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To: All Returning students of the Faculty of Science

Welcome back to the Faculty of Science to begin your new semester of study.

For a start, we are providing you the dates of key events as well as some important and relevant information for your attention. Please read through them carefully so that you can be better prepared to progress to your next level of study or graduate from your course successfully.

SCHEDULE FOR ONLINE MODULE REGISTRATION, ADDING/DROPPING OF MODULES AND FILING FOR GRADUATION/HONOURS PROJECT FOR SEMESTER 1, AY2011/12

Schedule for Online Module Registration

The schedule for Online Module Registration for Semester 1, AY2011/12 is as follows:

Module registration period	21 Jul 11 (Thur) - 08 Aug 11 (Mon)
Lectures begin	11 Aug 11 (Thur)
CELC Tutorial registration	05 Aug 11 (Fri) - 12 Aug 11 (Fri)
Tutorial registration for all other modules	12 Aug 11 (Fri) - 19 Aug 11 (Fri)
Tutorials begin	22 Aug 11 (Mon)
Drop with 'W' & no refund of points	22 August 11 (Mon), 0000HRS - 25 September 11, 2359HRS (Sun)
Drop with 'F' & full refund of points	26 September 11, 0000HRS (Mon) onwards

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

Always bid for the module 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 **not** affect how the module will be used for your graduation requirements later.

ALL students can only select and bid up to a maximum of 23 modular credits in bidding Round 0 to Round 2. Starting from Round 3, students with CAP less than 2.00 will have their workload capped at 23 modular credits. Students with CAP less than 3.50 will be allowed to select and bid up to 26 modular credits, while students with CAP of 3.50 or more will be able to select and bid up to 32 modular credits; no prior approval from the Dean's Office is required.

You may register for modules online via **any computer with Internet access**. If you prefer to do the Online Module Registration in the Faculty, please proceed to **Block S16 Level 2** for assistance from the Science Computer Based Learning Centre (CBLC) during the module registration period.

The contact and operating hours of Science CBLC for this exercise are as follows:

Hotline - 6516 8701
 Email - helpdesk@science.nus.edu.sg

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

*Please be reminded that students **should not** reveal their login password and NUS Smartcard PIN number to anyone. Disciplinary action will be taken against those who do so.*

Timetable

The class and examination timetables for Semester 1, AY2011/12 are found at the following URL:
<https://aces01.nus.edu.sg/cors/jsp/report/ModuleInfoListing.jsp>

The onus is on the students **not** to register for modules with clashes in class or examination timetable.

File for Graduation (FFG) Matters

1) Students on Single Degree Programme (FFG=Y, FFG= P)

File for Graduation (FFG=Y)

Students who intend to graduate in Semester 1, AY2011/12 **must** file for graduation online during the period of Online Module Registration (21 Jul 11 - 08 Aug 11). Before filing for graduation, you must ensure that you have:

- [a] Fulfilled all graduation requirements (such as English Skills modules, ULR, etc), **and**
- [b] Declared your major(s) (and minor(s), if any) correctly.

You are reminded to update your declaration of major(s) and minor(s), and to remove those that you no longer want. Otherwise, the FFG status check will indicate that you do not satisfy the requirements of the major(s) (and minor(s), if any) declared and you will not be allowed to graduate at the end of Semester 1, AY2011/12.

Students who do not file for graduation online by 08 Aug 11 will have to delay their graduation till Semester 2, AY2011/12.

Students are strongly advised to refer to the NUS Bulletin on the graduation requirements. A copy of the NUS Bulletin may be found at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/nusbuletin/index.html>.

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

File for Honours Project (FFG=P)

Students, including those who are currently on SEP/NOG, who intend to take up the honours project in their chosen major in Semester 2, AY2011/12, **must** file for honours project online during the period of Online Module Registration (21 Jul 11 - 08 Aug 11). Please note that you **do not** need to file for honours

project online again in the semester that you embark on your honours project i.e. Semester 2, AY2011/12.

To qualify for honours project, you must have an overall CAP of at least 3.50, fulfilled 100 MCs or more, **and** have completed the major requirements under the B.Sc./B.Appl.Sc. programmes by the end of Semester 1, AY2011/12.

