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To: All Returning Students of the Faculty of Science

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

This letter contains important information on the Online Module Registration through Module Registration at Education Records System (ModReg@EduRec) and filing procedures for Graduation and Honours Project for AY2021/22 Semester 1. Do read this letter carefully.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO COVID-19

### **Modules offered within Science for Semester 1, AY2021/22**

The Faculty of Science will be adopting a two-pronged approach to modules that are offered within Science.

- Classes for those modules with enrolment no more than 50 students can continue to be held face-to-face, in line with the University and Government's policy and guidelines (i.e. safe distancing measures, and once-a-day health declaration which is to be done before entering campus). These classes include laboratory classes, field trips as well as small-scale tutorials classes.
- Classes for those modules with enrolment above 50 students will be taught via e-learning.

As module coordinators may choose to teach via e-learning for classes with 50 students or lesser, students are strongly advised to check [NUSMods](#) from Jul onwards for the class and exam timetable for Semester 1 AY21/22.

Classes that are taught purely via e-learning will have the venue displayed as 'E-learning'. Modules coordinators may also choose to teach via hybrid and incorporate some face-to-face lessons, such as demo experiments, small group discussions, etc, regardless of the class size. Classes that are taught via hybrid will have the venue displayed as 'E-Hybrid' in NUSMods. Please refer to [LumiNUS](#) or approach the module coordinator of the module to find out more on the teaching mode and examination format of the module.

### **Advisory on use of masks**

All students **must** always wear their mask while on campus. The mask should be close-fitting and completely cover their nose and mouth.

### **Safe Distancing**

Students must always maintain safe distancing of at least one meter. A gathering of up to 5 persons per group with one meter apart from each group is allowed and strictly no intermingling among the groups (applies only for essential group work discussion, lab demo with equipment constraints, field work work/lessons etc.). The number of social gatherings is limited to no more than two a day.

### **Contact Tracing and Sensing**

To facilitate NUS contact tracing, all students are required to download the "uNivUS" app and logging in to NUS WiFi whenever you are on campus, so that NUSafe is activated.

All students are required to download the "TraceTogether" app or carry the "TraceTogether" token.

### **Health Declaration**

"uNivUS" Mobile App: Students are to install the "uNivUS" app through the App Store for iOS, or Google Play for Android for their once-a-day health declaration.

All students who come to campus must declare their health and temperature status before they arrive on campus. Students staying in hostels **must** declare their health and temperature status once a day.

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### **Entry Approval Required for All Long-Term Pass Holders (Student's Pass (STP) & holders of In-Principle Approval (IPA) Letter for STP)**

All existing Student's Pass (STP) holders, and those who have been granted In-Principle Approval (IPA) Letter for STP, who are planning to enter or return to Singapore **must obtain an Entry Approval** before commencing your journey to Singapore.

With effect from 5 April 2021, Entry Approval application for STP and STP-IPA holders will be managed by the Safe Travel Office (STO) under the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA).

- STP and STP-IPA holders are to apply for their Entry Approvals directly via the [STO-STP website](#).
- A step-by-step guide on the application process, information on PCR Tests, SG Arrival Card and SHN is also available on the STO's website.
- As mentioned on the STO's website, there is a Safe Travel Enquiries Helpline at 6812 5555 and an [enquiry form](#) to help you with your queries. Those arriving in Singapore without the Entry Approval will not be allowed to clear immigration and will be required to fly out of Singapore within 48 hours at their own cost. Those who fail to comply will have their STP cancelled or STP-IPA rescinded by ICA.
- For Singapore Citizens/Singapore Permanent Residents who are planning to return to Singapore, please refer to [STO-SC/SPR website](#) for more information.

### **Stay-Home Notice (SHN) and Other Declarations (For Students Granted with Entry Approvals)**

Travelers planning to enter Singapore must comply with the prevailing border control measures and public health requirements. Please refer to the [SafeTravel website](#) for the latest measures and requirements.

For more information, please refer to the following websites/pages:

- [MOH update on COVID-19](#)
- [MOH FAQs on COVID-19](#)
- [ICA's Update on Border Control Measures in Response to COVID-19](#)
- [ICA's Summary of SHN and swab test requirements](#)
- [NUS Advisory on COVID-19](#)

### **Advocating Safe Travel**

All staff and students travelling to Singapore should check the [Immigrations and Checkpoints Authority website](#) regularly for the most updated information on health and border control measures for incoming travelers, including SHN requirements. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents do not require prior approval to enter Singapore.

