

Freshmen e-Welcome and Curriculum Briefing 2020 – Frequently Asked Questions

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General

1. Does taking a minor expand your career options? As I heard that taking a minor in that field would not help in any way (like if you want to go into a specific field you should take a major instead).

Students have to have a goal/discipline in mind, a specific field that you would like to pursue in your career. Then read the minor/second major to achieve your goal. For example, if you would like to be a representative for a company in Japan, then you may wish to take up a minor in Japanese studies or Language Studies in Japanese. So that you will be in a better position to be hired compared to others. For more information on Career prospects you can refer to https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/SCIENCE-CAREERS-brochure_web.pdf
2. Can I check if there are any links which I can refer to for the meaning of "mini sems"?

You may wish to refer to <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/calendar>
3. Can IB students earn modular credits for certain courses or modules? Can IB results be used as advanced credits?

No, there are no advance placement credits for IB students. You can apply to sit for the Advance Placement test, please refer to <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/admissions/undergraduates/advanced-placement-credits/> for more information.
4. What are the steps we need to undertake in order to secure residence for the upcoming semester?

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Please refer to <http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/student-services/hostel-admission/undergraduate>
6. Will the briefings for today be sent to us via email or would it be only available upon request?

The slides are available on this website: <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/education/undergraduates/curriculum/registration-notices/>
7. Poly students are given up to 20MCS exemption, are this MCs exemption automatically entered into the system? And how does this exemption work?

With reference to <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/admissions/undergraduates/advanced-placement-credits/advanced-placement-credits-for-polytechnic-diploma-holders/>, the 20MCs are counted as Unrestricted Electives (UEs) and they will be in the students' records at the beginning of the first semester under transfer credits report.
8. If I feel like the course of my choice does not suit me after 1 semester, am I able to change my major to another faculty (eg. computing)?

If you wish to transfer course from one faculty to another, it is considered as Course Transfer. There will be two exercise of application opening for each year. Do check the website regularly for the cut-off date for application. You are to submit a transfer application via the Office of Admissions online application portal: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/apply-to-nus/transfer-applicants/application-forms-procedures>

9. For modules with projects, would these projects still be done as per normal during this period of time? If so, would the format and execution be the same as previous years?
The format and assessments of modules will be different for each module and Department. The execution may or may not be the same as previous years. Students can refer to LumiNUS for more details.
10. Can we take part in both UPIP and SEP?
Yes, you can but you will need to plan ahead. Please refer to the science website for more information. However, do note that students going for SEP are not allowed to sign up for UPIP in the same semester.
11. May I ask that if I am offered DMP of applied mathematics with economics, can I change to DMP of applied mathematics with business analytics?
You may first withdraw from your second major from Economics and then apply for a second major with Biz Analytics, please refer to the website on the application details. <https://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/programmes/ug/majorc/ba-secmajor/>
12. Are we allowed to take level 1000 modules in years other than year 1?
Yes you can. But do take note on the limit of level 1000 modules which is 60MCs. Please refer to <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/degree-requirements> for more information.
13. Where can we find out the breakdown of the grading for each module since the curriculum might be different from previous? And according to NUSMMODS there is "No Exam" for Semester 1 for majority of the essential Chemistry modules, is this accurate?
Your lecturer will tell you what the breakdown is when the semester starts. It is different for each module. When it says no exams, there will still be other types of assessments that are given throughout the semester. Students can refer to LumiNUS for more details.
14. What is APC?
Advance Placement Credits. You can refer to <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/admissions/undergraduates/advanced-placement-credits/> for more details.
15. Is it advisable to clear level 3 mods in year 2 in order to go for SEP and internship (without taking night classes) in year 3?
Yes, if you have cleared the pre-requisites for the modules you can take the level 3000 modules. Generally, students taking UPIP will underload as they are allowed to take one evening module during their UPIP. Therefore, advance planning is vital if you do not want to exceed the normal candidature period.
16. Can the Advance Placement exams taken through College Board count towards the APCs?
Please send your question to sciadmission@nus.edu.sg. You may wish to refer to <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/admissions/undergraduates/advanced-placement-credits/> for more information on APCs.
17. How do i find out how many APCs i am granted at the point of admission?
Please refer to <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/admissions/undergraduates/advanced-placement-credits/> regarding APCs.
18. Can i take level 4000 modules without having a 4th year?

Yes, you can if you meet the pre-requisites of the level 4000 modules.

19. **How does special term work? How do i apply to take modules during special term and how are the fees calculated?**
The Special Term comprises two parts, each of which lasts six weeks: May to June and June to July. You may refer to: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-activities/special-term> for more information.
20. **Is special term compulsory?**
No, special term is an optional way of clearing more modules or reading special modules that are only offered during special term.
21. **Are there any more opportunities to apply for APC for JC students?**
You may apply for the Advance Placement test, please see this set of FAQs : <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/admissions/undergraduates/advanced-placement-credits/>
22. **Since we can choose 1 second major and 3 minors, can the major/minors be from the same faculty/school?**
Yes, but some second majors/ minors preclude each other. ie you cannot take a second major in maths and a minor in maths. You may wish to check the relevant departments' websites to ensure that they do not preclude each other.
23. **In the Duke-Nus medical school scheme, can we become doctors (MD) without a MBBS degree?**
Please refer to The Singapore Medical Council (SMC), a statutory board under the Ministry of Health. <https://www.healthprofessionals.gov.sg/smc/becoming-a-registered-doctor/documentation-requirements-processing-time>
24. **Is the pre-admission medical exam compulsory for all students?**
Yes, it is. Please check your welcome package on how to clear the medical exam.
25. **Are APCs equivalent to UEs? If I have 20 APCs, that means I have essentially taken 20MCs worth of UEs already?**
Yes.
26. **What is the typical class size of a lecture and tutorial? Or specifically for Chemistry modules.**
This really depends on the modules. Lower level modules have higher quota. You will be able to see the quota once module registration starts.
27. **May I know what is the username and password for myportal? Is it the same for LumiNUS?**
It should be the NUSNET id and the same password.
28. **Can you give us the relevant email address for the math department so that we can ask them about the OTOT situation for MA1102R? Will there be any exams and if so, how will it be like? MA1102R does not show anything on NUSMODS? Are there no tutorials/lectures/labs?**
You may send your enquiries to AskMathUG@nus.edu.sg. You may wish to contact the module lecturer or find details from [LumiNUS](#).
29. **For poly students having the 20 APCs, is it automatically included? Hence studying period is lessened by half a semester? If i were to take a second major can i use the 20 APCs to lesson my workload?**

20 APCs is auto granted for poly students but it does not mean that studying period is shortened as you still have to meet the requirements to graduate. While second major modules can fulfill UE requirements, the UE /APCs cannot fulfill second major requirements. You would still have to read all modules required for the second major.

30. [Are the chemistry labs closed due to covid? Or are we still able to take lab modules?](#)

Lab modules are still on but with the necessary guidelines on masks, social distancing, and contact tracing, plus temp taking. As the situation might change with time, please refer to the circulars on the website <https://emergency.nus.edu.sg> for updates.

31. [What years and semesters do students usually go for SEP and UROPS if they want to do both?](#)

Depending on your major, SEP is usually taken in year 2 sem 2 onwards, while UROPS can be taken from year 2 sem 1 onwards. So, plan your study plan and discuss this with your academic advisors.

32. [When do students typically start joining UROPS and internships through UPIP? Also how do we apply for UROPS? How do i apply for UPIP/UROPS?](#)

Students typically start a level 2000 UROPS upon completing their 1st year of studies, completing 40MCs. For more information, please refer to

<https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/education/undergraduates/undergraduate-research/undergraduate-research-opportunities-programme-in-science-urops/>

Students who have completed at least 3 regular semesters and 32 MCs can take UPIP. You can start planning earlier. Do look out for the email blast on 'Ready for Internship' organised every February and September each year. For more information, please refer to <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/industry/internships/faq/>

For more information on UPIP, please see <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/industry/internships/undergraduate-professional-internship-programme-upip/>

33. [How far in advance must we apply for UPIPs and SEP?](#)

For SEP, depending on your major, SEP is usually taken in year 2 sem 2 onwards. Please refer to <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/education/undergraduates/study-abroad-programmes/outgoing/student-exchange-programme-sep/> for more details.

The normal timeline is 3 months before the start of the internship. Do keep a lookout for the email blast on 'Ready for Internship' every February and September of the year where it will bring students through the timeline and instructions for UPIP. You may refer to <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/industry/internships/more-information-on-upip/> for more information. Students will have to secure an internship position at least 1.5 months before the start of the internship.

34. [For this career catalyst modules, are they the same as normal modules in terms of MCs etc.? Also, are there any exams involved in this module?](#)

It is a 2MC unrestricted elective. There are no exams involved. You can refer to <http://nus.edu.sg/cfg/students/career-ready/career-catalyst> for more details.

35. [Are there any vaccination requirement/additional medical check-up for life science students since we might be exposed to potential biohazards?](#)

Should you be in the biohazard labs, eg for UROPS or FYP, based on the safety requirement, you will be required to take some vaccination. When you join the lab, the safety and lab officers will advise you before you begin.

36. I am a pharmacy student. As we cannot S/U modules with pre-requisite, how do i find out if the faculty modules offered are with pre-requisite?
You may find more detail regarding specific modules in NUSMods : <https://nusmods.com>
37. Can the link to sign up for the e-safety be provided?
The link is <https://inetapps.nus.edu.sg/osh/portal/training/ssts.html>
You will also be provided the instructions to enrol through email for the compulsory faculty and department level e-safety briefings by the respective department safety coordinator in due course. It will be held using the LumiNUS platform. To access the link, you will be required to log into NUS intranet using your student account via 2FA authentication.
38. How do we return books during this period?
We have book drops outside certain libraries. Science Library has a book drop just outside the main entrance.
39. Will taking a minor make any difference in the academic transcript compared to taking UE as well as overloading?
If you have applied for a minor and completed all modules required for the minor upon graduation, it will the minor will be reflected on your official NUS transcript. Likewise, all modules which you have will be reflected in your transcript.
40. Do we have to pay more tuition fees if we do more than 160 MCs?
No. However, with effect from the admission cohort of AY2016/2017, students admitted into an undergraduate degree under the modular system in NUS and who take longer than the normal candidature period to complete their degree requirements will have to pay partial non-subsidized fees, culminating in full non-subsidized fees, during the extended semesters. Normal candidature is 3 years for B.Sc and 4 years for B.Sc (Hons). For more info, pls refer to Registrar's Office website on NUS Tuition fee policy:
<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/undergraduate/undergraduate-fees> and
<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/continuation-and-graduation-requirements>
41. I have applied for a hall, can I take GER1000 instead of GER1000h if I plan not to come to NUS this semester?
This semester, all GER or GEQ modules do not have the suffix and are all offered online, fully.
42. How does module prerequisite apply to polytechnic students? If the requirement to do a module is a H2 pass, etc. does this mean that poly students cannot take the module? The module LSM1105 needs a prerequisite of LSM1301 or A level H2 biology. Do i have to take a test so that I do not have to take LSM1301?
When you enter university, admissions will deem if your diploma exempts you to any H2 subject equivalence. This equivalence will be granted by the Dean's Office so that you can select higher level modules. Please see if you can select LSM1105 during module registration, if you do not fulfil pre-requisites then you should be reading LSM1301 instead.

