015/16 Semester 1 onwards is **18 MCs per semester**. Please refer to the following link for more information: <u>http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/edu/UG/graduation.html</u>

QUALIFYING ENGLISH TEST (QET)

Students are reminded to register for your QET if you have not done so. Students will be notified by the Centre for English Language Communications (CELC) of your QET results.

- Students who obtain Band 1 will have to take ES1000 followed by ES1103
- Students who obtain Band 2 will have to take ES1103.
- Students who obtain Band 3 are exempted from these English modules.

Students are strongly advised to complete the required module(s) within the first year of study. Students who are required to read both ES1000 and ES1103 may read ES1000 in the first semester of study and ES1103 in the second semester of study. Please refer to the CELC website for more information: <u>http://www.nus.edu.sg/celc/programmes/qet.html</u>

COMPULSORY COMMUNICATION MODULE

The Centre for English Learning and Communication (CELC) and Faculty of Science have co-developed a module SP1541/ES1541 Exploring Science Communication through Popular Science. This is a compulsory



module for all Science students (except Pharmacy and Environmental Studies students, USP and SPS students and students from any Residential Colleges) matriculated in AY2013/14 and beyond. Science students matriculated in AY2015/16 and beyond will read the module code SP1541 while students matriculated in AY2014/15 and before will read the module code ES1541. Students are strongly advised to complete the module within the first year of study. Students who are required to read ES1000 and/or ES1102/ES1103 should try to complete the module within the first two years of study.

Please refer to the following website for more information: <u>http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduate-studies/ugreq/curriculum-structure/186-undergraduate/ugreq/curriculum-structure/708-es1541</u>.

MODULE AND EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

The class and examination timetables for AY2018/19 Semester 2 can be found at the following URL from 30 November 2018 onwards: <u>https://myaces.nus.edu.sg/cors/jsp/report/ModuleInfoListing.jsp</u>

The onus is on the student to map out the study plan and avoid registering for modules with clashes in class or examination timetable. Faculty of Science is <u>not</u> supportive of timetable clash waivers. Appeals are only considered if students require the module to fulfil their graduation requirement in their graduating semester, without which might lead to a delay in graduation. Students may use the NUS Timetable Builder to generate your own personalized timetable: <u>https://webrb.nus.edu.sg/ctt/builder.aspx</u>

OVERLAPPING AND PRECLUDED MODULES

Some modules offered may overlap substantially in content with each other. Students are discouraged from reading overlapping modules unless both are required for attaining a double major, for example. In such situation, students may be allowed to read the overlapping modules, but only the modular credits of <u>one</u> will be counted towards the graduation requirements.

Similarly, if you have obtained approval to read a precluded module, only the modular credits of <u>one</u> of the modules will be counted towards your graduation requirements.

Students are expected to exercise personal responsibility to check if they are reading overlapping and/or precluded modules. When in doubt, students should consult the module coordinator or academic advisor. Please refer to the following links for the list of precluded and overlapping modules.

- <u>http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduate-studies/ugreq/curriculum-structure/186-undergraduate/ugreq/curriculum-structure/218-overlapping-modules</u>
- <u>http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/nusbulletin/</u>

GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) CURRICULUM

As part of Graduation Requirements, all students admitted from AY2015/16 (except students from Law, Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing) are required to read one General Education Module from each of the five pillars to satisfy the University Level Requirements (ULR). The five pillars are:

- i. Human Cultures
- ii. Asking Questions¹
- iii. Quantitative Reasoning²
- iv. Singapore Studies
- v. Thinking and Expression
- ¹ GEQ1000 *Asking Questions* is the only module offered under the pillar. Ridge View Residential College (RVRC) students may read GEQ1917 *Understanding and Critiquing Sustainability* to fulfil the Asking Questions pillar.
- ² GER1000 *Quantitative Reasoning* is the only module offered under the pillar. University Scholars Programme (USP) and University Town College Programme (UTCP) students admitted from AY2016/17 are required to read GER1000. The rest of the GE requirements are fulfilled by USP/UTCP modules.



Students are strongly encouraged to complete the GE modules within the <u>first 2 years</u> of your candidature. Please note that students who have read/selected 1 module in a particular pillar are <u>not</u> allowed to bid for a 2^{nd} module from the same pillar until bidding Round 2B, subject to module availability.

