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1. What type of modules can I use to fulfill my UE requirements?

You can use any module with credits to fulfill your UE requirements.

Please take note that only a maximum of 60MCs of level 1000 will count towards total number of 120/160MCs required for graduation. For more information, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/degree-requirements

**Faculty Requirements**

1. I’m not sure which modules I can take to satisfy my faculty requirements. Could you clarify?

Modules offered by the Faculty of Science are categorized into 6 subject groups (for details, please refer to the table of subject groups in the bulletin or the Faculty Requirements website). To fulfill your faculty requirements, you have to read and pass modules from 2 or 3 groups other than the group(s) containing your major, depending on the programme you are on (B.Sc., B.Sc. (Hons), etc). In some cases, a module that satisfies the major requirements also satisfies the faculty requirements (for more details, please refer to the bulletin or the answer to Q2).

2. I am a 1st year student majoring in Chemistry. Do two of the modules that I’m taking to fulfill my major requirements, MA1421 and LSM1401, also satisfy my faculty requirements?

Yes, they satisfy 8MCs (4MCs for each module) of your major requirements and 8MCs of your faculty requirements. However, they contribute only 8MCs to your total number of MCs required for graduation, not 16MCs. This applies to all other majors whose faculty requirements are built into their major requirements.

**Primary Majors**

1. Must I have a primary major when I am admitted to Science?

Yes, you must have a primary major in order to secure modules in the first semester.

2. How do I apply for my primary major?

You can declare a major via myEduRec before the online module registration period. If the major is restricted, you will have to first seek permission from the department offering the major.

3. How do I change my primary major?

You can do so via myEduRec before the online module registration period at the beginning of each semester. However, you are strongly urged to consult the respective department advisors before changing your major.

To get out from the following restricted majors, students must seek the approval from the Department offering the major:

1. Food Science and Technology
2. Quantitative Finance
3. Computational Biology
4. Data Science and Analytics
5. Pharmaceutical Science
4. When I change my primary major, will I be able to use the MCs I have accumulated in the old major to count towards my new major or other degree requirements?

You will be able to use the MCs from your old major for your new major only if the modules are common to both the new and old majors. If the modules are not common, then the MCs will only be used to count towards faculty requirements or unrestricted electives.

5. Can I take 2 primary majors?

Students can only take one primary and one second major; the list of second majors can be found in the Faculty of Science Undergraduate Programmes website.

6. I wish to drop my second major or minor. How do I go about doing so?

You can drop second major or minor via myEduRec before the online module registration period once per semester.

**Second Majors**

1. What is the difference between a primary major and second major?

A second major is what you may take on top of your primary major to broaden your undergraduate education.

There are several differences between a primary and second major:

i) A second major will not give you as comprehensive an education as a primary major.

ii) You cannot graduate with only a second major. Your primary major is what gives you your degree.

iii) You cannot graduate with an honours degree in your second major.

iv) The second major will be recorded only in your transcript but not in your degree scroll.

2. What are the requirements for reading a second major in FoS?

Please refer to the following table for the requirements:

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<td>GCE 'A' level or equivalent pass in Biology, Chemistry and either Mathematics or Physics</td>
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<td><strong>Data Analytics</strong></td>
<td>A very good pass in GCE ‘A’ level Mathematics or equivalent</td>
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<td>Existing students from cohort 2016/2017 or later may apply to read a Second Major in Data Analytics after completing CS1010 (or its equivalent), MA1101R (or its equivalent) and MA1102R (or its equivalent) with a B+ grade or above in each of these modules.</td>
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<td><strong>Food Science</strong></td>
<td>Good GCE ‘A’ level pass in at least two science subjects, one of them should be Chemistry</td>
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3. How many MCs of overlapping modules are permitted between the primary and second major?

Please refer to [http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/double-major-programmes](http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/double-major-programmes)

4. Who are eligible to read the second majors under the new curricular structure and how do I apply if I am?

**Faculty of Science students reading second majors offered by FoS:**

No prior approval is needed for an FoS student to read a second major in FoS. You can declare a second major via myEduRec. Please note that:

1) The second major in Financial Mathematics is offered only to cohorts of AY2007/08 and after and has ceased to be offered for students matriculated in AY2014/15 and after, with effect from AY2014/15 Semester 1.