Curriculum

Degree Requirement

43. Hi, if i choose to specialise, is it compulsory to do FYP? Or can i do an internship instead? [Qn 80]
It is up to the student's preference, they can choose either to do research (FYP) or internship.
44. In order to specialize in a certain field (Eg, Life sci with specialization in biomedical sci), is it still 3 years program or do we have to do a 4year program?
For specialisations, students have to embark on the Honours track (4-year program).
45. Can the MCs of modules for the second major or minor programme be used to fulfil the UE requirements of my primary major? Is there a limit as to how many MCs from second major/minor be used to fulfil UE?
Yes, any module read in excess of your major, university or faculty level requirements will be considered as a UE. Hence, modules taken for your second major or minor programme can be used to fulfil the UE requirements of your primary major. Still, do take note of the limit of 60 MCs for Level 1000 modules.
46. If you choose a GE mod that requires examination, can you count the grade for that GE mod into your CAP?
Yes, as long as the S/U option is not exercised for that particular GE module, the grade obtained will be computed in your CAP.
47. So, how should one actually choose his/her unrestricted electives that is not intended for a minor or double major? Is it simply by interest (then how to ensure the module will be useful for your major study) or recommendations from the faculty or...?
There is no hard and fast rule with regard to choosing modules to fulfil your unrestricted elective requirements. It can be based on interest with no relevance to your major of study or modules that can be useful to your major. For the latter, it can be achieved if you read extra elective modules from your major even after meeting the stipulated MCs needed to fulfil your major requirements. Some departments will also provide a list of suggested modules outside of FoS which can be taken as UEs that can be useful for the particular major. In such cases, please refer to the department websites for more information.
48. Can I fulfill my UE credits with any modules from any faculty and of any level? Or are there limitations on the UE modules?
UE modules refer to any module that does not fulfil your University/Major/Minor/Faculty requirements. These modules can be taken from any faculty and of any level as long as you meet the prerequisites for the particular module. Still, please do note on the limit of 60 MCs for Level 1000 modules.
49. How do i know if i have a direct admission to honours degree? How does one qualify for an honours degree at the end of year three? Am I under BSc Hons right now or do i need to qualify for it through merit along the way? How does one apply for an honours major? Or do we need to apply at all? is it a case of it being offered at year 3?
The Computational Biology, Data Science and Analytics, Pharmaceutical Science, Pharmacy and Environmental Studies majors are four-year programmes leading to an Honours degree, subject to a minimum CAP attainment. For the other majors, you have to meet the requirements of the major at BSc level and obtain an overall CAP of 3.2 on completion of 100MCs or more at the end of Year 3. Please refer to this page for more information on the

criteria for proceeding to an honours degree: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/nusbulletin/faculty-of-science/undergraduate-education/degree-requirements/curriculum-structure-and-graduation-requirements/honours-eligibility-and-honours-projects/>

50. [How do we know what is the Major & Faculty Requirements modules do we need to take?](#)
Major requirements are listed on the website of the department offering that major, please refer to the respective department websites for more information. To fulfil faculty requirements, you have to take up modules in subject groups that falls outside of your major. For some majors, some MCs of faculty requirements would have already been fulfilled through the reading of certain modules within the major requirements (please refer to individual department websites). SP1541 is also a compulsory module that has to be taken to fulfil the faculty requirements (except Pharmacy, BES, USP, UTCP and SPS students).
51. [I am a pharmacy Major. Since a polytechnic graduated i am entitled to 20 ACP. Hence i will be fulfilling less than 160M. Hence i would like to check if i will still be entitled to graduate with a pharmacy \(honors\)?](#)
Yes. The 20 MCs APCs will be credited as Unrestricted Electives and count towards the 160 MCs required for an Honours degree. However, you would still have to clear all other requirements: major, university level and faculty in order to graduate with a Pharmacy (Hons) degree.
52. [For some modules, the preclusions are one way. eg. MA1102R is a preclusion for MA1421 but not the other way round. In this case am i able to take MA1102R after MA1421? \[Qn 109\]](#)
Yes, if the preclusion is one way then this arrangement can be done.
53. [Is it compulsory to fulfill UE credits?](#)
Yes, it is compulsory to fulfil the UE requirements in order to meet the degree requirements. For more information on the specific number of UE requirements needed for each major, please refer to the respective programme pages on NUS Bulletin.
54. [I need to complete 160 MCs for my major. So, if I decide to take a minor, do I need to take 24 MCs in addition to the 160 MCs or will these 24 MCs fulfil the UE requirements that count towards the 160 MCs?](#)
The 24 MCs taken for your minor will fulfil the UE requirements. The total MCs that needs to be read will be a minimum of 120MCs for non-honours degree and 160 MCs for Honours degree.
55. [What does “with NUS modules as pre-requisites” mean?](#)
It means that you are required to read certain NUS modules before you are allowed to take that desired module.
56. [What does 'Modules dropped with a 'F' grade during the semester' refer to? Does it mean dropping the module after reading week?](#)
Yes, modules that are dropped after reading week will be given an 'F' grade
57. [If i desire to study Quantitative Finance but was unable to be accepted into the first semester, can i appeal again in the following semester/year?](#)
In general, appeals or reapplications would not be considered. Please refer to FAQs in the Quantitative Finance website: <http://ww1.math.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates.aspx?f=UP-QF#scrolltop>

58. [How does the 20 APCs affect UE? Instead of a total of 48MC for UE, it becomes 28MC? How do i use the 20 APC given to me? Am i exempted from 5 UEMs?](#)
 Yes, if you are required to read 48 MCs worth of UEs to meet your graduation requirements, you would only need to read 28 MCs. However, do note that the number of UEs needed to meet graduation requirements varies across majors. Please refer to the respective programme pages on NUS Bulletin to find out more about the number of UEs needed for each major.
59. [Do the Level of the mods \(ie Level 1000, 2000, 3000\) represent anything \(ie year in which it can be taken or difficulty level\)? Can we only take level 3000 mods in Year 3 and level 4000 mod in Year 4? What is the difference between level 1000 and level 2000 modules? Can we take Level 2000 modules in Year 1? Does Level 2000 modules necessarily mean that it is more difficult than level 1000?](#)
 The level of the modules represents the difficulty level; higher level modules may also have a higher workload or are more technical. However, there is no specific rule on when you can read modules of certain levels. You are able to read any module as long as you meet the prerequisites. For example, you can read a Level 4000 module in Year 3 if you meet the necessary prerequisites for the Level 4000 module. Likewise, you can also take a Level 2000 module when you are in Year 4.
60. [What is the graduation CAP requirement for Data Science & Analytics \(Hons\)?](#)
 The minimum graduation CAP for all degree programmes are the same, no matter your major. Students need a minimum CAP of 2.00 to graduate as well as pass your degree requirements.
61. [What if I did not take QET even though I was supposed to? Do I have to take the English modules in sem 1?](#)
 All students who are required to take the QET must do so. FoS students who are required to take the QET would have been notified by the Registrar's Office to take QET 1. If you have not done so, you would have to take QET 2 in November. The need to read English modules will depend on your QET band. Hence, failure to take the QET will mean that you will not be able to read the English modules (if necessary) which are in turn prerequisites for SP1541
62. [If i have completed enough modules to be counted towards my major requirements, and decide to read more modules under my major, will the excess modules be counted towards my UE? \[Qn 168\]](#)
 Yes, the excess modules will be counted towards your UE.
63. [Are you allowed to take certain SPS modules as your UE?](#)
 No, only SPS students are allowed to read SPS modules.
64. [Is it possible for a module to double count as Faculty requirement \(Computing Sci subject group\) and as Major requirement? Eg. CS1010 for DSA.](#)
 Yes, it is possible if CS1010S is part of your major requirements.
65. [May i ask if there is information about the module cos2000?](#)
 Please refer to Luminus or NUSMods for more information about the module.
66. [Are we allowed to spend more than 40 MCs on unrestricted electives?](#)
 Yes, students are always allowed to do more MCs (beyond the minimum MCs needed for your degree).

67. **Can i have a specialisation and a minor at the same time?**
Yes, you can. However, students can only graduate with a specialisation if they graduate with a B.Sc (Hons).
68. **If I want to specialise in biomedical science or molecular and cell biology, i have to take the honours program. Is that correct? Does it mean i cannot take any biomedical science subjects during the first 3 years of my studies?**
Yes, if you want to specialize in Life Sciences, you will have to be in the Honours programme. No, you can take the modules as you move from Year 1 and onwards. For more information on the requirements for Life Sciences, please refer to: [http://www.lifesciences.nus.edu.sg/info/lsmajor\(AY1819\).pdf](http://www.lifesciences.nus.edu.sg/info/lsmajor(AY1819).pdf)
69. **For specialisation, is it also 4 years or is it 3 years?**
Science students can graduate with a specialisation if and only if they are graduating with Honours. Students can declare a specialisation at the beginning of the semester via APAD no later than the fifth semester of study.

Double Major/Major-Minor

70. **Is taking up a double major or minor actually worth it, considering the heavy workload? Is taking up a double major or minor actually worth it, considering the heavy workload? What is the difference between a minor and 2nd major? Can we gain more advantage by taking a 2nd major?**
This is dependent on individual preference. Everyone has to complete 120 MCs (for a BSc) or 160 MCs (for a BSc Hons degree). Most students who take minors or double majors usually use their UE space to fulfil them. Hence, it is not exactly true to say that they are considered a heavier workload; it is more of a focussed study plan according to their selected field or area of interest. To fulfil minor requirements, one only needs to read 24 MCs worth of modules. However, for a second major, one needs to read 48 MCs worth. Reading a second major allows you to go more in depth for a particular subject as compared to a minor.
71. **Do Pharmacy Students usually take a minor?**
Due to the rigour of the Pharmacy curriculum, most Pharmacy students do not take a minor. You may want to check with your academic advisors or buddies assigned to you for more information.
72. **Why is the university promoting students to do double majors? Isn't it better for students to take up double degrees? Would it be possible for students with a double major in Y1 to 'upgrade' to a double degree after completion of 60 to 80 MCs?**
The double degree pathway may not be suited for everyone as it involves heavier demands on workload. The available major-minor/double major/double degree combinations cater to the varied interests and calibre of our students. Depending on your double major and your academic results, we would need to access if your Double Degree is permissible, please write in to askscience@nus.edu.sg to apply. In the meantime, please read the following on Double Degree Programme Framework and Guidelines, <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/double-degree-programmes/double-degree-programme-framework-and-guidelines>
73. **What is the best number of minors a life sciences student should take?**
There is no 'best number' of minors that a student should take, it is dependent on one's interest. You do not need to have a minor if you do not wish to. However, most students who do a minor will usually complete one, very rarely do we see a student doing two minors.

74. [Can one do a second major from the Faculty of Engineering?](#)
If FoE offers a second major that is open to Science students, it is possible to do so. For more information on the various second majors offered, please refer to this website: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/double-major-programmes>
75. [If i take a minor, will the credits be counted under unrestricted elective modules?](#)
Yes, any module read in excess of your major, university or faculty level requirements will be considered as a UE. Hence, modules taken for your second major or minor programme can be used to fulfil the UE requirements of your primary major. Still, do take note of the limit of 60 MCs for Level 1000 modules.
76. [Can i still use the 20mc APC for poly graduates if i were to take a second major?](#)
The 20MCs APCs granted to polytechnic graduates will be counted as UEs. If you are to take a second major, it will be excess modules that are read since modules read to fulfil the second major are also counted under the UE space.
77. [If i take a double major do i still have MCs left to study other modules outside my majors that im interested in? If i choose to take a second major in psych, does it mean that i will not have any UE left and i will not be able to S/U any mods?](#)
This depends on your study plan. If you hit the 160 MCs needed for an Honours degree purely just with your first and second major, you still can read modules out of interest, but note that all excess modules read will still contribute to your CAP. Modules read to fulfil second major/minor requirements contribute to the fulfilment of the UE requirements. Hence, if all of your second major/minor modules meet the required number of UEs needed, then you do not need to read additional modules for UE. However, you may still take additional modules for interest even if you have met the minimum MCs needed for UE. Do note that the grade for these excess modules will be computed in your CAP.
You can choose to exercise the SU option for your major/second major modules as long as it meets the S/U requirements. For more information on the eligibility of modules for S/U option, please refer to: <https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/academics/all/docs/SU-FAQs.pdf>
78. [Is there a minor in chemistry?](#)
We do not have a minor in Chemistry. However, we do have a minor in Analytical Chemistry. You may refer to: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/minor-programmes> for the list of minors offered.
79. [How many MCs does a minor occupy? Roughly, how long will a minor take in studies? Is a minor a single mod or consists of multiple mods? E.g if a want to take a minor in the upcoming sem, that means i'd have an extra mod or additional mods for that sem, right?](#)
To fulfil minor requirements, one needs to read 24MCs, or 6 modules. These 24 MCs will be counted in the UE space. It depends on how you spread these 6 modules throughout your candidature.
80. [Am I right to say that if the major/minor has too many overlaps, we will not be able to declare the minor? \(For example, Data Science and Analytics + Minor in Artificial Intelligence, almost all of the minor satisfies major requirements.\)](#)
Yes, that is correct. Please refer to the conditions of the minor to see if your major is excluded. If you are not sure, please verify with the department hosting the minor.

81. [Can we apply for the direct honours programmes like pharmaceutical science as second major?](#)
Pharmaceutical Science second major is not offered, you may choose to take a minor in Pharmaceutical Science instead. For more information about the minors and second majors available in Science, please refer to NUS Bulletin: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/nusbuletin/faculty-of-science/undergraduate-education/multidisciplinary-opportunities/>
82. [May I just check with you whether doing just 2 extra CS mods on top of the DSA curriculum fulfills requirements for minor in CS/AI? There are 4 overlapping modules](#)
You can only count up to 2 overlapping modules. Please check with SOC on whether a DSA student can minor in CS/AI and what modules he/she should take to compensate for the extra overlapping modules.
83. [Are all double majors applicable after entry into NUS including law and lsm combination for us, or are there some that demand prerequisites before uni entry?](#)
Not all double majors are available. Some double major combinations are through direct admission and/or are restricted. You may refer to the Registrar's Office website for more info. <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/double-major-programmes>
84. [Normally, when do students with a 2nd major start taking modules for their 2nd major?](#)
Anytime during their candidature. It is best to start early so that you can clear the second major requirements. You should not be extending your candidature to fulfill second major requirements, it should be completed within the normal candidature period.
85. [What type of second majors or minors do computational biology students usually take?](#)
This depends on the interest of the student. For more information on minors and second majors, you can refer to <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes>. You may wish to try out some modules in each minor/second major before embarking on one.
86. [What 2nd majors do FST students tend to take?](#)
Most of the FST students do minors, especially minor in Life Sciences, public health or entrepreneurship. For more information on minors, you can refer to <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/minor-programmes>
87. [Am i still allowed to take double minors if i already have 20 APCs given to me?](#)
Sure, but you might be reading more than 120 MCs (BSc) /160MCs (Honours)

Double Counting

88. [In the event of taking 2 minors, how will the double counting of modules work, for example there are 3 modules in the Major requirements, 2 satisfies Minor A while the other satisfies Minor B, is this allowed? Or is there a limit to number of modules that can be used for double counting, regardless of number of minors taken?](#)
Please refer to this link for more information about the double counting rules: https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/UG_FAQ-1.pdf
89. [Can you explain how double counting works in cases where the primary major and minors are similar in nature? How does double counting of modules work? Do we fulfill 8MCs by just taking 1 module? Or would it only be considered fulfilling 4MCs out of 160MCs still?](#)

No, it will only fulfil 4MCs. Double counting fulfils the requirements but not the number of MCs. For more information on double counting, please refer to this document: https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/UG_FAQ-1.pdf

90. Regarding double counting, there is a limit for 8 MCs for a minor. In the case i take additional MCs that can satisfy both the major and minor, which will it fulfil? Will we have a prompt for us to select or will it be determined by a certain system?
It will be determined by the system, but you would have to do manual checks to see if you have read modules that fulfil both the major and the minor requirements.
91. If I am on a double major in math and econs, for example MA1102R can be used for double counting to fulfill math major and econs major requirement, is it MCs is 8 but MCs towards CAP is only 4? [Qn 191]
The MCs counted towards graduation requirements is 4, likewise counting towards CAP. You are double counting the requirements, not the grade or the MCs.