### **Overseas Travel Declaration (OTD)**

All staff and students were required to declare their travel plans in the [OTD system](#) for the period from 1 June 2020 to 30 June 2021. You will need to update your OTD declaration only if there are changes to your previously declared travel plan(s), to declare any new travel plan(s); and as and when you have confirmed your travel plan(s).

If you declared 'No Travel' for the period from 1 June 2020 to 30 June 2021 previously, the OTD system will extend your declared 'No Travel' status for the period from 30 June 2021 till 31 December 2021.

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Students who do not complete their OTD declarations will not be able to access the following systems or services:

- LumiNUS access will be blocked.
- The following services under Edurec access will be blocked:
  - Research Scholarship stipend disbursement (if applicable)
  - Enrolling for modules
  - Viewing Student Status Letter
  - Viewing exam results/Academic Advisement report
  - Viewing Unofficial Transcript
  - No Official Transcript
  - Withholding Conferment letter and degree scroll (if applicable)
- ModReg access will be blocked.
- Student residents will not be allowed to check into their rooms.

### **Swab testing for students with Acute Respiratory Infection**

To contain any potential spread of COVID-19 in educational institutions and the community, students from Higher Learning institutes who are unwell with respiratory symptoms such as cough, sore throat and runny nose will be checked for Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) when they consult a doctor. Once diagnosed, you will be prioritized for COVID-19 testing which involves undergoing a swab test.

If you are unwell with respiratory symptoms, you should:

1. Consult a doctor immediately
2. Inform the doctor that you are from NUS, and show your Student ID as a proof of identity
3. Declare your health status in the “**uNivUS**” Mobile App

If you have been sent for swab testing, the consulting doctor will issue medical leave to you. Do not come to class/office/campus while waiting for your COVID-19 swab test results. You are to remain at home, self-isolate as much as possible, observe good personal hygiene, and monitor your health. Your test results, which will be available within three working days, will be conveyed to you by the doctor.

Please notify OSHE at [swabresults@nus.edu.sg](mailto:swabresults@nus.edu.sg) if the swab test result is positive.

### **Student Life Matters**

Our Student Life Team is dedicated to ensuring that all Science students are well-supported at all times. We will be here to extend a helping hand to students in need and will provide a listening ear when they are in distress. We also manage financial aids for financially challenged Science students. For more details, please refer to: <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/student-life-and-services/wellness-academic-financial-support/> or write to [sciylc@nus.edu.sg](mailto:sciylc@nus.edu.sg).

### **Circulars for updates**

Do note that as these are times of uncertainty, the information provided is as accurate of the latest circular, please refer to <https://emergency.nus.edu.sg/> for updates regarding COVID-19.

## ACADEMIC PLAN DECLARATION

Academic Plan **Declaration** allows you to declare your major, honours, specialisations, minors, and second majors during the regular semesters. Please note that you will not be allowed to register for modules unless the Academic Plan has been declared. You are also only allowed to make one declaration per semester. The minimum requirement of your candidature is to read 1 Major Programme and the maximum allowance is 2 Major Programmes with 2 Minor Programmes (Pharmacy students are allowed to read a maximum of 1 Major Programme only). Do select the Programmes according to your ability. You will not be allowed to add in a new second major/ minor beyond the fifth semester of study. Please refer to the online user guide on how to proceed with the Academic Plan Declaration; [http://www.nus.edu.sg/ModReg/docs/User-Guide-\(Std\)\\_AcadPlan\\_Decln.pdf](http://www.nus.edu.sg/ModReg/docs/User-Guide-(Std)_AcadPlan_Decln.pdf)

Academic Plan **Application**, on the other hand, involves the application for closed and restricted minors and second majors. The application period is in April, for Semester 1, and October, for Semester 2. Please look out for the email sent by the Registrar's Office on Academic Plan Application.

For more information, please refer to this [website](#).

IMPT: Do note that every student is to declare their Academic Plan before the start of every semester at least one day before Module Registration. Students who have not declared their Academic Plan would not be able to proceed with Module Registration. If you have already submitted the Academic Plan Declaration before Module Registration (Round 0), you will not be able to change the declaration as students are only expected to declare once per semester.