GEQ1000 & GER1000 module pre-allocation

GEQ1000 and GER1000 will be pre-allocated based on the student's major, except USP students who will be pre-allocated GER1000 in Year 1 Semester 1 regardless of their Major.

| Major | | GER1000 | GEQ1000 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bachelor of Environmental Science Data Science & Analytics Pharmacy | | Year 1 Sem 1 | Year 1 Sem 2 |
| Computational Biology | | Year 1 Sem 1 | Year 2 Sem 1 |
| Food Science & Technology | | Year 1 Sem 2 | |
| All other Majors | Non-Hall Students | Year 1 Sem 1 or 2 | Year 1 Sem 2 or Year 2 Sem 1 or 2 |
| | Hall Students* | Year 1 Sem 1 | Year 1 Sem 2 |

* Hall residents will attend tutorials at their Halls, if they are reading GER1000 in Year 1 Semester 1 and GEQ1000 in Semester 2. Halls include Kent Ridge, Sheares, Eusoff, Raffles, King Edward VII, Temasek and Prince George's Park House.

GEQ1000 & GER1000 tutorial balloting

Even though GER1000 and GEQ1000 modules are pre-allocated, students have to ballot for tutorial classes during Tutorial Iteration 1 from <u>14 January 2019 – 18 January 2019</u>. Students may rank up to <u>20</u> tutorial timeslots (1 being highest priority). The details for manual registration will be communicated to students via NUS email.

| 14/01/2019 (Mon) | 15/01/2019 (Tue) | 16/01/2019 (Wed) | 17/01/2019 (Thurs) | 18/01/2019 (Fri) |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Tutorial Iteration 1 | Tutorial Iteration 1 | Tutorial Iteration 1 | Tutorial Iteration 1 | Tutorial Iteration 1 |
| Balloting Round 1A | Balloting Round 1B | Add/Drop/Swap | Manual Registration | Manual Registration |

Students may refer to the following link and contact details should you have any queries.

GER1000 Enquiry Box: <u>QRadmin@nus.edu.sg</u> GEQ1000 Enquiry Box: <u>AskQ@nus.edu.sg</u> GE Curriculum Website: <u>http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/general-education/list-of-all-general-education-modules.html</u>

COMPUTATIONAL THINKING (CT)

To remain relevant in the workplace of tomorrow, undergraduates should acquire basic computational skills, i.e. computational thinking (CT). All Faculty of Science students admitted in AY2017/18 and onwards (except Pharmacy students matriculated in AY2017/18 and SPS students) are required to read the following option(s) to fulfil the CT requirement.



| Major / Programme | Computational Thinking (CT) Requirement | | |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| Computational Biology | CS1010S (or its variants) Programming Methodology, which is within the | | |
| Data Science & Analytics | Majors' essential requirements. | | |
| Mathematics | | | |
| Applied Mathematics | | | |
| Quantitative Finance | | | |
| Statistics | | | |
| Life Sciences | Option 1: COS2000 Computational Thinking for Scientists | | |
| Physics | or | | |
| | Option 2: CS1010S (or its variants) Programming Methodology | | |
| Chemistry | Option 1: COS2000 Computational Thinking for Scientists | | |
| Food Science & | or | | |
| Technology | Option 2: CM3267 Computational Thinking and Programming in Chemistry | | |
| | or | | |
| | Option 3: CS1010S (or its variants) Programming Methodology | | |
| Bachelor of | GET1031A Computational Thinking | | |
| Environmental Studies | BES students doing UTCP at Residential College 4 (RC4) are exempted | | |
| (BES) | from GET1031A. | | |

- COS2000 and CS1010S are open for bidding by all Science Students regardless of your major's CT requirement. Nonetheless, the availability of these modules is subjected to successful bidding.
- CM3267 will be offered with effect from AY2018/19 Semester 2.
- More information on CT requirements is available on <u>http://science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduate-studies/ugreg/computational-thinking-requirement</u>

FRESHMEN SEMINARS (FMS)

Freshman Seminars provide an unparalleled opportunity for freshmen to explore a scholarly topic of interest in a small group setting of 15 students. The module earns 4 MCs and may be used to satisfy faculty requirements under the subject group, Multidisciplinary & Interdisciplinary Sciences.