University Level Requirement

92. Does NUS recommend students to clear all GE modules by y2? if yes, why?
Yes. Senior years are mostly spent focusing on disciplinary modules, internships or research which involves a heavier workload and hence, it would be recommended to clear GE modules earlier.
93. The university requirements are 20MCs. I just wanted to check are those the GE mods? Or are they separate mods? How do we fulfill the university level credits?
Yes, the university level requirements are referring to the GE modules. University Level requirements can be fulfilled by reading General Education modules, that is one GE module for each of the five pillars. Please refer to this website for more information: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/degree-requirements>
94. Do GE mods count as part of UEs?
GE modules are general education modules that count towards the University Level Requirements. You are only expected to read one from each pillar, but if read in excess, the excess modules will be counted as a UE. Please take note on the limit of 60 MCs on the Level 1000 modules when choosing to use GE modules to fulfil the UE requirement.
95. How do we know what modules are under GE mods that we need to take? Are they the modules that begin with GER?
Modules with module code that starts with "GE" are GE modules. The respective module codes for modules under each of the 5 pillars are: Singapore Studies (GESxxxx), Human Culture (GEHxxxx), Thinking and Expression (GETxxxx), Quantitative Reasoning (GER1000) and Asking Questions (GEQ1000).
96. Do students in RVRC need to take GE modules under all the five pillars?
Yes, students in RVRC will still need to take the GE modules. However, for GEQ, instead of GEQ1000, RVRC students will read GEQ1917 (4 MCs) instead. Please refer to this website for more information: <https://rvrc.nus.edu.sg/rvrc-programme/rvrc-year-one-modules/>

Faculty Requirement

97. For pharmaceutical science students, will we also meet the faculty requirements to grad with honours (taking 16 MCs worth of mods from other majors) like the pharmacy students? Or do we have to bid for them ourselves?

For Pharmaceutical Science students, 16 MCs worth of faculty requirements have to be met. Of these 16 MCs, 8 MCs will have already be fulfilled through the reading of ST1232 and PR-coded modules in your major requirements. The remaining 8 MCs can be fulfilled by reading SP1541 (except USP, UTCP and SPS students) and another module that falls in the Computing Science or Physical Science subject group. You have to bid for these 2 modules during the module bidding exercise conducted at the start of the semester.

98. Where can I find more information on faculty requirements.

Please refer to this page for more information on faculty requirements:

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/nusbuletin/faculty-of-science/undergraduate-education/degree-requirements/curriculum-structure-and-graduation-requirements/faculty-requirements/>

99. Do the CM1401 and ST1232 compulsory modules in year 1 count towards satisfying the 16MCs of Faculty Requirements (4 modules from 3 different subject groups)?

This is dependent on your primary major and which subject group your major falls under. To fulfil faculty requirements, you have to take up modules in subject groups that falls outside of your major. For some majors, some MCs of faculty requirements would have already been fulfilled through the reading of certain modules within the major requirements (please refer to individual department websites). SP1541 is also a compulsory module that has to be taken to fulfil the faculty requirements (except Pharmacy, BES, USP, UTCP and SPS students). For more information about the subject groups and where each major falls under, please refer to this page: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/nusbuletin/faculty-of-science/undergraduate-education/degree-requirements/curriculum-structure-and-graduation-requirements/faculty-requirements/>

100. If im majoring in AM, I need to fulfill 16MCs in other groups, correct? and 4MCs in the same group like CS or ST?

If you are reading BSc (Hons) you would require 16 MCs from at least 3 distinct subject groups outside the group(s) under which the major falls (where 4 MCs may come from the subject group under which the major falls, but not bearing the prefix of the major). Please refer to the table of subject group at the following URL: <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/FacultyRequirements.pdf>

101. For the faculty requirement of 12/16MC, will taking the CS/COS module count towards the faculty requirement? If I am in Math course, as CS1010 is already in my major requirement, does it also fulfill faculty requirement at the same time? Will the 4MCs be double counted? If I fulfill 16MC of faculty requirements through modules in my major requirements, overall, only 16 MC will be earned right? Since double counting is not allowed? But also, this means that I fulfilled. both faculty and major requirements with lesser classes, so I have more MC to spend freely on other electives?

Yes, the requirements are double counted but the MCs are not double counted. CS1010 will still contribute to 4 MCs and not 8 MCs. Some faculty requirements may be fulfilled via reading of modules in the major requirement depending on your major but not all. You may refer to this website for more information on the fulfilment of faculty requirements: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/nusbuletin/faculty-of-science/undergraduate-education/degree-requirements/curriculum-structure-and-graduation-requirements/faculty-requirements/>

102. Does the freshmen seminar of 4MCs count towards faculty requirements?
Yes, it counts under the Multidisciplinary and Interdisciplinary Sciences subject group but SP1541 also counts towards the same basket.
103. To obtain a B.Sc with honours, i need to have at least a total of 16MC from 3 different subjects? Does GE count as one of the subject?
To graduate with a BSc (Hons) degree, you need to read a minimum of 160 MCs and fulfil the university level, faculty, major and UE requirements. GE modules count under university level requirements. Fulfilling of 16 MCs from 3 different subject groups refers to faculty requirements. Pls refer to this document for more information about faculty requirements: <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/FacultyRequirements.pdf>

Computational Thinking Requirement

104. What is the difference between CS1010, the E, S and X variants?"
The different versions are customised by School of Computing for different faculties. CS1010S is taken by Science students mostly.
105. Where would the CT mod count toward grad MCs requirement? Is it under uni level requirements, or UEs?
The CT modules will count towards your faculty requirement. If CS1010S is a compulsory module under your major, it will count towards both the major and faculty requirements. Do note that for CM3267, it falls under both the Computing Sciences and Chemical Sciences subject group. Hence, for Chemistry major students who take CM3267, it will be counted towards major requirement and not faculty requirement.
106. For BES students, when we take GET1050, does it satisfy the requirements for both Computational Thinking as well as the pillar in one?
Yes, GET1050 counts towards both the Computational Thinking requirement and GET pillar.
107. Is CS1010S more suitable for Science Students? Especially for Data Science and Analytics major Is COS2020 or CS1010S more recommended for Physics major Students, and why?
It is dependent on preference, apart from CS1010S there are also other CT modules that one can read depending on your major (refer to <http://www.nus.edu.sg/nusbulletin/faculty-of-science/undergraduate-education/degree-requirements/curriculum-structure-and-graduation-requirements/computational-thinking-requirement/>). But yes, CS1010S is the variant most commonly taken by Science students. For Data Science and Analytics major, CS1010S would already be one of the core modules in your major requirements.
108. My primary major is applied Maths. May I ask that is CS1010 considered as a module from a distinct subject group that can be counted towards faculty requirement (while still can be used to fulfil the Computational Thinking requirement)? Is CS1010 considered as a module that belongs to the group where Maths major falls (just that it has a different prefix, which means not MA) or it is from a distinctive subject group?
Yes, for Applied Mathematics, you are able to read CS1010S which can be counted to both the faculty and CT requirement. CS1010S is considered Computing Sciences subject group and is different from Mathematical & Statistical Sciences. For more information, please refer to: <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/FacultyRequirements.pdf>

SP1541 Exploring Science Communication through Popular Science Requirement

109. For Data Science and Analytics students, do we have to read SP1541?

Yes, all students are required to read SP1541 to fulfil the faculty requirements except for Pharmacy, BES, SPS, UTCP and USP students

110. [If I am under UTCP, which module do I replace SP1541 with? For UTCP, does the SP1541 have to be replaced by a Faculty Requirement Module? Or can it be replaced by UE?](#)
UTW1001X or UTW2001X can be used to replace SP1541 for UTCP students. However, UTCP students still have to take note on the number of remaining MCs needed to fulfil the faculty requirements. The remaining MCs can be fulfilled by reading modules outside of the subject group of one's primary major.
111. [Does every student have to take SP1541 in Y1S1?](#)
All students except for Pharmacy, BES, UTCP, USP and SPS students would have to take SP1541 to fulfil their faculty requirement. Most students choose to take SP1541 within the first year as one would not be able to apply for SEP without clearing SP1541.
112. [I have not managed to find the indication that we have to take SP1541. All i got from grad requirements are just Uni & Faculty requirements as well as major requirements and unrestricted electives. I am worried there are more small details for grad requirements i may have missed. Is there any other? SP1541 is not mentioned in the FoS faculty requirements page, is there any reason for that?](#)
SP1541 is one of the modules needed to fulfil faculty requirement (except for Pharmacy, BES, UTCP, USP and SPS students). It is listed under the Multidisciplinary and Interdisciplinary Sciences subject group for faculty requirements. Please refer to this website for more information about SP1541: <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/SP1541-1.pdf>. For more information about the graduation requirements for individual majors, please refer to the respective programme pages on NUS Bulletin.
113. [I understand that if the SP1541 mod is precluded due to UTCP mods, we have to take another science mod that is not LSM prefix. Does this include the "LSM Recognised Elective Mods"?](#)
Not necessarily, most LSM recognised elective modules are from Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health which are not Science modules.
114. [Do BPharm students need to read SP1541?](#)
Pharmacy students are precluded from reading SP1541.

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) Option

115. [May i know how many SU do poly students have? Do poly students have the S/U option for 32 or 20 MCs? I've heard conflicting info from multiple sources.](#)
For polytechnic students who are entitled to 20 Advanced Placement Credits (APCs) at the point of admission to NUS, you 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. Please refer to this website for more information about APCs and S/U option: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/continuation-and-graduation-requirements>
116. [How does nus grade-free first year work? Do we have grade free semester? How many semesters will S/U be provided for?](#)
In the first 2 semesters, students may exercise the S/U option for up to 32 MCs. If this 32 MCs are not fully utilised, the S/U option may still be exercised in subsequent semesters, for up to 12 MCs. Please refer to this website for more information about the S/U option:

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/continuation-and-graduation-requirements#SU>

117. Do we need to apply if we want to use S/U or CS/CU? When are we able to decide to S/U a module?
The S/U declaration exercise will be conducted in the 3 days following results release at the end of the semester. As for CS/CU, it is applicable to some modules upfront. All students who read those modules will be graded CS/CU, there is no need to apply separately.
118. If all 32 MCs are used in year 1, will there still be the 12 MCs for the subsequent sems?
No. The 12 MCs that are carried forward to subsequent semesters comes from the 32 MCs.
119. Can we declare for S/U if we get F grade? If you get a U grade on a module it is not counted towards your CAP right? Are the MCs still earned?
Yes, you are able to declare S/U for the F grade. You will receive a 'U' if the grade obtained is lower than a 'C' grade. It will not be factored into the computation of your CAP but do note that the modular credits for a U grade will not be counted towards your degree requirements. Only credits for a 'S' grade will be counted towards the degree requirements, but not the credits for a 'U' grade. Modules with a U grade also cannot be used to fulfil the prerequisites of other modules. Students will need to repeat an essential module if a U grade is exercised for that module.
120. Is there a reason why students choose not to S/U mods? Does it make your CAP more volatile?
Sometimes your CAP might decrease if you do not choose the right modules to SU. Also, if you S/U more modules, the base of modules that count towards your CAP is smaller, and hence it will be more volatile.
121. What happens if we SU all our modules in sem 1? Does our CAP become a perfect 5.00?
No, unfortunately your CAP will be 0. Grades with an S or U does not count to your CAP.
122. May I know if we can S/U language modules of all levels? May I know for the QET which some are required to sit for earlier, if we are required to take the english modules, are they considered into our CAP?
Yes, the S/U option can be exercised for language modules and these modules will be considered in your CAP and will be counted towards your UE space.. Please refer to: <https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/academics/all/docs/SU-FAQs.pdf> for more information on the eligibility of modules for S/U option.
123. Are the information for all the modules (ie which can be S/U, prerequisites for each mod) on NUS Bulletin?
For more information about the modules such as prerequisites and timetable, you may refer to NUSMods: <https://nusmods.com/timetable/sem-1>. For information pertaining to the S/U option, please refer to: <https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/academics/all/docs/SU-FAQs.pdf> for more information.
124. If we S/U an essential module, for which we got a D for example, we will have to retake the module. But, if we do not S/U and we got a D, we do not have to retake the module, is my understanding correct? If we S/U a general module that is under our graduation requirement, does it count that we have fulfilled that requirement or do we have to retake it again?
Yes, you will receive a 'U' grade if the grade obtained is lower than a 'C' grade. Only credits for a 'S' grade will be counted towards the degree requirements, but not the credits for a 'U'

grade. Hence, if the S/U option is exercised for a 'D' grade for an essential module, you will need to retake the module. If you do not exercise the S/U option for the 'D' grade, you will not need to retake the module since a 'D' grade is counted as a pass.