2) The Second Major in Data Analytics is a restricted second major and cannot be declared via myEduRec without prior approval. It is offered for students matriculated in AY2016/17 and after.

3) The Second Major in Food Science is only offered with the Primary Major in Chemistry as a Double Major Programme for direct-admission, for students matriculated in AY2017/18 and after.

**FoS students reading second majors offered by other faculties:**

Application procedures can vary from faculty to faculty. You are encouraged to look for the latest application information at the website of the faculty offering the second major you are interested in reading. In certain instances, the Science Dean’s Office will assist in inviting Science students to apply for such second majors before the start of a semester.

**Non-FoS students taking second majors offered by FoS:**

Non-Science students intending to read Second majors in Chemistry, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physics and Statistics offered by Science will have to first complete at least two-thirds of the corresponding minor requirements before applying to the department offering the second major. They should apply to the host department before the end of their fifth semester of study.

In addition, the following should be noted:
1) The Second Major in Data Analytics is offered to students from Cohort 2016/2017 and onwards. Students should apply to the host department (Statistics and Applied Probability) before the end of their fifth semester of study.

2) The Second Major in Food Science is only offered with the Primary Major in Chemistry as a Double Major Programme for direct-admission for students from Cohort 2017/2018 and onwards. It is not available for existing students to apply.

5. Can I read a second major and minor in the same subject?

No. In addition, students intending to read second majors should note the following prohibited combinations:

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<td>Data Analytics</td>
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6. Can I convert the Science minor that I'm studying into a second major in the same subject?

**FoS Students**

Yes, you only have to drop the minor and declare the second major via myEduRec.

**Non-FoS students**

Yes, but provided you have already obtained at least 2/3 of the MCs required for the minor and apply and get accepted by the department offering the second major before the end of the 5th semester.

7. Can I drop the second major at any point of time if I cannot cope?

**Science Student**

You can drop it via myEduRec at the beginning of a semester.

For assistance on dropping of the second major, you may email to scimr@nus.edu.sg.

8. If I drop my second major, can I use the MCs I have obtained from it to satisfy the other degree requirements?

Yes. The MCs may be used to satisfy your other degree requirements (e.g. Unrestricted Electives) according to the category that the modules fall under.

9. How many modules do I have to read and pass if I choose to take up a second major?

You have to read and pass between 48 and 52 MCs worth of the second major modules. The number depends on which second major you are reading.

10. How many sets of faculty requirements do I have to fulfill if I read a second major?

You have to fulfill only the set of faculty requirements for your primary major.

11. Will I have separate CAPs for the two majors?

No, you will have one common CAP for both majors since you will be awarded with only one degree.
Double Counting of Modules

1. What is double-counting and when is double counting allowed?
Double-counting is using one or more modules to satisfy simultaneously the requirements of

a) two majors,
b) a major and a minor, or
c) two minors.

There are certain restrictions to double-counting:

major-major
For cohorts of AY2014/2015 and after: an overlap of not more than 16 MCs.

major-minor
An overlap of not more than 8 MCs regardless of your cohort.

minor-minor
An overlap of not more than 8 MCs regardless of your cohort.

There are other restrictions imposed by departments for certain major-minor combinations. For details, please refer to the bulletin or the Second Major and Minor websites.

Note that triple counting is not allowed, i.e. you are not allowed to use one module to satisfy:

a) 2 majors + 1 minor
b) 1 major + 2 minors
c) 3 minors

2. Is Faculty requirement part of the double counting policy?
With reference to the Registrar’s Office website on double counting policy,

Double Counting Rules concerning a 2nd Major:
For students admitted prior to AY2014/15:

- up to 8 MCs can be counted also towards the Faculty/Major/Minor requirements; and
- at least 16 MCs must be at Level 3000.

For students admitted from AY2014/15 onwards:

- up to 16 MCs can be counted also towards the Faculty/Major/Minor requirements (Note: for counting towards a Minor, only a maximum of 8 MCs are allowed); and
- at least 16 MCs must be at Level 3000.

Double Counting Rules concerning a Minor:

The modular credit (MC) requirement for a Minor programme is at least 24MCs, of which:

- Up to 8 MCs may be used to meet the requirements for both the Minor and Faculty Requirements, a Major/Second Major, or another Minor, subject to the agreement of the particular department(s)/programme(s) or Faculty/School hosting the Minor.