The modules are open to freshmen of the Faculty of Science in their first two semesters at NUS. The modules are available for bidding for Year 2 and 3 Science students from **Round 3A**, subject to availability. Priority will, however, be given to freshmen.

Please refer to the student portal for information on module descriptions and seminar topics.

S/U OPTION POLICY

1. FOR COHORTS MATRICULATED BEFORE AY2014/15

The entitlement of S/U Option is at 12MCs. Students are not allowed to declare S/U option on ALL modules within the First and Second Major Requirements, including modules hosted by other faculties, regardless of whether these modules are read in excess. S/U option is also not applicable towards all regular Science modules even though they may be read as Unrestricted Electives.

The 'S' or 'U' grade obtained for modules that fall within the Major Requirements of a newly declared First or Second Major from AY2013/14 Semester 2 onwards will be reverted to original grade upon the declaration of the new Major, regardless of when the modules were completed.



2. FOR COHORTS MATRICULATED IN AY2014/15 AND AY2015/16

The Grade Free Semester 1, launched in AY2014/15 Semester 1, serves to facilitate a transformation in students' mind set towards grades and learning in the university setting.

Under the new S/U Policy, students receiving letter grades for the modules mentioned in Point B below can opt to keep their grades or convert them to Satisfactory 'S' or Unsatisfactory 'U' grade.

A. Grade Free Semester 1 is applicable to the following groups of students:

- Students matriculated in AY2014/15 and AY2015/16
- Students who accessed NUS modules prior to their first regular semester as undergraduate student in AY2014/15 Semester 1 – Polytechnic exemptions, advance placement tests for NUS modules, former H3, NUSHS, RNS men (iBLOC and Special Term)
- Clean slate transfer/ readmitted students (with no grade/credit transfer of any NUS module) in AY2014/15 and AY2015/16
- Partner University (JDP, CDP, DDP) students whose first semester of study is at NUS

B. The abovementioned entitlement may be applied on the following modules:

- Level 1000 modules (excluding non-credit-bearing English language proficiency modules)
- Level 2000 modules without NUS modules as pre-requisites
- Centre for Language Studies (CLS)' language modules at all levels
- Centre for English Language Communication's (CELC) Level 2000 Communication and Ideas & Exposition modules
- GEK2508, GEM2509
- Yale-NUS language modules at all levels
- For accelerating students*: Level 2000 modules with NUS modules as pre-requisites (only if they are read in the first semester)
 *Accelerating Students are defined as those who have already met the pre-requisite to enrol in these Level 2000 modules in the first semester.

C. S/U Option is not applicable for the following situations/modules:

- Modules dropped with 'W' or 'F' grade (during the module dropping period)
- Modules assigned 'IC' grade
- Modules in which student had committed plagiarism
- Modules in which the Board of Discipline had prescribed a revised grade
- University Scholars Programme's (USP) Writing and Critical Thinking modules (UWC2101%) and Quantitative Reasoning modules (UQF2101%)
- Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music (YSTCM) Major Study Module

D. Key Points to Note:

1. Classification of the S/U Option:

Students may exercise the S/U Option for up to 32 MCs of which:

- i. 20 MCs can be exercised during the first semester;
- ii. 12 MCs at any time during the candidature.

Both the 'S' and 'U' grade count towards the 32 MCs worth of S/U Option entitlement.



2. Exceptions to S/U Option Entitlement:

Freshman Seminar (4 MCs) and Applied Science students' Professional Placement Programme module (8 MCs) which are read on an Completed Satisfactory/Completed Unsatisfactory (CS/CU) basis, and all modules read on exchange programmes on an Overseas Satisfactory/Overseas Unsatisfactory (OVS/OVU) basis will not impinge on the 32 MCs worth of S/U Option.

3. About S/U Grading

- i. For modules read on an S/U basis, the modular credit is obtained only if a student attains a Satisfactory 'S' grade on the module.
- ii. A Satisfactory 'S' grade is an equivalent of a 'C' grade [or grade point of 2.0] and above.
- iii. All modules read on S/U basis are excluded from the computation of the CAP.
- iv. S/U Option, once exercised, is irrevocable. Students may not later request for a conversion to a letter grade after they have declared.