Please note that **Pharmacy** and **Computational Biology** students are **not** required to file for honours project. Separate instructions/information on honours project registration will be given to you by your respective department/programme coordinator.

Please be reminded that it is important that students file for the correct FFG option. The Faculty will **not** be liable if students are unable to proceed with their honours project due to incorrect filing.

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

2) Students on Double Degree Programme (DDP) (FFG=D, FFG=E)

Students who intend to graduate in Semester 1, AY2011/12 **must** file for graduation online during the period of Online Module Registration (21 Jul 11 - 08 Aug 11). You must ensure that you have fulfilled all graduation requirements and have declared your major(s) and minor(s) correctly.

File for Graduation with Single Honours (FFG=D)

DDP students who wish to graduate with a Bachelor with Honours **only** in their primary degree should file for Single Honours graduation (FFG=D).

File for Graduation with Double Honours (FFG=E)

DDP students who wish to graduate with Bachelor with Honours in **both** their primary and secondary degrees should file for Double Honours graduation (FFG=E).

Reading of Overlapping and Precluded Modules

Some modules offered may overlap substantially in content with each other. Students are discouraged from reading overlapping modules unless they are necessary 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 one of them will be counted towards the graduation requirements.

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

Students are responsible for checking if they are reading overlapping or precluded modules. When in doubt, students should consult the course instructor or an academic advisor. Up-to-date information on overlapping and precluded modules can be obtained from

<http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates/curriculum/overlap/index.html> and <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/nusbuletin/index.html> respectively.

Programmes of Interest

1) Communicating with the Academy (SP1202)

Highly recommended by the Faculty, this module aims to help Science students develop their writing ability and sharpen their critical and analytical skills to communicate their research effectively and competently. More details are available at

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/celc/courses/fos/sp1202.html>.

2) Professional Communication (ES2007S)

Learn to make persuasive oral presentations, write impressive reports, effective emails and letters (including job application letters and resumes) in this module. Highly encouraged for year 2 students and above, this course aims to help students generate and organize ideas for clear, effective, and convincing communication in various social and workplace settings. For more information, please refer to

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/celc/courses/fos/es2007s.html>.

3) Minor in Forensic Science

Interested in gaining experience in various aspects of forensic science and criminal investigations? Yearning for an exciting opportunity to do hands-on processing of a simulated crime scene and the collection and preservation of physical evidence? The Faculty offers a minor in Forensic Science jointly offered by the Departments of Chemistry and Biological Sciences. Interested students can refer to <http://www.chemistry.nus.edu.sg/education/undergrads/Minor/forensic.htm> for more details.

4) 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

<http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates/acadprog/majors/major2.html> for more information.

5) NUS Pre-Medical (Pre-Med) Track

This is a newly offered track that provides to a select group of Year 1 or 2 undergraduate students from across all disciplines, a unique opportunity to better prepare them for entry to a graduate medical programme upon successful completion of their NUS undergraduate degree and the requirements of the NUS Pre-Med Track. Admission into this track is strictly by invitation through interview. For more details, please refer to http://www.eng.nus.edu.sg/ugrad/SP_pre-med.html.

Academic Warning, Probation & Dismissal

It is important to note that if a student's CAP falls below 2.00 for any semester, he will be issued a warning.

If his CAP falls below 2.00 again in the following semester, but not sufficient to warrant an immediate termination (i.e. $1.50 \leq \text{CAP} < 2.00$), he will be placed on probation.

He will not be able to continue his undergraduate studies and be denied readmission to the University if he has

- CAP below 1.50 in two consecutive semesters; or
- CAP below 2.00 in three consecutive semesters.

In both cases, the student will be issued a letter of dismissal by the Registrar's Office. He may appeal against the dismissal on the grounds of extenuating circumstance. However, each student is only allowed to appeal once during their period of 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

<http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates/support/acadmentor/index.html>.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Important information will be transmitted to students through the Faculty of Science webpage (<http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/>) or via electronic mail. *Please note that it is your responsibility to check these channels regularly for latest updates. We would also like to remind you to clear your electronic mailbox regularly so that important emails can be delivered to you. Thank you.*

We wish you success in your studies.

Yours sincerely,

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