## MODULE REGISTRATION AT EDUCATION RECORDS SYSTEM (ModReg@EduRec)

Module Registration at Education Records System (ModReg@EduRec) is the University's new consolidated module registration platform. The schedule for ModReg@EduRec for AY21/22 Semester 1 (Round 1-3) is as follows:

Module Registration period	22 Jul – 5 Aug 2021
Tutorial Registration period	11 Aug – 17 Aug 2021
Lectures begin	10 Aug 2021
Tutorials begin	16 Aug 2021
Drop with 'W' grade	23 Aug 0000hrs – 26 Sep 2021 2359hrs
Drop with 'F' grade	27 Sep 2021, 0000hrs onwards

Please refer to the ModReg@EduRec website <http://www.nus.edu.sg/ModReg> at for more information on the schedule as well as step-by-step video and user guides to aid you in this module registration process.

### **Select Modules Rounds**

Do note that Round 0 & Round 1 are the protected rounds, where students will be able to select modules that can be used towards:

- Programme (Faculty, Major, Specialisation) requirements
- Second Major requirements
- Direct admission/ Restricted Minor requirements
- Prescribed English requirements (i.e. modules offered by CELC)

Round 2 and Round 3 are open rounds where students are able to select all modules (including General Education modules) they wish to read for the semester. However, do note that this is just a general guideline and the module offering is at the discretion of the module host.

### **Assistance**

Should you require any assistance, please email [scimr@nus.edu.sg](mailto:scimr@nus.edu.sg).

### **Workload**

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

CAP	Round	Max Workload	Remark
0.00 – 5.00	0 – 2	23	
0.00	3	26	Freshman (if all subjects are S/U-ed)
0.00 – 1.99	3	23	Probation
2.00 – 3.19	3	26	
3.20 – 5.00	3	32	

Do note that the stipulated minimum workload that each student should have from AY2015/16 Semester 1 onwards is **18 MCs per semester**.

## **MODULE AND EXAMINATION TIMETABLE**

The class and examination timetables for AY2021/22 Semester 1 can be found at the following URL: <https://nusmods.com/modules>

The onus is on the student to map out the study plan and avoid registering for modules with clashes in class or examination timetable. **Faculty of Science is not supportive of timetable clash waivers.** Appeals are **only** considered if students require the module to fulfil their graduation requirement in their graduating semester, without which might lead to a delay in graduation. Students may use the NUSMODS timetable builder to generate a personalized timetable: <https://nusmods.com/timetable>

## **NUS DATA PROTECTION POLICY AND PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION ACT (PDPA) GUIDELINES**

Recently, Singapore has seen multiple cases of data breaches and attacks on our IT infrastructure. Understanding that the University is not immune to these incidents and threats, we have taken direction from the Singapore Personal Data Protection Commission (PDPC) to roll out an e-training module DP1001 NUS Data Protection Policy and Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) Guidelines to all undergraduates.

All students are required to complete the e-training module, "E-Training Package on Student Essentials" via LumiNUS.

If you have questions related to NUS' collection, use and disclosure of your personal data, you may contact NUS Data Protection Office at +65 6776 2835 or [dpo@nus.edu.sg](mailto:dpo@nus.edu.sg).

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## QUALIFYING ENGLISH TEST (QET)

Students who have yet to take their QET will be notified by the Registrar's Office. The Centre of English Language Communications (CELC) will notify the student of their results after they have taken QET.

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

Students are strongly advised to complete the required module(s) within the first year of study. Students who are required to read both ES1000 and ES1103 may read ES1000 in the first semester of study and ES1103 in the second semester of study. Please refer to the CELC website for more information:

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/celc/programmes/qet.html>

## COMPULSORY COMMUNICATION MODULE

The Centre for English Learning and Communication (CELC) and Faculty of Science co-developed SP1541 Exploring Science Communication through Popular Science, a compulsory module for all Science students (except Pharmacy and Environmental Studies students, USP and SPS students and students from any Residential Colleges) matriculated in AY2015/16 and beyond. Students are strongly advised to complete the module within the first year of study. Students who are required to read ES1000 and/or ES1103 should complete the module within the first two years of study.