The modules used to satisfy the "Faculty requirement" mentioned above are modules OUTSIDE the primary major.

Hence modules that are WITHIN the primary major and can satisfy Science Faculty requirements are not part of the double counting policy.
1. Is there a limit to the number of level 1000 modules I can read for my graduation requirements?

Yes, the maximum number is 60MCs.

For more information, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/degree-requirements

2. What will happen to the extra MCs if I read more than the allowed number of level 1000 modules?

These extra MCs will not be counted towards the total number of MCs required for graduation. However, they will still be counted towards the computation of CAP.

**Workload**

From AY15/16, Semester 1 onwards, the minimum workload is 18 MCs worth of modules per semester. Students may read less than 18MCs only in their graduating semester or when they are undertaking industrial attachment. The recommended workload is 20 MCs worth of modules per semester; this is so that students will not be overly taxed in any particular semester and they will be able to complete their degree in the given time.

*Students matriculated in AY2014/15 and after:*

With the launch of the Grade-Free First Semester (for Cohort 2014 and 2015) and Grade-Free First Year scheme (for Cohort 2016 and onwards), the workload limitation for the first semester of study is as follows:

Students from Single Degree Programmes can select up to a maximum of 23 modular credits only while students from certain special programmes (e.g. Double Degree Programmes, Concurrent Degree Programmes, University Scholars Programme and Special Programme in Science) will be allowed to select up to a maximum of 27 modular credits. You may wish to check with your respective programme administrators if you are unsure.

**Overlapping Modules**

1. Can I read overlapping modules (modules that preclude each other)?

You cannot read overlapping/precluded modules unless they are necessary for you to fulfill your double degree or double major requirements, etc. Please refer to the preclusions of each module.

2. I have read two overlapping modules (or modules that preclude each other) in order to fulfill my double major requirements. Will the MCs for these 2 modules count towards the total MCs required for graduation?

No. Unless stated otherwise, only one set of the MCs will be counted towards the total MCs for graduation.
Changing of module code for Cross-listed/Overlapping Modules

1. If a module is cross-listed with another module, can I change the module code from one to the other?

Such conversion is not recommended because of the different rules in obtaining the modules. You are strongly encouraged to select the correct module code i.e. if you intend to fulfill Faculty requirements, please select under the right ST/MA code. Students who need a module code conversion may write in to sciffg@nus.edu.sg in beginning of the final semester of their studies after completion of the module registration exercise. The module code conversion will only be processed by the Dean's Office for very valid reasons, for instance, requiring the conversion before meeting the requirements for graduation.

Timetable Clash

1. Can I ask for a change in the class/examination timetable?

No changes are allowed unless the entire class agrees to the new class/exam schedule. The lecturer will then seek approval from his Department and the Dean's Office. Please note that all changes are also subjected to venue availability.

2. What do I do if I have a class timetable clash?

You will not be allowed to register for module whose timetable clash with those of the modules you have already registered for. This includes tutorial and practical timetable clashes. Faculty of Science will not support students to read modules with timetable clash in general. 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.

3. What do I do if I have an exam timetable clash?

You will not be allowed to register for the modules.

4. Where can I find the class/examination timetable?

The class and exam timetable can be found on the NUSMods https://nusmods.com/

S/U Option
Please refer to the FAQ in Student Portal S/U Home Page.

Repeating modules

1. How many times can I repeat a module?

There is no limit to the number of times you can repeat a module that you have failed or obtained a U grade for. You are not allowed to repeat modules that you have passed (D and above or S or CS)
2. If I repeat a module that I have failed, does it mean that the 0 grade point I have received for this module will be disregarded in the computation of my new CAP?

No, even if you take the same module again, all the grade points you obtain for it will be taken into account when your new CAP is calculated.

Reading Additional Modules

1. Can a student who has fulfilled his graduation requirements remain for one additional regular semester to read modules to improve CAP or for interest?

In general, students who have completed their degree requirements by the 6th semester or earlier for 120-MC programmes and the 8th semester or earlier for 160-MC programmes, may be allowed one additional full semester of study to improve their CAP standing subject to their reading:

a) the minimum MCs required for full-time students (i.e. 18 MCs) in the additional full semester;

b) only level-3000 or higher modules.

2. Can a student who has fulfilled his graduation requirements read a Special Term module to improve CAP or for interest?