125. Are the module credits gained from those modules that are S/U still counted in the 120/160MCs for graduation?
Only module credits gained from modules with a 'S' grade will be counted.
126. If I s/u a core module, can that core module still serve as a pre-requisite for, say, a lv12000 module?
If you receive an 'S' grade, it can serve as a prerequisite. If it is a 'U' grade, the module cannot serve as a prerequisite.
127. Can pharmacy students apply S/U on their year1 major modules?
Yes, they may do so for modules that allow S/U options.

Double Degree Programmes (DDP)

128. If we opt for double degree, how many additional MCs do we need to take to fulfill the second degree requirements?

If you opt to do a double degree, you will have to complete the second degree, School/ faculty requirements and the major requirements to be awarded a second degree. For double honours, you will need to complete a total of 200 MCs and for single honours, you will need to complete a total of 180 MCs. For more information on DDP framework, please refer to <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/double-degree-programmes/double-degree-programme-framework-and-guidelines>

129. I am doing a double degree in Math and CS. Is it possible to join Special Programme in Mathematics (SPM)? The CS degree requires me to do CS1231/CS1231S. While SPM requires me to do MA1100. CS1231/CS1231S and MA1100 are preclusions to each other.

Yes, it is possible to join Special Programme in Mathematics (SPM) For DDP students, usually they read CS1231S. Please refer to the following website for more information: <http://ww1.math.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates.aspx?f=UP-SPM#scrolltop>

130. I noticed on the website of DDP for Math & CS that we can apply at the end of our first year study?

Yes, applicants will be assessed based on the merits of their first-year results.

131. If I want to plan my own double degree (eg Law and Life Science), is it possible to do it in 4 years?

No, it is not possible to do it in 4 years It is a 5-year program. You may apply to do a double degree in Law and Life Sciences by applying with Department of Biological Sciences, and you will have to major in Life Sciences to be eligible to apply. For more information, please refer to: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/prog/lawlifesciences/>

132. Are DDP Math+CS students (home faculty FoS) required to take CS1101s instead of CS1010s?
Yes

133. I was admitted directly to DDP Math+CS. In EduRec, the 2nd degree's academic plan is listed as "undeclared plan" instead of the major (CS). Is this correct or should it be Computer Science?
Our apologies, there is an error during data sync, it has since been rectified.

134. Is it possible to take 2 majors, 1 minor and Law-Life Science DDP?

Law-Life Science DDP is a direct admission programme and is highly structured and workload heavy programme. Thus you might want to think through carefully if you are able to cope and complete the DDP within 5 years if you are to take on additional academic programmes. There will also be issues like timetable clashes etc which you will need to think about as well. Thus we strongly advise that you focus on that if that is what you want to do. While NUS allows many option(s) for students, one should also try to focus on a particular path.

Special Programme in Science (SPS) and Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme in Science (UROPS)

135. Does SPS provide sufficient research opportunities to build up to the FYP?

Yes, of course! One of the main focuses of SPS is to get our students fast-tracked into research. We have tailored all our modules to cultivate research relevant skills. We also have two modules dedicated to research. The first (SP2171 Discovering Science) deals with fundamental research skills, and the other (SP3172 Integrated Science Project) offers opportunities for students to work with PIs in FoS (and sometimes beyond). We also have a vibrant mentoring system that allows senior students to experience research from a supervisory perspective. *By the time SPS students reach their fourth year, they are more equipped for FYP than a typical student.*

136. What is the difference between SPS and UROPS?

SPS is a two-year program (that can be extended if you choose to be a mentor as well). In the program, you will need to take a total of 6 modules that will give you modular credits. Not all 6 modules are just about you doing research, 4 of them are seminar style lessons where you learn concepts in physics, life science, chemistry and mathematics. As for UROPS, it is a semester (or two semesters) long module where you take on a research project. There is no lecture/lesson to take for UROPS.

137. If we want to go for research, do we take UROPS?

Yes you can do research by taking UROPS. Final year projects also provide you with an opportunity to do research.

138. Is it encouraged to take more than one UROPS module?

You can take 2 UROPS modules during your studies in NUS. One at level 2000 and one at level 3000. You may refer to this for more information on UROPS: <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/education/undergraduates/undergraduate-research/undergraduate-research-opportunities-programme-in-science-urops/>

139. Is SPS available for FST students?

Unfortunately, SPS is not available for FST students. SPS is not able to accommodate students from some science majors. This is due to multiple reasons, namely the difficulty in resolving timetable clashes and the curricula of some majors being too rigorous to easily accommodate SPS. For more info, you may refer to: <http://sps.nus.edu.sg/faq/>. If you are in doubt about your eligibility for SPS, you can contact SPS colleagues to clarify: <http://sps.nus.edu.sg/about-us/contact-us/>

140. How and when can we apply to join SPS and are there any requirements to join SPS?

Yes, you can join within the first year. Applications to SPS are open now! Please visit sps.nus.edu.sg for more information and to apply. As much as SPS strives to include all majors; irresolvable clashes in workload and timetable schedules prevent us from accepting some majors. Please visit the sps.nus.edu.sg for more details

141. Is it recommended for students to take SPS if they want to do honours?

Most SPS students WILL do their Honours. SPS is a programme for students who want to dive deep in the various aspects of sciences. Students does not need to be in SPS to do honours. More info on SPS is available on the SPS website: <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/education/undergraduates/special-programmes/special-programme-in-science-sps/>

142. [If I join SPS, which requirements will the MCs fulfil?](#)

If you join SPS, students who have passed any 4 of the following modules, SP2171, SP2173, SP2174, SP3172, SP3175 & SP3176 are deemed to have completed 16 MCs of the Faculty Requirements from 3 distinct subject group(s) outside the group under which their major falls. For more information on fulfilling Faculty requirements, please refer to <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/FacultyRequirements.pdf>

If you join SPS, you would complete Computational Thinking requirement too. For more information, please refer to <http://www.nus.edu.sg/nusbulletin/faculty-of-science/undergraduate-education/degree-requirements/curriculum-structure-and-graduation-requirements/computational-thinking-requirement/>

Student Exchange Programmes (SEP) and NUS Overseas Colleges (NOC)

143. Is it possible/enough time to take both SEP and NOC?

It is not impossible, however students must plan their study plan carefully/meticulously to ensure that they can complete their degree requirements and graduate on time while incorporating both SEP and NOC into their semesters of study. They would also have to ensure that they are able to carry out their studies as planned every semester and able to manage with the workload (if overloading is required). As a lot of planning is involved, it may get challenging. It is important to note that for SEP, each university have their own list of modules which they offer to exchange students that are published at different times of the year and will vary yearly. Some universities might also restrict students to reading modules only from a certain faculty/school/department depending on your 1st major. It is best that you manage your expectations and do thorough research on the universities.

144. Any advice on how to apply for SEP? What do we have to prepare in the earlier years?

Students can find the SEP application information on the [Student Portal](#). Students are advised to plan their study plan carefully if they intend to go on SEP. The aim should not be to map all their major modules but rather, to read a variety of modules, hence they should be prepared for a scenario where they would not be able to map all their major requirements.

145. What do you usually do during exchange (having lessons/doing experiment...)?

Students are expected to undertake full-time studies/workload while on SEP and it depends on the modules they are registered in the partner university.

146. How competitive are exchange programmes?

As there are limited number of allocated SEP spaces for our partner universities, it can be expected that SEP application is competitive, especially among popular partner universities (e.g. University of California, Korea University, University of Edinburgh). Students are advised to make their selections wisely.

147. What would a typical study plan for a student who wishes to do a SEP and FYI look like? Also, how many MC would you obtain from doing an SEP?

It depends from major to major and there is no fixed study plan. How many MCs you can obtain during SEP depends on how many modules you are doing overseas and whether they are deemed to be of sufficient content to warrant mapping back to NUS for MCs.

148. Is it still possible to do SEP with double major?

Yes it is possible. Sometimes going for a semester long exchange really depends on whether you have the appropriate partner university that allows you to go and complete both your major requirements. As a lot of planning is involved, it may get challenging. Some universities might also restrict you to reading modules only from a certain faculty/school/department depending on your 1st major. It is best that you manage your expectations and do thorough research on the universities.

149. SEP sounds more of an overseas study program instead of an actual internship. May I ask if there are any opportunities for overseas internship?

Yes, there is a programme in NUS called the NUS Overseas Colleges (NOC) where you get to work with start-ups overseas. You can also self-source your own overseas internships or look out for these opportunities through Centre for Future-ready Graduates (CFG) emails or on TalentConnect under 'Overseas Internships (Open to all Faculties)' and then park it under Undergraduate Professional Internship Programme (UPIP).

150. **Are exchange programmes limited to our majors only?**
It is a university-wide initiative, and partner universities can be both university-wide or faculty specific. Some universities might however be better suited for some majors only due to the programmes or courses they are offering.
151. **Does NUS provide an opportunity for students to study a few months (maybe 1-2 semesters) in other Singapore universities such as NTU and SUTD?**
There are local SEPs available so you can study for 1 semester at NTU or SMU only. You can check out the website <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/education/undergraduates/study-abroad-programmes/outgoing/student-exchange-programme-sep/> and the student portal https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/sci/ug/SEP_main.html to see which local universities are offering the programme the next semester if they are.
152. **I was just wondering that if we want to plan ahead for SEP, where can we find the modules that we can take during SEP which can be mapped back to NUS?**
You can find the list of previously mapped modules in the student portal but please note that this list is for reference ONLY, there is no approval given to the modules in this list. After accepting the internal offer, you will still have to do detailed mapping to ensure that the overseas module can be mapped back to NUS.
https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/sci/ug/SEP_main.html
153. **I heard that selection for some SEP is based on Y1 CAP. Would this CAP be the one after or before S/U?**
It would be after SU.
154. **Will the MCs gained during SEP be counted towards UE?**
It depends on the modules you read during SEP and if it can be mapped back to relevant NUS modules. They can be mapped to modules that count towards your major requirements as well too, so this is module specific.
155. **Where can we find out which modules can be taken during SEP in the overseas uni?**
This depends on the university you are applying to, seeing the list of modules that are offered and then seeing which modules can be mapped back to nus modules based on what is taught in that module. Each university have their own list of modules which they offer to exchange students that are published at different times of the year and will vary yearly.
156. **How can i find out which modules in the SEP will be counted as UE?**
Any modules that does not fulfil your major requirements, faculty level requirements and Uni-level requirements are considered UEs.
157. **For students who are planning to go for SEP and need to clear modules, should they overload? Or do they normally clear modules in the special term instead?**
They can choose to overload, clear them in special terms or go for summer programmes. This is dependent on the student's choice.
158. **What is the difference between SEP and SAP?**
SEP: student exchange programmes
SAP: study abroad programmes
SEP is one of the programmes under SAP.

159. [When is the earliest time we can apply and go for SEP?](#)

Depending on your major, students begin to go for SEP from year 2 sem 2 onwards.

Internships

160. **What kind of internship opportunities are available for Year 1 taking Quantitative Finance?**
You can take internships with financial institutions (e.g. DBS Bank, Citibank, OCBC Bank) or consulting firms (e.g. Ernst & Young, PwC). You can also explore internship roles outside of your major. However, if you want to park your internship experience under UPIP, you can only do so after semester 3 and after completion of 32 MCs.
161. **How do you go about applying for internships, especially in year 1? How do you find internships opportunities in year 1 holiday? What are the requirements?**
You can browse through internship positions on the NUS TalentConnect portal under 'Vacation Internships – Local (Open to all Faculties)' or self-source for the positions. However, if you want to park your internship experience under UPIP, you can only do so after 3 regular semesters and after completing 32 MCs.
You can arrange appointments with your assigned Career Advisors who'll share with you more information, based on your career goals.
Refer to http://nus.edu.sg/CFG/docs/default-source/students/jobs-internships/internship-guidelines-for-students.pdf?sfvrsn=57754f26_0 for the internship guidelines put up by the NUS Centre for Future-ready Graduates.
162. **Is it really possible for us to take an internship during Year 1 winter holiday (since we have only enrolled for one semester by then)? What kind of internship can we actually do?**
Yes, you can explore the positions available on NUS TalentConnect under 'Vacation Internships – Local (Open to all Faculties)' or self-source for them. You are free to explore internship positions outside of your major. Try out positions that interest you.
163. **How much of UPIP will be focused on research? And if not on research, what would be the job scope of the intern?**
The role and job scope will depend on the internship position you apply for. Most of them are not focused on research and involve job functions such as operations, data analytics etc. If you are interested in research, you may wish to take up UROPS.
164. **Does FoS collaborate with NUS TalentConnect? What are the differences between UPIP and TalentConnect?**
You can apply for the positions on TalentConnect under 'Vacation Internships – Local (Open to all Faculties)' or self-source for positions. However, if you want to park your internship experience under UPIP, you can only do so after 3 regular semesters and after completing 32 MCs.
165. **For internship opportunities, I understand they can be done during school holidays at most. But for guys especially, it might clashed with ICT for NS. So I for those who finish their 2 yr NS and starting their ICT cycles, how do we cope with this problem when at the same time we want to take that internship long term during the holidays?**
If you are intending to take the internship under UPIP, please write in to sciupip@nus.edu.sg as there is a minimum required duration for UPIP. Please refer to Point 8 for NSmen who are called up for ICT: <http://nus.edu.sg/CFG/docs/default-source/default-document-library/Internship-Guidelines-for-Students.pdf>
166. **What are the pros and cons of taking up internship instead of a research project?**
This really depends on the individual. If you are unsure, try doing both, e.g., internships via UPIP in your second or third year or during holidays, AND research via UROPS and/or FYP. University is a place you can explore and find out what fits you. If you do not try, you will

never know for sure. With every decision and option, there are always pros and cons, but we would suggest you be brave to try and experience because experience is a great teacher.

