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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 or for Honours projects for Semester 1, AY2012/13. Do read this letter carefully.

SCHEDULE OF ONLINE MODULE REGISTRATION

The schedule for Online Registration for Semester 1, AY2012/13 is as follows:

Module registration period	26 Jul 12 (Thu) - 14 Aug 12 (Tue)
Lectures begin	13 Aug 12 (Mon)
Tutorial registration for selected Physics Level 1000 Modules	13 Aug 12 (Mon) - 17 Aug 12 (Fri)
Tutorial registration for all other modules	17 Aug 12 (Fri) - 24 Aug 12 (Fri)
Tutorials begin	27 Aug 12 (Mon)
Drop with 'W' & no refund of points	27 Aug 12 (Mon) 00:00hrs - 30 Sep 12 (Sun) 23:59hrs
Drop with 'F' & full refund of points	01 Oct 12 (Mon) 00:00hrs onwards

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

You are advised to 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 not affect how the module will be used for your graduation requirements later.

Please note that 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 between 2.00 and 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 on the above.

You may register for modules online via any computer with Internet access. For students who prefer to do the online registration in the Faculty, please proceed to Computer Lab 1 located at S16 05-101. Should you require any assistance, please approach the Science Computer Based Learning Centre (CBLC) during the module registration period at S16 Level 2.

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 are **not** to 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, AY2012/13 may be found at the following URL:

<http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates/curriculum/timetable/index.html>

The onus is on the students to map out their study plan carefully and avoid registering for modules with clashes in class or examination timetable. To find out timetable clashes among modules, students could use the Timetable Builder for this purpose. The Timetable Builder is available at this URL:

<https://webrb.nus.edu.sg/ctt/builder.aspx>

FILE OF GRADUATION (FFG) MATTERS

Please read the following information carefully.

1) Students on Single Degree Programme

File for Graduation

Students who intend to graduate in Semester 1, AY2012/13 **must** file for graduation online during the period of Online Module Registration (26 Jul 12 - 14 Aug 12). 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 remove those that you no longer want. Otherwise, the FFG check will indicate that you do not satisfy the requirements of the major(s) and minor(s), if any, declared and you may not be allowed to graduate at the end of Semester 1, AY2012/13.

Students who do not file for graduation online by 14 Aug 12 may have to delay their graduation till Semester 2, AY2012/13.

Students are strongly advised to refer to on the Bulletin for the graduation requirements. A copy of the Bulletin and the summarized graduation requirements may also be found in the Student Portal and from the NUS Bulletin 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

Students, including those who are currently on SEP/NOC, who intend to take up the honours project in their chosen major in Semester 2, AY2012/13, **must** file for honours project online during the period of Online Registration (26 Jul 12 - 14 Aug 12). 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, AY2012/13.

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, AY2012/13.

Please note that Pharmacy and Computational Biology students are **not** 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.

Please be reminded that it is important to select the correct FFG option. The Faculty will not be liable if students are unable to proceed to do the 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 to request for assistance.

2) Students on Double Degree Programme (DDP)

Students who intend to graduate in Semester 1, AY2012/13 must file for graduation online during the period of Online Module Registration (26 Jul 12 - 14 Aug 12). 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

DDP students who wish to graduate with a Bachelor with Honours only in their primary degree should file for Single Honours graduation.

File for Graduation with Double Honours

DDP students who wish to graduate with Bachelor with Honours in both their primary and secondary degrees should file for Double Honours graduation .

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 both overlapping modules 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 will be counted towards the graduation requirements.

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

Students are expected to exercise personal responsibility to check if they are reading overlapping modules. When in doubt, students should consult the module coordinator or an academic advisor. Please refer to <http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates/curriculum/overlap/index.html> and <http://www.nus.edu.sg/nusbulletin/> for the list of precluded and overlapping modules.

PROGRAMME OF INTEREST

1) **Communicating with the Academy (SP1202)**

Highly recommended by the Faculty, this module is aimed at helping Science students develop their writing ability and to sharpen their critical and analytical skills to communicate their research work effectively and competently in the Science community. More details are available at

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

2) **Professional Communication (ES2007S)**

You will 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 settings, especially focusing on the workplace. For more information, please refer to

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

3) **Career Planning and Preparation (SP1001)**

Have you ever wondered: Where can I find a job that is ideal for me? What makes a winning resume and cover letter? How can I ace that interview? How should I dress to impress? Why is safety at the workplace important? This module arms students with powerful skills to face life after university and make the right career moves. SP1001 is part of Undergraduate Professional Internship Programme (UPIP). Those who have passed this module may earn credits for approved internships. For more information, please visit

<http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/students/enrichment/upip.html>.

4) **Second Majors offered by FoS**

Science students who wish to enhance and broaden their undergraduate studies may opt for a second major. For more information, please refer to

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

5) **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 mainly the Student Exchange Programme (SEP) and the Summer Exchange Programme. Students participating in SEP will be able to spend a semester or two studying at a reputable foreign university, while students on the Summer Exchange Programme will spend a shorter but equally enriching period of several weeks studying overseas. More information is available at the following websites:

<http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates/abroad/sep/index.html>

<http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates/abroad/summer/index.html>

ACADEMIC WARNING, PROBATION & DISMISSAL

Please note that if a student's CAP falls below 2.00 for any semester, the University will issue him with a warning.

If his CAP falls below 2.00 again in the following semester, 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 obtained:

- 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.*** 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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