Yes, he can. However, he must read a module of level 3000 or higher.

Please also take note of the Fees beyond Normal Candidature:

http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/undergraduate/undergraduate-fees


3. I have read a graduate module during my undergraduate studies, but have declared it to be used for my Graduate degree. Will this graduate module still affect my undergraduate CAP, and will it appear in my undergraduate transcript?

The module declared for use in Graduate degree will not affect your undergraduate CAP. However, it will be reflected in the undergraduate transcript, with a note to indicate that it is a pre-take graduate module and is not counted toward the bachelor's degree requirements.

Honours Requirements

1. If I plan to do honours, should I file for project and when should I do it?

Students matriculated in AY2016/17 and beyond who intend to start Honours in their chosen major in Semester 2, AY2019/20, must file for Honours online within 3 days upon the day of release of exam results of the semester before (Semester 1, AY2019/20).

Students who filed for Honours will be promoted to SCI4 (Honours Year) if they meet the above requirements.
2. How will I be eligible for an honours programme?

For Students matriculated in AY2014/15 and after

Students who matriculated in and after AY2014/15 (excluding those majoring in Computational Biology) will be eligible for Honours if they have:

1. Fulfilled the requirements of one major at B.Sc. level;
2. Obtained a minimum overall CAP of 3.20; and
3. Accumulated at least 100MCs

Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Science, Data Science and Analytics and Computational Biology Students

For Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Science, Data Science and Analytics and Computational Biology students, you would be separately informed of the Honours eligibility criteria by the programme administration. You do not have to file for project as those who fulfil the Honours eligibility criteria will be promoted to PMC4/SCI4 and informed that they may start on their Honours project.

3. How many years am I given to obtain my honours degree?

Cohorts of AY2007/08 and after

Single and double major honours students are given up to a maximum of 5 years to complete B.Sc.(Hons.)/B.Pharm.(Hons.) programme, where semesters spent on Leave of Absence would be excluded from the period of candidature.

Please refer to [http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/continuation-and-graduation-requirements#ResidencyRequirement](http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/continuation-and-graduation-requirements#ResidencyRequirement) for more details regarding normal and maximum candidature.

Apply for Graduation

1. When should I apply for graduation and what is the appropriate filing option for me?

You should apply for graduation in myEduRec at the beginning of the semester in which you plan to graduate.


2. I'm unclear about graduation requirements for my major/minor. Who do I approach?

Please approach the department(s) offering the major/minor.

Students will be able to access "My Graduation Audit Report and My What-If Report" via myEduRec from AY2018/2019 Semester 2.

‘My Graduation Audit Report’ allows you to track your study progress and the graduation requirements that need to be fulfilled.

‘My What-If Report’ allows you to simulate various what-if scenarios with different set of academic program, major, second major or minor that you may be planning to take.

3. What are the general graduation requirements?

Please click [here](#) for graduation requirements applicable to each cohort or refer to the NUS bulletin of your cohort.
In General, please obtain at least 120 MCs total for non-Honours students and 160 MCs total for Honours students:

i. At most 60 MCs of Level-1000 modules; any excess does not count toward the total MCs graduation requirements. The following modules do not count toward the 60 MCs limit:
   a. CFG1010
   b. CFG1002 (AY16/17 enrolment onward)
   c. ES1103
   d. Polytechnic UEM APCs

ii. Fulfilled all graduation requirements (such as English Skills modules, General Education, Science Faculty requirement, Computational Thinking etc.), and

iii. Declared your major(s), specialization and/or minor(s), if any, correctly.

iv. Ensure that you do not violate double counting policy:
   a. For major-major, major-minor and minor-minor.
   b. GEMs cannot be used to fulfil both minor and ULR requirements.
   c. Double counted modules can be used to fulfil faculty requirements if they are within the primary major.
   d. No triple counting is allowed.
   e. Even with double counting, MCs will only be counted once toward the minimum MC graduation requirements.

4. How do I know if I have been successful in meeting graduation requirements?

Students can verify their graduation requirements using My Graduation Audit Report from AY2018/2019 Semester 2 and onwards.

5. If I have taken Level 4000 modules, will they be included in the calculation of my CAP although I do not intend to pursue honours?

Yes, all modules taken up to the point of graduation will be included in the CAP.