167. [By when do we go for the UPIP?](#)

You can go for UPIP after 3 regular semesters and completion of 32 MCs. Please refer to the Science website for more information about UPIP: <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/industry/internships/undergraduate-professional-internship-programme-upip/>

168. [If we want to go for internships, is it under UPIP?](#)

Not necessary, you can do so under UPIP if you want to earn modular credits for it. Depending on your Major, you can also do internship in the form of final year internship (FYI).

169. [Does FoS offer overseas internship?](#)

For overseas internship opportunities, you may want to self-source, browse through TalentConnect under 'Overseas Internships (Open to all Faculties)' or keep a look out for CFG's emails advertising these opportunities.

170. [May I ask what's the difference between UPIP and COOP?](#)

You can read more about Co-op here: https://www.stat.nus.edu.sg/images/DSAP/UnderGrad_Dox/ProgRequirementPage-Ugrad/dsa_co-op_ay1718_v17-07.pdf. Co-op has a more extensive industrial training while UPIP is shorter, usually spanning a summer or a semester. Some explanation can be found here. <https://www.stat.nus.edu.sg/index.php/prospective-students/undergraduate-programme/data-science-and-analytics>

UPIP is available to most Science Students (except Pharmacy) during their second/third years after completion of 3 regular semesters and 32 MCs whereas Co-op is for students with DSA as their major.

171. [Does FoS offer local internship opportunities? Will they come with MCs?](#)

Yes, FoS offers internship under UPIP and it comes with MCs. Please see <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/industry/internships/more-information-on-upip/> for more information. Refer to below question for more information.

172. [Does NUS offer internships with TalentConnect? Do they have MCs?](#)

NUS TalentConnect is a platform hosting jobs and internship postings. You can also arrange appointments with your assigned Career Advisors and register for events on TalentConnect. If you want to apply for UPIP (credit-bearing), you can apply for the internships listed on TalentConnect. You will be able to view and apply to a list of pre-approved internship positions through the NUS TalentConnect > Faculty Internships – Science. You can also browse through the positions under 'Vacation Internships – Local (Open to all Faculties)'. If you wish to park the internship under UPIP, write in to sciupip@nus.edu.sg. Alternatively, you can choose to source for your internship outside of the list and inform your UPIP Administrator at sciupip@nus.edu.sg if you intend to do so.

173. [What is the programme called if we want to go for internships during holidays \(without it being counted as MCs\)?](#)

If you don't want to count as MCs, you can do the internship based on your arrangement with the company. With MCs, you can take it under UPIP.

174. [How many MCs will a UPIP be?](#)

Please check the Science Website -
<https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/industry/internships/more-information-on-upip/>. For
further queries, please email sciupip@nus.edu.sg

175. [May I know if MC bearing internships \(upip, coop\) come with a pay?](#)
Most of the time there will be some allowances by the companies.
176. [Is internship outside the UPIP Program counted as MCs?](#)
This will depend on whether you are taking the internship under any credit-bearing internship programme offered by your department (e.g. Final Year Internship, Environmental Studies Internship Programme – for BES students).
177. [Does final year internship only last for one semester? If so, can we choose which semester to do it in? Does that mean the other semester in year 4 is to take classes in nus?](#)
Final Year Internship usually lasts at least 20 weeks. Please check with your department on the minimum required period. You may have to follow department timeline on final year internship. For the other semester, you would have to read modules in NUS.
178. [I major in DSA and for the internship under honours level like DSA4299, how do i source for these internships?](#)
You can source for internships via NUS TalentConnect portal or self-source them on your own. The department will need to review it and recognise that these can be done as DSA4299. You can write to the Dept of Statistics and Applied Probability for your queries.
179. [When is the earliest we can do UPIP?](#)
After 3 regular semesters and completion of at least 32 MCs.
180. [If I take up UPIP during special term, do I need to pay extra tuition fees for the special term?](#)
No, there is no module fee for UPIP during Special Term. For semester UPIP, you are required to pay the tuition fees.
181. [For honours students under the co-operative education programme, do they have to do an honours project too?](#)
The last two internship segments take the form of an Honours-level project (DSA4299). You may refer to the NUS Bulletin for more details <http://www.nus.edu.sg/nusbuletin/faculty-of-science/undergraduate-education/degree-requirements/bachelor-of-sciencebachelor-of-science-hons-programme-requirements-b-sc-b-sc-hons/data-science-and-analytics/>
182. [Do I have to pay tuition fees for UPIP?](#)
For semester UPIP, students have to pay semester tuition fees. However, for Special Term UPIP, students do not have to pay module fee.

Career Planning

183. How do we speak to our Academic and Career Advisors to plan our timetable as we are supposed to register our modules from 23 July onwards? How do we know who are our advisors? Are we supposed to email them? Where can we find their contact information?

To know who your career advisor is, please check <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/student-life-and-services/science-career-advisory-services/>. Their contacts can be found at <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/contact-us/> under 'Career Advisors'. You may also wish to check out NUS Bulletin or your Department website for the graduation requirements or study plan to plan your timetable for AY20/21 Semester 1.

184. Is it too early for me to have Career Catalyst in Y1S1? May I know where to find more info on career planning and what is the email should I approach to if I have further enquiries?

It is good to start your career preparation and planning early. For information on Career Catalyst, refer to <http://nus.edu.sg/CFG/students/career-ready/career-catalyst>. Your Career Advisors from the Centre for Future-ready Graduates (CFG) also organise several Career Clinics (e.g. resume, mock interview) every semester. You may register for the clinics for more career tips or book an appointment with your Career Advisor.

Academic Plan Application/Declaration

Registration Matters

185. [It seems that the declaration portal is still closed? It says "You are not allowed to Declare Academic Plans." Is it because I haven't activated my student card?](#)
Yes, your student card needs to be activated first before declaring an Academic Plan, once you have your NUSNET ID and password you would be able to log in to the EduRec system and declare your academic plan.
186. [In order to declare my academic plan, must I have my nus card?](#)
No, you do not need the physical card but you need your NUSNET id and password to access the edurec system.

Primary Majors

187. [Is it possible to switch majors before the start date in August?](#)
No, once you have declared a major, you would have to stick with it through the semester. If you belong to an open major (Life Sciences/ Statistics/ Mathematics/ Physics/ Chemistry) you would be able to switch major before the start of the 5th semester. For closed majors, like Computational Biology, DSA, you will need approval before switching into or out of the major.
188. [If I want to apply for a restricted 2nd major/minor, do I still need to declare my primary major now \(eg life science\)?](#)
Yes, you will need to declare your primary major now in order to access the modreg system later to choose your modules.
189. [Is there a need to declare the second major if one has already declared it upfront \(during the application process\)?](#)
Yes you still need to confirm your declaration.
190. [If I choose to do a second major and after one semester I wish to drop it, do I have the choice to do so? Moreover, if I want to drop my initial major \(and not the one I took second\) will it be possible to do that?](#)
Yes for the first question. For the second question, this depends on your primary major. If it's restricted, you will not be able to change your primary major. Primary major and second major are two different things. You can drop your second major but you cannot drop your primary major. You only can change it.
191. [Do i have to declare a major even though its not related to my core modules?](#)
Yes, all students have to declare their primary major before you start Modreg to register for modules.
192. [If I do not wish to take any major or minors for now do I still need to declare anything on edurec?](#)
Yes you need to declare at least your primary major.
193. [What happens if I don't select a major?](#)
You will not have any priority. You are not supposed to declare an undeclared plan, please declare one of the majors. If you have declared an undeclared plan you would be contacted to update your major manually.

Specialisation

194. **Must i declare my specialisation this semester?**
No, for specialisation you can declare up till the last semester.
195. **Is there a deadline for declaration of specialisations?**
No, you can declare a specialisation up till before your last semester.
196. **Am i able to take on a specialisation if i already have a minor?**
Specialization relates to your major. So you can choose to do so or not within your major. This has nothing to do with any other minor you take outside your major.
197. **Are we still able to change our specialisation in future after we declare?**
Yes, up till the final semester of studies.
198. **Do i have to declare my life science specialisation now? if i do, will i get priorities in modules reg?**
All of level 1000 modules do not require a specialisation or are not given priority to those who declared specialisations. So you may choose not to declare a specialisation now, you can do so in future semesters.
199. **Chemistry has multiple specialisations. Do i have to specify a specialisation? I still don't what I want to do.**
You can change your specialisation up till the last semester during APAD.

Timeline

200. **What does the academic declaration mean? Can I just declare which major or minor I want? Can I change it after one semester? As a Life Science student, does it mean I can declare right away the specialisation?**
Academic Plan Declaration is the declaration of your primary major, specialisation (if any) and open minors and second majors. If the second majors and minors are open you can declare, and you may change it up till before the 5th semester. As a Life Sciences student you can declare a specialisation now, and this can be changed up till before the last semester.
201. **With regards to declaring a minor in our academic plan, are we able to declare this at a later date rather than just declaring it before we enter NUS?**
Yes, you may declare this before the start of every semester, up till before the 5th semester.
202. **If I currently have been admitted into a 2nd major but I want to downgrade it to a minor instead, can I do this on the Academic Declaration Plan? If not, when can I downgrade the 2nd major into a minor?**
If you came in with a direct admission of a double major plan, you must go through admissions first, the second major will be dropped then you will have to add in the minor/ apply for the minor. There is no downgrading option in APAD.
203. **May I ask that if I am offered dmp of applied math with econs, could I change to dmp of applied math with biz analytics?**
You would have to approach the admissions office regarding this, direct admissions are not allowed to change their plans on their own, they need to go through the admissions office.

204. Am I able to change my major after I submit the academic plan declaration? I declared to have one major with another minor but after hearing this talk, I would want to change it to 2 major instead.
No. You only can change it before the start of every semester, during the academic plan declaration period.
205. I declare my minor and specialisation this semester, can I change it next semester? ie. I drop my specialisation in the second sem
Yes you may. However, new plans must be declared before the start of the 5th semester. Dropping of plans and declaring specialisation can be done till before the start of the last semester.
206. If I take a second major in sem 1 and realise that it is not suitable for me / I do not enjoy it, is it possible to drop it halfway through the sem?
You cannot drop the second major halfway during the semester but you can still drop it before next semester when Acad Plan Application and Declaration opens again.
207. If I would like to register for a restricted minor (i.e. minor in aquatic ecology), when would I be able to declare that I would like that subject as a minor?
You will be able to register for the minor during Academic Plan Application period which opens from Reading Week.
208. Am I allowed to change/ drop/ upgrade a minor to a major within my first 5 semesters of study?
Within the first 5 semesters of study during Application Plan Declaration period, you can apply for new subjects. Dropping of subjects can be done in any semester up till your last semester during Application Plan Declaration.
209. Can I declare for open minor during academic declaration but then change to restricted minor during reading week if I have a change of mind?
You can apply for it during reading week, if accepted then it will be available for you to declare it during the Academic Plan Declaration.
210. Is there any limit for us to choose second major? Or we can only choose the second major listed in Modreg System, Academic Declaration?
Open Second majors are available for declaration through Academic Plan Declaration. Restricted second majors are available for application through Academic Plan Application, which will only be available during reading week. Please note you only can declare a maximum of one second major.
211. If I do not declare my major in academic plan declaration, can I still opt for a major after that?
If you do not declare your major, you cannot start to access modreg. Therefore, everyone should declare their majors by 22nd July.
212. I wish to know when first year student can apply for restricted minors or second majors after school starts? And could we drop them after some time if not suitable?
You will be able to register for the restricted minor or second major during Academic Plan Application period which opens from Reading Week. You may do so via the Academic Plan Application/Declaration function in EduRec during the application period. You are allowed to drop it only during the next round of Academic Plan Declaration.