Please refer to the following website for more information:

<https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/SP1541-1.pdf>

## GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) CURRICULUM

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

- i. Human Cultures
- ii. Asking Questions<sup>1</sup>
- iii. Quantitative Reasoning<sup>2</sup>
- iv. Singapore Studies
- v. Thinking and Expression

<sup>1</sup> GEQ1000 Asking Questions is the only module offered under the pillar. Ridge View Residential College (RVRC) students may read GEQ1917 Understanding and Critiquing Sustainability to fulfil the Asking Questions pillar.

<sup>2</sup> GER1000 Quantitative Reasoning is the only module offered under the pillar. University Scholars Programme (USP) and University Town College Programme (UTCP) students admitted from AY2016/17 are required to read GER1000. The rest of the GE requirements are fulfilled by USP/UTCP modules.

Students are strongly encouraged to complete the GE modules within the **first 2 years** of your candidature.



### GER1000 & GEQ1000 module pre-allocation

All students, regardless of hall residents or non-hall residents will read the modules under the module code GER1000 and GEQ1000.

		YEAR 1				YEAR 2			
		Sem 1		Sem 2		Sem 1		Sem 2	
		GER	GEQ	GER	GEQ	GER	GEQ	GER	GEQ
USP		X							
Bachelor of Environmental Studies		X			X				
Data Science & Analytics		X			X				
Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Science	UTCP or RVRC			X					
	Others	X			X				
Computational Biology		X					X		
Food Science & Technology				X	X				
Other Majors		O		O	O		O		O

\*some BES students might read in different Semesters due to their study schedule (you may contact your Faculty administrators for more info)

#### Legend

X : the module will be pre-allocated in the Semester indicated

O : the module will be pre-allocated on a random basis over the Semesters indicated

### GER1000 and GEQ1000 tutorial balloting

If you are pre-allocated GER1000 and/or GEQ1000 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** (refer to ModReg@EduRec schedule). The variety of timeslots available can be found in NUSMods.

During Add/Swap round, the quota for the classes will be merged. Add/Swap is on a first-come-first-served basis. If ModReg@EduRec does not swap your tutorial by the end of the Add/Swap round, it means the request was unsuccessful.

### Appeals/Inquiries

By the end of the Add/Swap round, you should have secured a tutorial slot. If for any reason you have not, you may submit an appeal via Appeals/Inquiries in ModReg. This MUST be done one day after the Add/Swap round. This is to ensure you secure a tutorial slot by the end of Week 1. Students who do not have a tutorial slot by the end of Week 1, will be pre-allocated a slot from what is available and on a random basis. You may refer to the following links and contact details should you have any queries.

	GER1000	GEQ1000
Enquiries	<a href="mailto:QRAdmin@nus.edu.sg">QRAdmin@nus.edu.sg</a>	<a href="mailto:AskQ@nus.edu.sg">AskQ@nus.edu.sg</a>
Website	<a href="https://wiki.nus.edu.sg/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=194740263">https://wiki.nus.edu.sg/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=194740263</a>	



## COMPUTATIONAL THINKING (CT)

To remain relevant in the workplace of tomorrow, undergraduates should acquire basic computational skills, i.e. computational thinking (CT).

For FoS Students admitted from AY2017/18 to AY2020/21, the options to fulfil the CT requirement, by the respective Major Programmes are described below:

Majors	Options to fulfil Computational Thinking requirement
<b>Computational Biology, Data Science &amp; Analytics, Mathematics &amp; Applied Maths, Quantitative Finance, Statistics</b>	These Majors will continue to acquire higher-order computational and programming skills in the form of CS1010S Programming Methodology (or its variants) (within the Major's core requirement) Where the major allows CS1101S Programming Methodology to be read in place of CS1010S (or its variants), CS1101S will also fulfil the higher-order computational and programming skills requirement for the student from that major.
<b>Life Sciences, Pharmaceutical Science, Physics</b>	Option 1: COS2000 – Computational Thinking for Scientists or Option 2: CS1010S (or its variants) – Programming Methodology or CS1101S Programming Methodology or Option 3: CS50 Introduction to Computer Science DYOM edX MOOCs
<b>Chemistry, Food Science &amp; Technology</b>	Option 1: COS2000 – Computational Thinking for Scientists or Option 2: CM3267 – Computational Thinking and Programming in Chemistry* or Option 3: CS1010S (or its variants) – Programming Methodology or CS1101S Programming Methodology or Option 4: CS50 Introduction to Computer Science DYOM edX MOOCs
<b>Pharmacy</b>	It has been decided that the undergraduates for Cohort 2017/18 would be exempted from taking separate CT modules.
	For Cohort AY2018/19 to AY2020/21, to read one of the following as an Unrestricted Elective module: Option 1: COS2000 – Computational Thinking for Scientists or Option 2: CS1010S (or its variants) – Programming Methodology or CS1101S Programming Methodology or Option 3: CS50's Introduction to Computer Science DYOM edX MOOCs
<b>Bachelor of Environmental Studies (BES)</b>	All undergraduates (from FASS and FoS, in BES, inclusive of BES students in the UTCP or USP programme), will be required to do GET1050 Computational Reasoning. BES students doing the UTCP at Residential College 4 (RC4) and have read a Junior Seminar module (i.e., UTC1702%) are exempted from GET1050 as the RC4 programme encourages explicit use of representing thinking, using computer models.

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Note: Please note that CS50's Introduction to Computer Science cannot be used to fulfil the faculty requirement. As CS50's Introduction to Computer Science from EdX is not equivalent to CS1010S (or its variant), CS50's will not serve as pre-requisite for higher computing modules. Also, there is a two-way preclusion between CS1010S (or its variant) and CS50's. Students who are required to read CS1010S (or its variant) as part of their majors/minors are to take CS1010S (or its variant) instead of CS50's. For students who have taken CS50's but requires to read CS1010S (or its variant) as part of their majors/second majors/minors, please write in to SOC to be allowed to take CS1010S (or its variant) and credit will be recognised only for CS1010S (or its variant) but not CS50's. Please also note that the number of credits transferred for CS50 is subject to the maximum 8 MCs allowed for DYOM. For example, if a student has already completed 5 MCs worth of edX MOOCs, only 3 MCs (and not 5 MCs) can be counted for CS50.

More information on CT requirements is available on  
<https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/ComputationalThinkingRequirement-1.pdf>

## FACULTY REQUIREMENTS

For more information on Faculty Level Requirements, please refer to  
<https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/FacultyRequirements.pdf>

## OVERLAPPING AND PRECLUDED MODULES

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

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

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

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## SECOND MAJORS, MINORS AND SPECIALISATIONS

A Second Major programme is conceived as an opportunity for students to broaden their knowledge and capacities by pursuing a second Major alongside their primary Major. The Second Major affords a significant degree of depth, although its MC requirement is set below that of the Major. The Second Major is a non-Honours major.

A Minor programme is a coherent course of study in an additional area outside of the Major. By doing this, it contributes to the breadth of learning envisaged for undergraduate education.

A Specialisation is a programme of study on a particular specialised sub-discipline of a higher level within its main discipline.

### 1. FOR COHORTS MATRICULATED BEFORE AY2019/20

#### i. Second Major

The MC requirement for a Second Major is at least 48 MCs, of which:

- Up to 16 MCs may be used to meet the requirements for both the Second Major and the Faculty/Major/Minor requirements (*note: for double-counting towards a Minor, only a maximum of 8 MCs is allowed*);
- At least 16 MCs must be at Level 3000 and above.
- A minimum of 60% of the Second Major requirements must be earned from modules read at NUS. Modules read at NUS include all modules taught, co-taught, supervised or co-supervised by NUS faculty member(s). These consist of graded modules, or modules with an 'S' or 'CS' grade. The remaining MCs may be earned through credit transfers, advanced placement and exemptions, from modules deemed relevant to the particular Second Major.

#### ii. Minor

The MC requirement for a Minor is at least 24 MCs, of which:

- Up to 8 MCs may be used to meet the requirements for both the Minor and the Faculty, Major, Second Major, or another Minor requirements, subject to the agreement of the particular department(s), programme(s) or Faculty/School hosting the Minor.
- At least 12 MCs for any Minor must be taken from outside the entire set of modules that are listed for the major(s)/another minor that the student is taking/has taken.
- A minimum of 16 MCs of the Minor requirements must be earned from modules read at NUS, unless indicated otherwise by Faculties/Departments for specific minors. Modules read at NUS include all modules taught, co-taught, supervised or co-supervised by NUS faculty member(s). These consist of graded modules or modules with an 'S' or 'CS' grade. The remaining MCs may be earned through credit transfers, advanced placement and exemptions, from modules deemed relevant to the particular Minor.