6. I have earlier on applied for graduation/Honours graduation for Semester 2 in myEduRec. However, I subsequently registered for Special Term modules and decided not to graduate in Semester 2. What should I do now?

Students who apply for graduation in Semester 2 but subsequently register for Special Term modules are required to inform the Science Dean's Office at sciffg@nus.edu.sg latest by 6pm of the day of release of exam results for Semester 2.

Please note that Students who satisfy all graduation requirements and intend to graduate after completion of the Special Term modules will only be conferred, at the earliest, on 31 August and they will be eligible to attend the Commencement ceremony only in the following year. They will not be in time to attend the Commencement ceremony in July of the current academic year.

**File for Honours Project**

1. Can I read Level 4000 modules although I have not filed for the honours project?

Yes, you can take level 4000 modules as long as you meet the pre-requisites of the module you intend to read.
2. If I have taken Level 4000 modules in my last semester before I commence my Honours year, will they be included in the calculation of my CAP when I'm being considered for Honours?

Yes, the Level 4000 modules taken will be included in the CAP.

3. Can I defer my honours project for personal reasons after I have successfully qualified for the honours programme after the release my examination results?

No, we do not allow deferment of the honours project. If you cannot do your honours project or continue with your studies, you must write in to UG Graduation Enquiries to "Apply for Graduation" within three calendar days upon the release of examination results.

4. Am I considered an honours student if I am reading Level 4000 modules?

A student is only considered to be an honours student if he/she has the following:

1. Have a course code of SCI4/PMC4; and
2. Reading the honours project and/or satisfying the Honours graduation requirements.

If a student is reading Level 4000 modules but do not have a course code of SCI4/PMC4, he/she is not considered to be an honours student and cannot graduate with an Honours Degree.

5. Is the honours project one or two regular semesters long?

The honours project is two regular semesters long for all students matriculated in and after AY2002/03. The Applied Project in Chemistry or Life Sciences is a six-month-long project for Chemistry or Life Sciences majors matriculated in and after AY2013/2014.

6. If I am on SEP or NOC this semester and I want to start my honours project in the next semester, but am waiting for credits/grades to be transferred, what should I do?

**Scenario 1:**
You have met the requirements for Hons Project without any module mapping i.e. minimum of 100 MCs, minimum CAP of 3.20 and fulfill major requirements at B.Sc. level.

You have to file for Honours online within 3 days upon the day of release of exam results of the semester before. If you meet the requirements mentioned above, you will be promoted from SCI3 to SCI4 next semester and will be able to proceed on to Honours officially.

**Scenario 2:**
You require the modules mapped over from SEP/NOC to fulfill the major requirements, have a minimum CAP of 3.20 and at least 100 MCs (Those from SEP can be included).

Email with instructions will be sent to students to request to start Honours unofficially next semester. If you did not receive any emails, please write in to UG Graduation Enquiries during the below stated periods:

- On SEP in Sem 1 and intending to start Honours in the following Sem 2- **End of December/1st week of January after release of Sem 1 exam results**
- On SEP in Sem 2 and intending to start Honours in the following Sem 1- **End of June/1st week of July**

The following is an example of what the email should look like:
7. When should I file for Honours?

For students on SEP or NOC in the current semester and intending to start Honours in the next semester, please follow the instructions as stated in FAQ no. 7 above instead (Scenario 1 or 2).

With effect from AY18/19 semester 2, students will be asked to file for Honours at the end of the semester if they wished to start Honours in the next semester. An email will be sent to all students to file for Honours on the day of release of exam results. If you do not receive the email and met the 3 criteria to start Honours next semester, please email to sciffg@nus.edu.sg to indicate your intention within the S/U exercise period.

**FFG Conversion Exercise**

1. What is the FFG Conversion Exercise? Does it apply to me?

Students should apply for graduation in myEduRec at the beginning of the semester in which you plan to graduate. The FFG conversion exercise only applies to students who change their intention. The following are common scenarios in which the FFG conversion exercise will apply to students:

- Applied for Graduation in myEduRec at the beginning of the semester and now decided to proceed on to Honours in the next semester.
- Did not file for any FFG option in myEduRec at the beginning of the semester and now decided to graduate in the current semester.

If you decide to proceed on to Honours next semester or to graduate this current semester, you must write in to UG Graduation Enquiries to indicate your decision within three calendar days upon the release of examination results.