213. [How and when can I apply for a restricted minor?](#)
You will be able to register for the minor during Academic Plan Application period which opens from Reading Week. You may do so via the Academic Plan Application/Declaration function in EduRec during the application period.
214. [When and how to apply for a restricted second major/ minor? how many modules must i take first](#)
You will be able to register for the restricted minor during Academic Plan Application period which opens from Reading Week. You may do so via the Academic Plan Application/Declaration function in EduRec during the application period.
215. [How do you apply to take up a second major in statistics? Thank you!](#)
A second major in statistics is a restricted second major. You may apply for it during reading week through Academic Plan Application.
216. [If I intend to take up a restricted second major and I can only apply for it during reading week, can I still take the second major modules during the first semester of year 1? Besides, to apply to take up the restricted second major \(within the faculty of science\), would there be an interview/ selection process?](#)
If the second major modules are open for selection, you may still read the second major module. As for interview, this depends on the second major you're interested in taking. Please check with the relevant department websites for more information.
217. [Would I have to declare my 2nd major/minor in my academic plan declaration before I choose the modules that fulfills the requirements for the 2nd major/minor?](#)
Some modules are exclusively open to just the second major/ minor. In this aspect, you would have to have declared the second major/ minor. If the module is open to all students / science students, you wouldn't need the second major/ minor declared first. However, for second majors and restricted minors, there is the priority system, as explained in the Module Registration talk.
218. [Can I confirm that I can apply for a minor at the start any semester before the 5th semester of study in NUS? \(when doing academic plan declaration\)](#)
Yes correct! For restricted minors, you would have to apply in via Academic Plan Application no later than the reading week of your 4th semester, for open minors, you can declare it via Academic Plan Declaration before the 5th semester.
219. [Can we take 2 different minor modules and drop one within the first two weeks?](#)
If you're referring to the minor module, you would be able to drop it via the APAD system itself. If you're referring to the minor itself, you will not be able to drop the minor till the next round of Academic Plan Declaration before the subsequent semester.
220. [Hi, how do I apply to the host faculty for a restricted minor?](#)
Via Academic Plan Application system that opens during reading week
221. [For restricted minors, will the call for application be during sem 1?](#)
The call for application will be done during reading week of each semester.
222. [In other words, I am able to simply submit just my major for now but once Reading Week comes around, I can choose to submit the application for my restricted minor then?](#)
Yes, you can submit the application for restricted minors then.

223. [How do we apply for restricted minors?](#)
You would have to apply for it through Academic Plan Application system which opens during reading week.
224. [Are Y1S1 students allowed to apply for a minor or double major yet?](#)
For restricted subjects, no. The application part is open during Academic Plan Application period during Reading week. For open subjects, yes, you can declare now.
225. [If I currently have a 2nd major in management but I wish to downgrade it to a minor in management, do I do this in the Academic Declaration Plan or later on?](#)
You may choose not to drop it now and do it later.
226. [Can i apply for a major/minor in y2?](#)
Yes you may apply for a second major or minor up till before the 5th semester.

Changing Plans

227. [Can I drop a minor before I take the courses in the minor requirements?](#)
Sure, you can drop the minor before the start of any semester, up till the last semester.
228. [Is it possible to change your minor within the first 5 semesters of study?](#)
Yes, you can change your minor before the start of the 5th semester during Academic Plan Declaration period, but not during the 5th semester itself.
229. [If we did not declare that we are doing a minor in Y1S1, are we still able to take the modules in Y1S1 and then declare the minor again in Y1S2?](#)
Yes you may! Do note that for restricted minors, you have to apply through Academic Plan Application, for open minors, you can declare them in Academic Plan Declaration.
230. [Am I able to change my module after I submit the academic plan declaration? I declared to have one major with another minor but after hearing this talk, I would want to change it to 2 major instead.](#)
No, you would only be able to declare a second major/ minor once before the start of every semester. But you are allowed to change the option until before the 5th semester.
231. [If i do not wish to declare my second major or minor in my academic plan declaration since those are open modules but no the restricted modules i wanted, can i still declare it after modreg?](#)
You can only declare your second major/ minor before modules registration start, otherwise you would have to wait for the next semester to do so.
232. [Can you upgrade a minor to 2nd major and downgrade vice versa?](#)
Most of the time, this is possible as the minors and 2nd majors are based on fulfilling a set of required modules.
233. [Can I drop a minor before I take the courses in the minor requirements](#)
Yes.
234. [Is it possible for a student to take up 2 minors? How would he do so?](#)
Declare both minors during Academic Plan Application and Declaration period

235. [If I applied to NUS with a pre-declared double major of math and com science, can i still change my primary/secondary major during the academic declaration?](#)
No, if you're coming in with a double major programme the majors would have been pre-declared for you. You will not be able to drop the second major on your own or change your primary major.
236. [Is it possible to change my selected major before studies begin in August?](#)
No, you only can declare the Academic Plan once before the start of every semester.
237. [If I take a second major in sem 1 and realise that it is not suitable for me / I do not enjoy it, is it possible to drop it halfway through the sem?](#)
You cannot drop it halfway during the semester. You can only drop it before the start of every semester, ie during Academic Plan Declaration period.
238. [Is it correct to say that i can drop my minor/2nd major anytime within first 5 sem?](#)
Yes, you can drop your minor or 2nd major anytime during Academic Plan Declaration period, not necessarily only within the first 5 semesters.
239. [If we are already admitted to a second major during admissions, do we still have to go through APAD again?](#)
Yes, you still need to confirm your declaration.
240. [If I submit my current Academic Plan as wanting to take a minor in GeoSciences but if I change my mind and want to take the minor in Aquatic Ecology, I can only do this in the next semester \(i.e. Y1S2\) or...?](#)
Only in the next semester.
241. [If, in my application to NUS, I have already chosen to take up a second major, will i still need to declare it?](#)
Yes, you still need to declare to confirm your choices.

Requirements

242. [Do i need to inform anyone if im intending to take a second major or i can just put it in my academic plan for my next sem?](#)
You would have to declare it in your academic plan in your next semester during Modreg period.
243. [Is there a need to declare a second major in my academic plan even if my mods aren't related to the major?](#)
This is up to you but you have to declare the second major before the start of the 5th semester.
244. [When can I declare to do a second major? For minors, do they count towards CAP?](#)
Open second majors are declared during Academic Plan Declaration, restricted second majors are applied for during Academic Plan Application period. Yes, all modules read in NUS counts towards your CAP, unless they are CS/CU modules.
245. [Is it still possible to take a minor even though I only applied to study one major?](#)
Yes, it is still possible to take a minor during your candidature but you must declare by the 5th semester.

246. [If i wish to take on a minor from a different faculty, do i have to declare before Sem1/ write in to the host faculty or do i just take the necessary modules to fulfil the requirement for a minor under UEs \(minor in management\)?](#)
 You can declare by the 5th sem. There are 2 type of minors - Restricted vs Open. Minor in Mgmt is a restricted minor. Look out for call for application during a semester from BIZ school. For Open Minors, you will declare before ModReg. Here is the list of Minors: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/minor-programmes>
247. [What makes Open type and Restricted type of minor programmes different?](#)
 Open minors are readable by everyone unless there are certain exclusions, for example math major cannot read math restricted minor. Restricted minor have more restrictions on who can read them, for example, you must read certain modules before applying, or go through interview when applying, etc.
248. [If we don't intend to add any new majors/minors, will we still need to do academic plan declaration at the start of every semester? Thank you](#)
 Yes, you still need to make an academic plan declaration at the start of every semester even if you have no intention to add new majors/minors. You would have to declare at the beginning of each semester before module registration.
249. [How can i find the list of open minor and restricted minor.. especially for dsa major?](#)
 Pls find the list of minors here: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/minor-programmes>
250. [For restricted minors, how do you apply to the host faculty/ department?](#)
 Look out for call for application from the relevant Fac/Sch during the semester. The contact email for restricted Minors/Second Majors are provided here: http://www.nus.edu.sg/ModReg/docs/APAD_Appln_List_of_Restricted_Programmes.pdf
251. [On the topic of open and restricted minors, those that are listed as multidisciplinary minors are considered open? and those which aren't are restricted ? If so do we enquire more with the host faculty to select the restricted minor for eg minor in entrepreneurship?](#)
 Refer to the last column "Type" in the table of minors to check if it is Open or Restricted. It is not dependent on whether it is multidisciplinary or not. Minor in Entrepreneurship is an Open minor.
 'Open' Minor - students can declare their intention to do an open minor via the Academic Plan Declaration without any prior approval from the Host Faculty/Department. 'Restricted' Minor - students are required to apply to the Host Faculty/Department and obtain approval to read a restricted minor.
252. [On the topic of open and restricted minors, those that are listed as multidisciplinary minors are considered open? And those which aren't are restricted? If so do we enquire more with the host faculty to select the restricted minor for eg minor in entrepreneurship](#)
 You may refer to this for a listing of restricted 2nd majors and minors: http://www.nus.edu.sg/ModReg/docs/APAD_Appln_List_of_Restricted_Programmes.pdf
253. [When would it be an appropriate time for me to start my forensic science minor if I am taking a life science and psychology double major?](#)
 One can only apply to pursue a forensic science minor after you have taken the LSM1306 module. Only after you have taken this module, you can apply to be admitted to the FS minor.

254. **Do I have to declare a 2nd major? what happens if I dont do it?**
 No you do not if do not want to. You should however make sure you declare your primary major.
255. **Are students allowed to take a second major in economics with quantitative finance being the primary major?**
 Yes, please refer to : https://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/ecs/undergraduate/matriculated_17-18%20onwards.html for more information.
256. **I intend to major in life sciences with specialisation in bms with a minor in data science and analytics, but while declaring my academic plan on the edurec system, the minor option was not made available to me even though I make the prerequisites - will this pose any problems during the module registration period?**
 There is no DSA minor, <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/minor-programmes> please take a look at this website for more information on the different minors available for you to take. If you wish, you may consider a DSA second major, which is available through Academic Plan Application.
257. **Does declaring a second major/ minor each set make it easier to get the related mods? or must i take the relevant mods before declaring second major/minor?**
 This depends on the types of second major/ minors. Open minors have no priority, hence declaring this does not give you an advantage in module selection. Restricted minors and second majors are only available through Academic Plan Application, which have specific requirements before applying, please refer to the individual department websites for more information.
258. **If i am interested in reading Life Sciences as a minor, how do i know if i have met the pre-requisite if I was from poly?**
 Life Science is a open minor and there are no pre-requisites. You can apply for it in APAD.
259. **Will it be possible for me to take up a minor (forensic science) in addition to my life science and psychology double major programme?**
 Yes, you can but may require you to overload for several semesters and may also require you to plan your timetable properly as the modules may clash. So choose the module electives appropriately.
260. **Can I declare public health minor and change it to public health major later?**
 Yes, you can and one usually starts that way first, by taking the minor first and then deciding if they want to carry on to pursue the second major.
261. **Can i take up a minor in chinese if i am a chinese myself?**
 My guess is you can...you should check with the offering department. If you're referring to the language module, you may need to take the language proficiency exam first.
262. **Why forensic science be considered a restricted minor?**
 Certain minors are restricted as there is a limited no. of students they can take in. This can be due to a limit in teaching staff, module quota etc.

263. If a certain minor (not restricted) is not shown when we try to do academic plan declaration, does it mean we are unable to choose that minor?
The minor, if open, should be available during academic plan declaration. However, if the module is not open it might not be available for your major. Please check if you meet the requirements of the minor, if you do, kindly check with the host department that hosts the minor.

Contact Information

264. Who can we email for further clarifications/issues regarding academic plan declaration?
scimr@nus.edu.sg
265. I'm having trouble declaring my major as there is something wrong with my edurec account. What do i need to do?
Please email to scimr@nus.edu.sg.

Module Registration

Workload Limit for First Semester

266. Will the 23 MC limit be placed on us from sem1? If I have to take more due to Minor programme how do I go about it?
Please read more modules from the second semester onwards. Your workload will increase in accordance to your CAP.
267. There is a cap to the modules taken for first sem. May I know what is the cap for the first sem? 23MCs is the maximum number of modular credits you can take for the first semester.
268. What is the maximum number of module credits I can take per sem, starting from year 1? I know the minimum is 18
The maximum number of MCs is 23MCs for the first semester. The maximum number of MCs increases according to your CAP for subsequent semesters.
269. What is the maximum number of module credits I can take per sem, starting from year 1? I know the minimum is 18.
Max for Y1S1 is 23MCs. After that it will increase depending on your CAP, please refer to the Online Letter sent.
270. I heard that year 1 student can only take 23MCs or it's "overload". Is it true?
Yes. Students in Y1 S1 are strictly to adhere to 23MCs unless they are in SPS or DDP.
Please refer to NUS Bulletin for more information:
<http://www.nus.edu.sg/nusbulletin/faculty-of-science/undergraduate-education/degree-requirements/policies-and-procedures/workload/>
271. Is there any way to take more than 23MCs in my first sem even though i am not doing DDP or SPS?
No, there is strictly no overloading in your first year, first semester.
272. If I'm taking a second major, is it possible to take more than 23MCs for example 24MCs (6 modules) in the first sem?
No, the exception is only for SPS students or Double Degree students.
273. If I overload in the first few sem and complete 160MCs, what will happen in the following sem? Do I still need to take up at least 18MC mod?
You only can underload in the final semester, a semester when you're doing internship or if there are no modules left to clear already.
274. Why do students overload modules and is it common practice?
It is generally not a common practice. Some students overload because they are doing 2nd majors or minors and various other reasons such as unable to map certain modules if they go for SEP. There are a variety of reasons why students overload. One reason could be that they want to lessen their workload during their SEP or final year. Another reason could be that they want to graduate earlier or in time with double majors, double minors, etc.
275. Will studying language modules as UE offered by CLS grant us a certification of the learning of a particular language? Also, if I use up the MCs for UE (which are 12 MCs) to study the very first few beginner modules of a particular language, can I continue to study the rest of the language modules by overloading?