E. Carry Forward Policy

The following group of students are able to carry over unused S/U Option entitlement to the second semester for specific modules.

- First Major as Life Sciences
- First Major as Chemistry
- Students from Environmental Studies
- Students from Special Programme in Science (SPS)
- Students from Residential Colleges (RVRC, UTCP)
- Students from University Scholar Programme (USP)

Please refer to the Carry Forward Policy, which details the exact module/s applicable, for each group of students: <u>http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduate-studies/ugreq/s-u-option</u>

Students are allowed to carry over a maximum of 8MCs from the Semester 1 20MCs S/U Option entitlement to Semester 2.

3. FOR COHORTS MATRICULATED IN AY2016/17 AND AFTER

With the launch of Enhanced Grade-free Scheme with effect from AY2016/17 Semester 1, students may exercise the S/U option for up to 32 MCs in the first two regular semesters. If this is not fully utilised, the S/U option may be exercised in subsequent semesters, for up to 12 MCs.

Variations on the limit of S/U options that can be exercised apply for specific groups of students:

- i. Students without prior university experience but are granted 20 or more Advanced Placement Credits (APCs) at the point of admission to NUS may exercise the S/U option for up to 20 MCs in the first two regular semesters; if this is not fully utilised, the S/U option may still be exercised in subsequent semesters, for up to 12 MCs.
- ii. Students with some prior university experience (which are being recognised towards the NUS degree) may exercise the S/U option for up to 12 MCs anytime during their candidature, including the first two regular semesters.
- iii. Students with a prior university degree are not eligible for the grade-free scheme.



| Student Type | | S/U Options Available | |
|--|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| | | First two regular | Beyond first two regular |
| | | semesters | semesters (if unutilised) |
| Newly admitted students without prior | < 20 APCs | 32 MCs | 12 MCs |
| University experience. This also includes students with: | ≥ 20 APCs | 20 MCs | 12 MCs |
| Clean slate transfer from another University or Faculty. | | | |
| Re-admitted into NUS on a clean slate. | | | |
| Students with some prior University experience. This includes: | | 12 MCs | 12 MCs |
| Transfer from another University with creating | edits. | | |
| • From partner Universities whose first year of study is not at NUS. | | | |
| Enrolled in DDP where Law is one of the partner faculties and hence spent their first year in Law. | | | |
| Students with a prior University degree | | 0 MCs | 0 MCs |

The abovementioned entitlement is applicable for the following modules:

- All Level 1000 modules.
- Level 2000 modules without NUS modules as pre-requisites.
- Centre for Language Studies' (CLS) language modules at all levels.
- Yale-NUS College's (YNC) language modules at all levels.
- Centre for English Language Communication's (CELC) Level 2000 Communication and Ideals & Exposition modules. (ES2002, IS2101, CS2101, ES2660, ES2007D, ES2331, UTW2001%)

The abovementioned entitlement is not applicable for the following modules:

- Level 2000 modules with NUS modules as pre-requisites.
- Modules of Level 3000 and above.
- Modules dropped with W or F-grade (during the module dropping period).
- Modules assigned IC grade.
- Modules in which student had committed academic offense.
- Modules in which the Board of Discipline had prescribed a revised grade.
- University Scholars Program's (USP) Writing and Critical Thinking modules (UWC2101%) and Quantitative Reasoning modules (UQF2101%).
- Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music (YSTCM) Major Study modules.
- Zero-MC modules.

Key Points to Note

- Both the 'S' and 'U' grade count towards the total S/U Option entitlement.
- For modules read on an S/U basis, the modular credit is obtained only if a student attains a Satisfactory 'S' grade for the module.
- A Satisfactory 'S' grade is an equivalent of a 'C' grade and above.
- All modules read on S/U basis are excluded from the computation of the CAP.
- S/U option, once exercised, is irrevocable. Students may not later request for a conversion to a letter grade.

Do find out more about S/U Option Policy by reading the relevant information at the following websites.