2. If I have qualified for my honours but decide to apply for graduation, can I come back in future to take up the honours project again?

No. The decision to apply for graduation is irrevocable. Once you have graduated with a B.Sc., you will not be eligible to return to NUS to take up the honours project at any point in the future because the honours year is not a stand-alone programme.

**Double Degree Programmes**

1. What is the difference between a double degree and a double major? Some of the differences are:

   a) A double degree is 2 separate degrees; graduates receive two scrolls, one for each degree. A double major programme confers a single degree; graduates receive one scroll in which only their primary major is stated.
b) A double-degree student can graduate with double honours; a double-major student can graduate with at most one honours and his second major is a non-honours programme.

c) Students need approval from the Science Dean's Office for a double degree programme. No approval is needed for a double-major programme. However, selection to read a second major offered by another faculty is done on a competitive basis.

d) Students on a double degree programme need at least 180 MCs to graduate (with single honours). Double major students need at least 160MCs to graduate with a single honours or at least 120MCs to graduate without honours.

e) The maximum candidature for a double degree programme is 6 years, whereas that for a double major programme is 5 years.

2. What are the different types of double degree programmes offered by Science and how do I enroll in any one of these programmes?

The double degree programmes offered by the Faculty of Science can be classified into 3 types:

a) Specially structured (NUS based):

There are 3 structured double degree programmes designed to stand graduates in good stead in an economy whose disciplines are increasingly synergistic:

1. Law and Life Sciences (offered by the Office of Life Sciences)

2. Computer Science and Mathematics/Applied Mathematics (offered by the Department of Mathematics)

3. Physics and Materials Science & Engineering* (offered by the Department of Physics)

*Please note this Double Degree Programme has been discontinued with effect from AY2017/18 cohort

Admission to this DDP, whose places are limited, is by academic merit. Eligibility criteria are:

a) excellent grades in all the subjects and the General Paper at the A level;

b) meet the mother tongue (MT) requirement for admission to the university; and

c) meet the subject pre-requisites

Some Faculties/Schools may require their applicants to meet additional criteria such as interviews. For these Faculties/Schools, shortlisted applicants will receive a notification around mid-April to attend an interview.

For more information, please refer to OAM's webpage at [http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/](http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/)

b) Free-structured (NUS based)

Students are given the opportunity to design their own double degree programmes subject to certain restrictions.

To gain admission into this programme, students must have completed 60 to 80 MCs of modules (excluding credits earned from APC and SEP) and obtained a CAP of at least 4.0. They have to apply personally at the Science Dean's Office and obtain written approval of the Faculty/Faculties involved.

c) French Double Degree
This is one of the Faculty's Special Programmes. Students selected for this programme get the opportunity to study in one of the six Grande Ecoles, the top engineering schools in France which provide higher education and quality research in engineering science. At the end of the programme, successful candidates receive a BSc (Hons) or BApplSc degree, a Diplôme d'Ingénieur from the Grande Ecole and a Master's Degree from the Faculty of Science, NUS.

This double degree programme targets mathematics or physics students of FOS. Admission to the programme is based on a student's academic performance. After the 1st semester of study, students with a CAP of at least 4.5 will be selected for interview and if deemed suitable for the programme, will be invited to apply.

For more details on the French Double Degree Programmes, please refer to https://uat-science.nus.edu.sg/education/undergraduates/special-programmes/french-double-degree-programme-fddp/

3. How much are my fees for the double degree programmes?

Specially designed and free structure double degree programmes:

- For the first four years of study, students will pay the prevailing tuition fee of the Faculty/School offering the home course.
- For the fifth year, students on DDPs where one of the degrees is in Engineering or Computing only need to pay the prevailing tuition fee of the Faculty/School offering the home course while students on other DDPs need to pay two times the prevailing tuition fee of the Faculty/School offering the home course.

French double degree programme:

- Students on this programme need not pay tuition fees to the Grand Ecole they study in, only their NUS tuition fees are prevailing rates.

However, they have to take two language immersion courses which cost approximately S$6000. This is excluding the airfare, local transport and other expenses, which come up to about S$4000. A two-year stint will cost them about S$20,000.

The Grand Ecoles offer scholarships to international students. You may apply for it but bear in mind that you will be competing with other international students.