#### iii. Specialisation

- The MC requirement for a Specialisation is at least 24 MCs of distinctive modules within a Major.

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2. FOR COHORTS MATRICULATED IN AY2019/20 AND AY2020/21

i. Second Major

The MC requirement for a Second Major is at least 40 MCs, of which:

- Up to 16 MCs (40% of the MC requirements for a Second Major) may be used to meet (i) the Second Major requirement and (ii) another requirement, e.g., College, Faculty, Major, Second Major, Minor, Specialisation or other requirement.
- At least 12 MCs must be at Level 3000 and above.
- A minimum of 60% of the Second Major requirements must be earned from modules read at NUS. Modules read at NUS include all modules taught, co-taught, supervised or co-supervised by NUS faculty member(s). These consist of graded modules or modules with an 'S' or 'CS' grade. The remaining MCs may be earned through credit transfers, advanced placement and exemptions, from modules deemed relevant to the particular Second Major.

ii. Minor

The MC requirement for a Minor is at least 20 MCs, of which:

- Up to 8 MCs (40% of the MC requirements for a Minor) may be used to meet (i) the Minor requirement and (ii) another requirement, e.g., College, Faculty, Major, Second Major, Minor, Specialisation or other requirement.
- At least 12 MCs for any Minor must be taken from outside the entire set of modules that are listed for the major(s)/another minor that the student is taking/ has taken.
- A minimum of 60% of the Minor requirements must be earned from modules read at NUS. Modules read at NUS include all modules taught, co-taught, supervised or co-supervised by NUS faculty member(s). These consist of graded modules or modules with an 'S' or 'CS' grade. The remaining MCs may be earned through credit transfers, advanced placement and exemptions, from modules deemed relevant to the particular Minor.

iii. Specialisation

- The MC requirement for a Specialisation is at least 20 MCs of higher-level modules of a specialised nature within a Major. Up to 8 MCs (40% of the MC requirements for a Specialisation) may be used to meet (i) the Specialisation requirement and (ii) another requirement, e.g., College, Faculty, Major, Second Major, Minor, Specialisation or other requirement.

## S/U OPTION ENTITLEMENT

3. FOR COHORTS MATRICULATED BEFORE AY2014/15

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

D. Key Points to Note:

1. Classification of the S/U Option:

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

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

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

## 2. Exceptions to S/U Option Entitlement:

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

## 3. About S/U Grading

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

## E. Carry Forward Policy

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

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

Please refer to the Carry Forward Policy, which details the exact module/s applicable, for each group of students: <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/SU.pdf>

For students matriculated in AY2015/16, Semester 1, please refer to the following link for carry forward policy specific to the module GER1000:

<https://wiki.nus.edu.sg/display/GEQGER/Modes+of+Teaching+and+Grading+Basis>

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

5. FOR COHORTS MATRICULATED IN AY2016/17 AND AFTER

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

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

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

Student Type		S/U Options Available		
		1 <sup>st</sup> regular semesters	two	Beyond 1 <sup>st</sup> two semesters (if unutilized)
Newly admitted students without prior university experience. This includes students with: Clean slate transfer from another University or Faculty Re-admitted into NUS on a clean slate	< 20 APCs	32 MCs		12 MCs
	≥ 20 APCs	20 MCs		12 MCs
Students with some prior University experience. This includes: Transfer from another University with credits From partner Universities whose first year of study is not at NUS Enrolled in DDP where Law is one of the partner faculties and hence spent their first year in Law		12 MCs		12 MCs
Students with a prior University degree		0 MCs		0 MCs

**The abovementioned entitlement is applicable for the following modules:**

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

**The abovementioned entitlement is not applicable for the following modules:**

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



### **Key Points to Note**

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

### **FILE FOR HONOURS PROJECT**

Students matriculated in AY2017/18 and beyond who intend to start Honours in their chosen major in Semester 2, AY2021/22, must file for Honours online within 3 days upon the day of release of exam results of the semester before (Semester 1, AY21/22).