- <u>http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduate-studies/ugfaq/faq-current</u>
- <u>http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduate-studies/ugreq/s-u-option</u>
- <u>http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/education-at-nus/undergraduate-education/continuation-and-graduation-requirements.html</u>
- <u>https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/academics/ug/su-homepage.html</u>



FILE FOR HONOURS PROJECT

Starting from AY2018/19 students who intend to start Honours in their chosen major in Semester 1, AY2019/20, <u>do not</u> have to file for Honours project online.

To qualify for commencing Honours in Semester 1, AY2019/20, you must have an overall CAP of at least 3.20, fulfilled 100 MCs or more, <u>and</u> have completed the major requirements under the B.Sc. degree by the end of Semester 2, AY2018/19.

Students will be promoted to Science 4 (Honours Year) if they meet the above requirements.

For Pharmacy, Computational Biology and Environmental Studies Students:

Please note that Pharmacy, Computational Biology and Environmental Studies students are also <u>not</u> required to file for Honours project. Separate instructions/information on Honours project registration for these two programmes will be given to you by your respective department/programme coordinator.

For Current SEP/NOC Students:

No action is required from students who are currently on SEP/NOC and <u>do not</u> require their overseas credits to start Honours project in Semester 1, AY2019/20.

Students currently on SEP/NOC who **require** their overseas credits to start Honours project in Semester 1, AY2019/20 should read the FAQs via the URL below to find out the procedural steps, which should be taken.

FAQ: http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduate-studies/ugfaq/faq-current

FILE FOR GRADUATION (FFG)

Please read the following information carefully.

1. Students on <u>Single</u> Degree Programme

Students who intend to graduate by the end of Semester 2, AY2018/19 <u>must</u> file for graduation online. 'Apply for Graduation' via myEduRec from 7 to 13 January 2019.

Before filing for graduation, you must ensure that you have:

- i. Fulfilled all graduation requirements (such as English Skills modules, ULR, Science Faculty requirement etc), <u>and</u>
- ii. Not exceeded the limit on the number of Level-1000 modules to be counted towards fulfilment of graduation requirements, which is 60 MCs for both 120MCs and 160MCs programmes, <u>and</u>
- iii. Declared your major(s), specialisation and/or minor(s), if any, correctly.

You are reminded to update your declaration of major(s), specialisation and/or minor(s), and remove those that you no longer want. Otherwise, the FFG check will indicate that you do not satisfy the requirements of the major(s), specialisation and/or minor(s) declared and you may not be allowed to graduate at the end of Semester 2, AY2018/19.

It is important that students Apply for Graduation (AFG) via myEduRec. Students who do not apply for graduation online by 13 January 2019 may have to delay their graduation till Semester 1, AY2019/20.



Students are strongly advised to refer to the graduation requirements available at Faculty of Science Website and the Bulletin. Their URLs are below for your quick reference.

- Faculty of Science Website: <u>http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/</u>
- Bulletin: http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/nusbulletin/
- NUS Student Portal: <u>https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/academics/ug/</u>
- Science Faculty requirements: <u>http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduate-</u> studies/ugreg/curriculum-structure?id=212

Should you have enquiries on the requirements of majors and minors, please contact the departments offering the majors and minors directly.

2. Students on <u>Double</u> Degree Programme (DDP)

Students who intend to graduate by the end of Semester 2, AY2018/19 <u>must</u> file for graduation online. 'Apply for Graduation' via myEduRec from 7 to 13 January 2019.

Please note that the 60MCs limit on Level 1000 modules is applicable to all modules counted towards DDP. You must also ensure that you have fulfilled all graduation requirements and have declared your major(s), specialization(s) and minor(s), if any, correctly.

If you need further clarifications on FFG matters, please email Science Dean's Office at sciffg@nus.edu.sg.

ACADEMIC WARNING, PROBATION & DISMISSAL

1) For cohort matriculated in AY2015/16 and before

For any semester in which the student's CAP falls below 2.00 (but \geq 1.50), that student will be issued an academic warning. If, in the following semester, the student's CAP again falls below 2.00, s/he will be placed on probation. If the student's CAP remains below 2.00 for the third consecutive semester, the student will be issued a letter of dismissal by the Registrar and denied re-admission.

For students whose CAP falls below 1.50 for two consecutive semesters, they will be placed on probation for the first semester, followed by dismissal in the second semester.