For your question on CLS certificates, it is best that you write to CLS for further clarification. Yes, you may continue to ~~overload~~ read up till 23 MCs per semester. Students who overload (in subsequent semesters) will need to self-evaluate if they are able to cope with the additional workload and manage their timetable.

276. [Do GE modules count to the 20 MCs cap in Y1 Sem 1?](#)
Yes they are counted. The MC cap for Y1S1 is 23MCs.
277. [Will GEMs be counted towards the maximum workload of 23MCs this semester?](#)
Yes they are counted to the workload.
278. [I'm a pharm sci major and from what i know, 4 modules that are major requirements will be assigned to us. in addition to that, GER1000 will be allocated, and also SP1541 should be taken in Y1S1 as well. In total that is beyond 23mcs, is there an exception for this scenario?](#)
You can choose to take SP1541 in the second semester if you have exceeded the 23MC limit in your first semester.
279. [I'm a pharm sci freshman and if im already pre-allocated GER1000 in y1s1, the number of MCs\(core+GER\) i will be taking is 20MCs. Then if i take SP1541, there will be an overloading to 26MCs. Could you advise me on how I should i plan my timetable?](#)
You can still take SP1541 in the next semester, since for the first semester you can only take up to 23MCs.

Workload for SPS/DDP

280. [If I enrol for SPS will the maximum MCs for my yr 1 sem 1 be 27 MCs or 23MCs?"](#)
27MCs
281. [SP2171 is a year long 4MCs modules, I was wondering if then each semester is 2MCs? If it's 4MCs then for each sem then I would end up overloading](#)
Yes, if SP2171 is a year-long module then it would be 2MCs per semester.

Workload Limit for Subsequent Semesters

282. [If we decide to overload after Y1S1, what should we do to overload? And what is the maximum MC for a student to overload?](#)
You will automatically be allowed to overload depending on your CAP. But this overloading will only kick in from Round 3 onwards. You will not be able to overload from Round 1-2 of ModReg. As for the specific workload dependant on CAP, please refer to the Online Letter released.
283. [What is the maximum MCs that one can take in a single semester? And can one exceed that limit with permission from the University](#)
You will automatically be allowed to overload depending on your CAP. But this overloading will only kick in from Round 3 onwards. You will not be able to overload from Round 1-2 of ModReg. As for the specific workload dependant on CAP, please refer to the Online Letter released.

Pre-allocation

284. [When would we be informed on the preallocations of modules?](#)
You should be able to check your pre-allocated modules during the start of modreg under the view my classes page.

285. [Where can i find my pre-assigned mods for my course and also for UTCP?](#)
ModReg round 1, look under view my classes option.
286. [When will the science modules which are pre-allocated be made known to us?](#)
ModReg Round 1, you can see the classes under View My Classes
287. [Where do we check to see that we have modules that are pre-allocated to us?](#)
You should be able to check your pre-allocated modules during the start of modreg under the view my classes page.
288. [How would we know what modules are allocated to us already?](#)
ModReg Round 1, you can see the classes under View My Classes
289. [When will we know the modules pre-allocated to us? Is it before or after modreg begins?](#)
Most modules are preallocated before ModReg begins, you would be able to see these modules during View My Classes option.
290. [If a module is pre-allocated to us, does that mean its labs, tut, lectures are also pre-allocated and we do not need to bid for the respective slots?](#)
Most modules only have the lecture slot pre-allocated to you. Please check during tutorial/tab balloting to see which are the tutorials and lab sessions you have to ballot for.
291. [Say we are pre-allocated GER1000 in Y1S1 is it possible to defer it to Y1S2?](#)
You may appeal via modreg for the module to be dropped.
292. [What GEs will be preallocated this sem?](#)
It depends, only GER and GEQ will be pre allocated. Please refer to this for more details : <https://wiki.nus.edu.sg/display/GEQGER/Pre-allocation+Guidelines>
293. [As GER1000 and GEQ1000 are pre-allocated randomly for general science students, when will we know if we are pre-allocated them as MODREG Round 1 starts next week?](#)
You will be able to see it during ModReg Round 1, under View My Classes
294. [How many GE mods will we be allocated per sem?](#)
Apart from GER and GEQ which will be allocated, the other 3 pillars (GES, GEH and GET) are not allocated. Students can choose the modules they want to fulfil for these 3 pillars.
295. [For the pre-allocated GER1000 mod, the pre-allocated table shows a UTCP row, may i ask which row do i look at if im in data science, UTCP row: GER1000 in sem 1 or DSA row: GER1000 in sem 2?](#)
You should look at the Data Science and Analytics row.
296. [Data Science & Analytics is allocated GER1000 in Y1S1. However, I am also a student under UTCP which allocated GER1000 in Y2S1. Will I be allocated GER1000 in Y1S1 or Y2S1 in this case?](#)
You may like to refer to the pre allocation guidelines from GER1000 as follows:
<https://wiki.nus.edu.sg/display/GEQGER/Pre-allocation+Guidelines>
297. [If im majoring in applied math, how do i find out which GE mod im allocated in sem1?](#)
You will be able to see it under View my Classes when ModReg starts.

298. For science (other) students, GER and GEQ modules are pre-allocated to us right as mentioned on NUS Wiki. Will we only know in MODREG Round 1 and also do we have to choose the module in Round 1 since we are pre-allocated them?
If you are pre-allocated the module then you will not have to select the module, however you still have to ballot for the tutorial classes. It will be visible under the View My Classes option when ModReg opens.
299. Is the GER1000 pre-allocated for FOS?
Yes GER is pre-allocated for FoS students.
300. Is GER1000 going to be pre-allocated for this sem?
Yes there will be a group of students allocated GER1000 this semester.
301. I am majoring in applied mathematics. May i know when will i be informed if i am pre-allocated GER1000 in Sem 1 or sem 2? thanks
If you are pre-allocated the module in a particular Semester, it will be reflected in the ModReg system by Select Modules : Round 1. You will then need to ballot for a tutorial slot at Select Tutorials : Round 1 and Round 2. Please refer to <https://wiki.nus.edu.sg/display/GEQGER/Pre-allocation+Guidelines>
302. If we are preallocated 2 GE modules, does that mean we only apply for 3 choices in the Modreg system?
Yes, you will only need to choose from the list of available GET, GES, GEH modules during the select module rounds. You do not have to take them all in 1 semester
303. According to the GER 1000 & GEQ 1000 pre-allocation guideline slide, is it suggesting that GER 1000 will be preallocated for UTPC students in sem 2 and GEQ 1000 is not required for UTPC students to take?
Yes the UTPC modules replaces the GE modules, however you still have to take GER 1000. the 5th UTPC module is taken as a UE instead. For more information, you can refer to here : <https://capt.nus.edu.sg/faq>
304. Can i check if I'm a FoS and UTPC undergrad, am i supposed to be preallocated GEQ or GER? Additionally, there is a table provided to inform us as to when we are preallocated the GEQ/R mods, i will like to check which row do we look at? do i look at the data science row or the UTPC row to check as to when i will be pre-allocated the GER/Q mod?
You will only be preallocated GER in sem2, the rest of the GE modules are fulfilled by taking your UTPC modules. Look under cohort AY2020/21, under faculty of science <https://wiki.nus.edu.sg/display/GEQGER/Pre-allocation+Guidelines>
305. If I am pre-allocated GER/GEQ in sem 1 and I wish to take them in sem 2 instead, am I able to choose to drop the modules in sem 1 via ModReg?
You are not encouraged to drop the module once it is preallocated for you as it is recommended by your faculty. For more information, please refer to: <https://wiki.nus.edu.sg/display/GEQGER/Pre-allocation+Guidelines>
306. For Physics majors, in which sem would GER1000 be pre-allocated?
The module will be pre-allocated on a random basis over the Semesters indicated here (under faculty of science) : <https://wiki.nus.edu.sg/display/GEQGER/Pre-allocation+Guidelines>

307. What if I am allocated GER1000 in sem 1 but I want to take it in sem 2 instead?
GER 1000 is on a pre allocation basis, you cannot choose which semester to take it in.
308. Since Pharmacy students are prescribed specific modules in specific semesters, will that affect prioritisation? Or will the Pharmacy modules be preallocated?
For Pharmacy core modules, it would be preallocated to you by Department of Pharmacy.
309. So for faculty requirements all students in FoS has to take CT requirements and SP1541 as 8 of the 16 MCs? Will SP1541 be preallocated in Sem 1?
No, students have to select CT modules and SP1541 by themselves.

Timetable Planning

310. If a module is pre-allocated, how do we plan it in our timetable?
Refer to your respective departments talks to see which modules are preallocated to you. You may also see your preallocated modules under View my Classes in EduRec.
311. I'm not sure If I am using modreg timetable correctly but I don't see life science course there to select?
NUSMods are for planning the modules pertaining to your degree requirement. It's not planned according to the course but to the modules the students wants to take in a particular semester.
312. If the NUSMods does not reflect the tutorial slots (LSM1105 and 1102) does that mean that the modules do not have tutorials? or just that the timings are not out yet?
LSM1102 tutorials are to be registered when semester opens - look out for it in the module LumiNUS. LSM1105 tutorials are also announced later in the LumiNUS, check your module LumiNUS when semester starts.
313. The schedule for the modules shown in modreg is the same every week right?
Yes, unless the weeks are indicated in ModReg itself. Some modules have an additional line like "Even Weeks" written while scheduling the timetable on NUSMods
314. Hi, for the NUSmods, does it mean that you will have the same schedule every week for that semester?
Yes it is the same schedule. However some modules have lab or tutorials on alternate weeks . so on some weeks, that particular timeslot may be free for you.

Module Offerings

315. Is module FMS1204S offered in AY2020/21? It used to be on the NUSMods website but appears to have disappeared
It will not be offered for AY2020/21 Semester 1. Thank you.
316. For CS1101s, there are no elearning tutorial slots in sem 1 on nusmods. Will FoS students be allowed to take it in sem 1?
Yes, there will be e tutorial slots, please just select the e-learning tutorial and recital when you do tutorial selection.
317. Are there some modules not reflected in NUSMods yet?
Most of the modules are reflected in NUSMods. However, there may still be changes ongoing, please do check the website regularly for your planning of timetable.

318. [Mods that haven't have exact timetable till now, e.g MA1102R, is that a system error or does that mean it is a self-learning mod?](#)
It's an OTOT module, you can watch lecture and tutorials at your own convenience.
319. [MA1102R does not show anything on ModReg. Are there no tutorials/lectures/labs?](#)
No it means that the module is on a OTOT basis, you can watch the lectures and tutorials on your own time. For more enquiries regarding MA1102R, you may send it to the Math department.
320. [May I know why the timetable for MA1102R \(intro to calculus\) does not show up for Sem 1, in NUSMods? May I also get the email address of NUSmods or the module coordinator so I can further clarify how this module will be scheduled?](#)
This means that the module will be OTOT, it's not planned in the timetable so you can watch lectures and tutorials at your own time.
321. [When will the finalised timetable for each module be out? As of now MA1102R, calculus, the timetable for sem 1 is not out yet.](#)
The module MA1102R is designed in an OTOT manner, you can view lectures and tutorials at your own convenience.
322. [I would like to take MA1102R in sem 1 but the sem 1 timetable for it on NUSmods is empty. Is it not offered in sem 1?](#)
The modules are conducted in an OTOT basis, you can watch the tutorials and lectures at your own timing. For more enquiries regarding the module, you can contact the Mathematics department.
323. [Are we allowed to take CS1010s next semester? Since the module is from SoC.](#)
Yes, NUSMods only shows the physical classes for CS1010S but there are e-learning options available.
324. [Would I be able to take CS1010S this semester as there are physical classes in another zone?](#)
Yes, NUSMods only shows the physical classes for CS1010S but there are e-learning options available.
325. [Is there anyway to view the timeslots of e-learning tutorials and recitations for CS1010S? NUSMods does not currently show them.](#)
Yes, NUSMods only shows the physical classes for CS1010S but there are e-learning options available.

Timetable Clash

326. [Is it possible to be allocated a tutorial that clashes with your lectures of other mods? Or is there some protection against that?](#)
No, you should not be selecting modules with clashes, if somehow you manage to get the module, there will be checks conducted to drop the clashing module.
327. [On the NUS mods timetable, 2 of my required mods has a clash in the lecture timing and there is no other timing available. How would I approach this? Would I be able to attend the e-lecture after it is conducted or do I have to replace one of the mods with another replaceable mod.](#)
Please read modules without clashes in timetable.

328. If there is a situation where the tutorial allocated to me clashes with a lecture, do I submit an appeal too?

The tutorial cannot be allocated if there is a clash in lecture. So please plan your timetable carefully. As reiterated several times in several platforms, timetable clashes in FoS are NOT supported. The module will be dropped should the tutorial not be able to be allocated to you due to a clash.

329. If a lecture which is e-learning clashes with a face-to-face lecture, is it allowed?

No, please do not plan to take lectures or tutorial which clashes with each other.

Module Selection

330. If I want to take a minor in forensic science, is there a prerequisite module? If so, what is the module code?

You should read LSM1306.

331. If students have to plan their own timetable, how do they know what courses they must take in sem 1?

Your respective department would let you know what modules contribute to your graduation requirement. You can also check the NUS Bulletin: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/nusbuletin/faculty-of-science/>

332. Is there pre-arranged modules for us to use it instead of us finding and arranging our modules ourselves?

No, it is the responsibility of the student to plan their own timetable

333. For the UEs, should we try and clear during our first two years or is that usually done in y3&4? and should we overload in the earlier years since year 4 is usually more stressful with final examinations etc?

UEs are modules that are not part of your University/Major/Faculty requirements. You can certainly do UE in senior years because some of them are higher level modules that require lower level modules as prerequisites.

334. Is it recommended to take career catalyst mod in y1s1?

Yes, it is encouraged so that one is better able to plan ahead and will have a longer runway to prepare their portfolio/experience for future employment/postgrad studies.

335. Is it possible to apply for 3rd language mod in sem 1, and if possible it will be done in round 2 right? Also, how would i fit it so that it makes up to 23MC as 6 mods would make 24MC?

You are not allowed to take more than 23MCs in your first semester. So you will be able to do it in subsequent semesters.

336. Do we apply for open minor modules in Round 1 or Round 2?

Depends on when the module is offered to you. Most modules within science are open to science students from Round 1 itself.

337. Can we turn a minor into a second major if we decide that we want to learn more about that subject?

Yes this can be done by taking more modules to fulfil second major requirements.

338. For the restricted minor (Forensic Science) which I have not applied for, can I apply for the module (LSM 1306) required for it in Round 1, because I am in Life Sciences major? Or can I only apply it from Round 2 onwards?
It should be available to you since Round 1 if you are a Science student.
339. Are we unable to select open minor modules in round 1?
No if those modules are from other Faculties. However, most science modules are open to science students from Round 1.
340. What if the restricted minor need us to preread some modules before application? Are we still able to see and select those modules during round 1/2/3?
Yes you should be able to see the module. If its a module outside of science then it will be offered at later rounds. Modules within science should be offered from round 1 onwards.
341. How many choices are we given for the different rounds of Modreg?
Up to 10 choices
342. If i declare a minor now. Do i need to take modules pertaining to the minor in the first semester itself?
No you do not have to, but you need to plan wisely and ensure that you can graduate on time.
343. Is the priority score system the same as the bidding system or are they two different things?
There is no more bidding system, NUS now follows the priority score system.
344. Modreg and tutorial reg are not first come first serve right?
No they are not.
345. Is vacancy based on first come first serve basis?
No, its random balloting after priority and tiebreaker.
346. Does a more popular mod have a higher popularity number?
Based on the number of students wanting to read it during that particular semester. Not based on historical popularity.
347. Do I register for the freshman seminar during module registration or do I need to sign up for it separately?
During module registration itself.
348. Are we unable to select general education modules in round 1?
GE modules are only available from Round 2 onwards.
349. Will UTCP students be allowed to select the RC's modules in Round 1 or only Round 2 & 3?
Please check with UTCP administrators on when the modules are available to you
350. For pharmaceutical science students, will we also meet the faculty requirements to grad with honours (taking 16 MCs worth of mods from other majors) like the pharmacy students? Or do we have to bid for them ourselves?
For Pharmaceutical Science, 8MCs out of the 16MCs are fulfilled through the reading of ST213 and PR coded module within the major requirements. The remaining 8MCs of faculty requirements you would have to choose it during ModReg. For more information, please refer

to: <http://pharmacy.nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/BSc-Pharm-Science-Course-Table-for-Cohorts-AY2018-19-and-AY2019-20-updated-20-May-2020.png>

351. Does withdrawal mean that one module will be deducted in this semester, or one can choose to study another module in lieu of the withdrawn module?
Withdrawal does not count to the number of modules read and passed, means next semester you would have to overload.
352. Is it possible and okay to read level 2 modules in year 1?
Yes you may, as long as the pre-requisites for the modules are fulfilled.
353. If a mod is 3000 but has no prerequisite, is it ok for year 1 to take?
Technically one can do so, but a year one candidate may have lower priority for a level 3000 module. Here the module priority briefing currently.
354. Do we choose the timeslot for the modules as well during modreg?
Yes, you can choose which lecture slot you wish to register for during modreg.
355. Will there be a case whereby we are allocated classes in which the timings clash with each other?
No the system will not do that, nor allow you to register modules that has clashes.
356. Given that most modules will be e-learning, does it mean that there will be more vacancies for each module?
Most modules will have similar quota and in many instances, even during regular times (apart from COVID-19), most students should be able to get the modules they want.

Tutorial Selection

357. Are tutorial groups for the same module conducted by the same professor?
Depends on the module in question. Some modules have teaching assistants for tutorials.
358. For tutorial groups (of the same module) with different professors/teaching sessions, would their names be reflected when choosing the tutorial groups during the application?
No it will not be until you are registered in the tutorial session.
359. If we selected only 3 timeslots for a tutorial, the timeslot allocated to us is only one of these 3? Or we might get timeslots we never selected in the first place.
One of the three.
360. For modules with only 1 Tutorial slot, do you have to ballot for that tutorial slot?
Yes you still need to.
361. For modules that do not have multiple tutorial slots mapped =on nusmods, does that mean that there's only a single tutorial slot for that particular module? (eg. CM1501 wed 5-6pm)
Usually yes, but due to the nature of this semester, where tutorials can be conducted online, it would be best to check with the lecturer directly to double confirm. You can also access the LumiNUS page for this module and see if there are more information there.
362. On NUSmods, there are multiple tut sessions available to choose from for the week. Are all the tut sessions available or they're available based on demand? So if very few students chose a particular timeslot, will that tut session still be held?

Usually the tutorial would proceed as normal. If the tutorial slot is cancelled, we would inform student who have enrolled in that slot.

Tutorial Add/Swap

363. Does it mean that if I did not manage a tutorial for my module, I can use the add tutorial option?

If you did not manage to secure a tutorial slot for the module (meaning you were not successful in the slots that you wanted), you can “add” the tutorial group ONLY IF it becomes available during the add/drop/swap round. If the quota has already been filled, you cannot add the group.

364. What happens if after tutorial add/swap, the tutorial I am allocated clashes with another of my classes?

The system will not allocate you to any class that clashes with other existing modules that you have already been registered for.

365. What is the difference add/swap? Add - signing up for an extra tutorial? Swap - changing tutorial slots?

Add tutorial only if you have not been allocated one. Swap tutorial is if you have been allocated a tutorial/lab class but wish to change to another class.

366. What's Add/Swap?

Add = add a tutorial group (that is available) for yourself. Swap = to request for a swap done by the system if a match occurs with someone else who wants your slot (and you want his/hers).

Others

367. May I know for ModReg Day briefing, will the points be covered the same as today's briefing? ModReg briefing is a student run initiative, there might be more information provided by your fellow seniors. You are highly encouraged to attend it.

368. Is the priority score the same as bidding?

No. You do not have any pool of points, you will be ranking modules instead.

International Students

369. I'm an international student, can I stay in my country if all of my modules are e-learning?
As of now, we encourage students to make plans to come to NUS in the coming academic year. You may want to write to askscience@nus.edu.sg for a more in-depth discussion for us to better support you.
370. For international students, if we want to participate in internships during holiday either via the UPIP or individually, do we need to apply for working permit in order to involve ourselves in internships?
If you are taking the internship under UPIP, you do not need to apply for work pass. Please refer to <https://www.mom.gov.sg/passes-and-permits/work-pass-exemption-for-foreign-students> for more information on working during the vacation or school term for non-credit bearing internships. Do note that if it is a non-credit bearing internship during the school term, you are only allowed to work for a maximum of 16 hours a week.
371. I realize that some modules will be taught in-campus and some through e-learning. However, I am international student coming from Indonesia and currently flights from Indonesia to Singapore to Indonesia are not available. In such case, are there e-learning options for international students?
As of now, we encourage students to make plans to come to NUS in the coming academic year. You may want to write to askscience@nus.edu.sg for a more in-depth discussion for us to better support you.
372. I am an international student. I found that most modules will be taught via e-learning. Can I not to travel to Singapore first if all lectures are taught via e-learning? Will all tutorials and recitations can be chosen for e-learning? Will I be penalised if I am unable to attend face-to-face tutorials and recitations because I have not travelled to Singapore or I am serving SHN in dedicated facilities?
As of now, we encourage students to make plans to come to NUS in the coming academic year. You may want to write to askscience@nus.edu.sg for a more in-depth discussion for us to better support you.
373. How do the module prerequisites apply to international student?
When you come in through admissions, we will look through the subjects you have taken and grant a waiver for A level subjects accordingly. This will enable you to take modules that you have qualifications for.

E-learning and Zoning

374. Are we allowed to take CS1010s next semester since it is from SoC and we are unable to attend their physical classes due to zoning? No news of virtual classes from them yet. Will CS1010S be provided in e-learning mode For CS1010S, NUSMODS shows that the tutorials and recitations locations are situated in Zone C, but FoS is situated in Zone B, will both be changed to online?

Both tutorials and recitations for CS1010S will be online. Please check with the module coordinators if you have any further queries. It may take time for the module host to update the information in NUSMODS.

375. Under current situation, will any physical exam/quiz be conducted on campus? How will exams conducted for those who are not able to come to Singapore for Sem1 ? Will there be alternative assessments arranged ?

Modules offered by Science are either 100% CA or online final exam. There are some classes that are less than 50 and held f2f in campus, hence, module coordinators may conduct f2f CA quiz in the class with the proper safety measures such as temperature declaration, social distancing of 1m apart, etc implemented. For more information, please do check with the module coordinators whether the CA quiz are held f2f or online. Alternatively, students could check the module's assessment mode via LumiNUS. If you are not able to come back to Singapore in Semester 1, please drop an email to askscience@nus.edu.sg for a further in-depth discussion.

376. Are we allowed to read UEs outside our zones given the situation now?

No, you may not cross zones to read modules outside your faculty. Take only those modules which are offered via e-learning, make sure that all the components (lecture, tutorials, lab, assessments) are also conducted via e-learning.

377. Is it advisable to take CS1010 in Y1S1? For someone with no programming background, will e-learning make it harder for me to learn?

Some students find it easier to cope via e-learning, some students find it harder to cope. This depends on the individual.

378. If a module is shown to be taught via e-learning on NUSMods but because after module registration, it was found that the actual class size became smaller than 50, is it possible for it to be switched to face to face classes?

It might be possible to switch to f2f depending on the Module coordinator. Any changes will be communicated to the students. If the Module Coordinator decided to switch to f2f, only students in Zone B can attend f2f classes conducted in Science.

Students are not allowed to cross zone, hence modules that involve students from different zones will be taught online regardless of class size.

Modules coordinators are reminded to make alternative arrangements (multi-modalities) for some students who may not be able to attend (e.g., international students who may not be able to travel back or students who do not or cannot travel in or have access problems, etc).

379. For modules such as CS1010S that has only lecture in e-learning mode, does it still require student to go back to Campus?

No, CS1010S is offered fully online. If you are a Science student, you can only attend f2f classes that are conducted in Science, that is Zone B. You are not allowed to cross to School of Computing to attend any of the f2f lessons.

380. If all students are from the same zone and there are lesser than 50 students, even if initially on NUSMods, the module was supposed to be e-learning, the professor can choose to switch to F2F classes?
It might be a possibility. Decision still lies with the module coordinator. Any changes will be communicated to students. Only students in Zone B are allowed to attend the f2f classes conducted in Science. Modules coordinators will have to make alternative arrangements (multi-modalities) for some students who may not be able to attend (e.g., international students who may not be able to travel back or students who do not or cannot travel in or have access problems, etc).
381. Can you attend f2f modules in your residential zone?
Students who stay on campus will be assigned a Study Zone (based on their Faculty/School) and a Residential Zone (based on the location of their hostels). These student residents can purchase food and dine at canteens and food outlets in their Study Zone. They may only purchase food at canteens and food outlets in their Residential Zone and specific/approved canteens near their hostels. While each hostel is within a particular zone, these student residents are allowed to travel to their Study Zone which may not be in their Residential Zone to attend face-to-face lessons/visit laboratories, where required.
382. If I am in PGPH, is my GER1000 still fully online?
Yes GER1000 is conducted fully online this semester.
383. With the covid situation, is everything e-learning?
No, labs and small group tutorials will still be run face to face. Do check out the intro letter sent to all incoming students. Please check NUSMODS for more details, <https://nusmods.com/>
384. Amidst this unprecedented COVID-19 crisis that has been with us for more than half a year and may be around for months to come, how will the faculty ensure that the E-learning experience (in terms of lectures, tutorials etc.) for incoming Year 1 students will be similar to that of attending such lessons in the campus? And will it affect/modify the learning experience now that it is all brought online?
While E-learning experience will be different compared to attending lessons on campus, please rest assured that you can always seek assistance from the Lecturers/Tutors. Also, you are empowered to take charge of your own learning. As the situation might change with time, please refer to the circulars on the website <https://emergency.nus.edu.sg> for updates.