The Table below summarizes the abovementioned rules on Academic Warning, Probation and Dismissal.

| Academic Status | САР | |
|------------------|---|--|
| Academic Warning | $1.50 \leq CAP < 2.00$ for the first time | |
| Probation | CAP < 1.50 for the first time OR | |
| | CAP < 2.00 in subsequent semester for students with $1.50 \le CAP < 2.00$ in the previous semester OR | |
| | $1.50 \leq CAP < 2.00$ in subsequent semester for students with CAP < 1.50 in the previous semester | |
| Dismissal | CAP < 1.50 for 2 consecutive semesters | |
| | CAP < 2.00 for 3 consecutive semesters | |

2) For cohort matriculated in AY2016/17 and after

To remain in good academic standing, and to continue in an undergraduate programme of study, a student may not have CAP below 2.00 for two consecutive semesters. For any semester in which the student's CAP falls below 2.00, s/he will be placed on probation. If the student's CAP remains below 2.00 for the second consecutive semester, the student will be issued a letter of dismissal by the Registrar's Office and denied readmission.



With the launch of Enhanced Grade-free Scheme:

- For students eligible to exercise ≥ 20 MCs of S/U options, the above continuation rules are applied from the third semester onwards.
- For students eligible to exercise ≤ 12 MCs of S/U options, the above continuation rules are applied from the first semester onwards.

The student may appeal against the dismissal if there are extenuating circumstances. However, each student is only allowed to appeal **once** during his/her candidature.

Students who face difficulties in coping with their studies are encouraged to approach their academic mentors for guidance and support. The respective mentors will be able to guide and advise students of the various avenues where help is available. More information on the Science Academic Mentorship scheme is provided at <u>http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/students/ams</u>.

FEE REBATE POLICY (FOR STUDENTS MATRICULATED IN AY2014/15 AND BEYOND)

With effect from AY2014/15, a rebate in tuition fees paid in excess of the total fees for the stipulated candidature period may be granted to eligible students who graduate on time within the stipulated candidature period.

A student is eligible for tuition fee rebate if s/he meets <u>all</u> of the following conditions:

- i. Admitted into an undergraduate degree under the modular system in NUS from AY2014/2015;
- ii. Completed NUS modules during the following period(s):
 - prior to the undergraduate candidature (e.g. NUS iBLOC, NUS H3 subjects, NUS modules taken as NUS High School students, and NUS modules taken under the Polytechnic Advanced Placement Programmes); and/or
 - during Special Terms within the undergraduate candidature;
- iii. Paid tuition fees in excess of the fees for completing the undergraduate degree programme on time in the candidature period applicable for fee rebate (as defined in the table below).

| | | Candidature Period for Fee Rebate [#] |
|---|--|--|
| 1 | Single Degree/ Joint Degree Programme (120 MC) | 6 consecutive semesters |
| 2 | Single Degree/ Joint Degree Programme (160 MC) | 8 consecutive semesters |
| 3 | Double Degree Programme (DDP) | 9 consecutive semesters |

[#] Include all approved Leave of Absence (LOA) periods, except those given for medical reasons.

Please refer to the link for more details: <u>https://share.nus.edu.sg/registrar/student/info/FAQ-on-Fee-Rebate-</u> <u>Policy.pdf</u>

PROGRAMMES OF INTEREST

1. Second Majors offered by FoS

Science students who wish to enhance and broaden their undergraduate studies may opt for a second major. Please refer to the following website for more information: http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduate-studies/ugprog/second-majors.

2. Study Abroad Programmes

FoS aims to cultivate a generation of undergraduates who are enterprising and global in outlook. To achieve this, we encourage students to go for overseas study trips through a host of programmes, which includes the Student Exchange Programme (SEP) and the Summer Programmes. Students participating in SEP will be able to spend a semester studying at a reputable foreign university, while students on



Summer Programmes will spend a shorter but equally enriching period of several weeks studying overseas. More information is available at the following website: http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/education/undergraduate/ug-programmes/sap-outgoing

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Important information will be transmitted to students through the Faculty of Science Website (<u>http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/</u>) or via electronic mail.

Please note that it is your responsibility to check these channels regularly for latest updates. You are also reminded to clear your NUS Email Account regularly so that important emails can be delivered to you.

We wish you success in your studies.

Yours sincerely,

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