To qualify for commencing Honours in Semester 2, AY2021/22, you must have an overall CAP of at least 3.20, fulfilled 100 MCs or more, and have completed the major requirements under the B.Sc. degree by the end of Semester 1, AY21/22.

Students who filed for Honours will be promoted to SCI4 (Honours Year) if they meet the above requirements.

### **For Pharmacy, Data Science & Analytics, Computational Biology and Environmental Studies Students:**

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

### **For students on SUSEP/ local NOC in Semester 1, AY21/22:**

Students who were on SUSEP/ local NOC in Semester 1, AY21/22 and **do not require** their credits to start Honours project in Semester 2, AY21/22 can file for Honours project online within 3 days upon the day of release of exam results of the semester before (Semester 1, AY2021/22).

On the other hand, students who were on SUSEP/ local NOC in Semester 1, AY21/22 and require their credits to start Honours in Semester 2, AY21/22 will need to file to start Honours unofficially online within 3 days upon the day of release of exam results of the semester before (Semester 1, AY2021/22).

More details will be given on the day of release of exam results.

### **MAXIMUM MODULAR CREDITS FROM LEVEL-1000 MODULES**

Before applying for graduation, please ensure you have at most 60 MCs of Level-1000 modules; any excess does not count toward the total MCs graduation requirements. The following modules do not count toward the 60 MCs limit:

- a. CFG1010
- b. CFG1002 (AY16/17 enrolment onwards)
- c. ES1103
- d. Polytechnic UEM APCs
- e. Modules under the Design-Your-Own-Module (DYOM) initiative  
<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/degree-requirements>

## APPLY FOR GRADUATION (AFG)

Please read the following information carefully.

### **Students on Single Degree Programme**

Students who intend to graduate by the end of Semester 1, AY21/22 must apply for graduation online. "Apply for Graduation" via myEduRec from 22 Jul to 5 Aug 2021.

Please refer to <https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/academics/ug/aa-afg.html> for more information on AFG and My Graduation Audit Report & My What-If Report.

Please also note that My Graduation Audit Report & My What-If Report do not take into account the modules you have not complete and passed. These two reports act as guides to assist you with graduation checks.

**The onus is on the student to check their fulfillment of Graduation Requirements based on these two reports. You are strongly advised to refer to the graduation requirements available on the Faculty of Science website and the Bulletin based on your cohort.**

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

- ii. At least 120 MCs total for non-Honours students and 160 MCs total for Honours students
- iii. At most 60 MCs of Level-1000 modules; any excess does not count toward the total MCs graduation requirements. The following modules do not count toward the 60 MCs limit:
  - a. CFG1010
  - b. CFG1002 (AY16/17 enrolment onward)
  - c. ES1103
  - d. Polytechnic UEM APCs
  - e. Modules under the Design-Your-Own-Module (DYOM) initiative  
<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/degree-requirements>
- iv. Ensure that you meet the minimum MCs that must be earned from NUS modules  
<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/continuation-and-graduation-requirements#MinMCRequirements>
- v. Fulfilled all graduation requirements (such as English Skills modules, ULR, Science Faculty requirement, Computational Thinking etc.), **and**
- vi. Declared your major(s), specialization and/or minor(s), if any, correctly.
- vii. Ensure that you do not violate double counting policy:
  - a. For major-major, major-minor and minor-minor.
  - b. Double counted modules can be used to fulfil faculty requirements if they are within the primary major.
  - c. No triple counting is allowed.
    - i.e. you are not allowed to use one module to satisfy:
      - i. 2 majors + 1 minor
      - ii. 1 major + 2 minors
      - iii. 3 minors
  - d. Even with double counting, MCs will only be counted once toward the minimum MC graduation requirements.
  - e. For more information, please refer to "Double Counting of Modules" at <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates/curriculum/faqs/>

**You are reminded to update your declaration of major(s), specialization and/or minor(s), and remove those that you no longer want. Otherwise, the AFG check will indicate that you do not satisfy the requirements of the major(s), specialization and/or minor(s) declared, and you may not be allowed to graduate at the end of Semester 1, AY2021/22.**

**It is important that students apply for graduation via myEduRec. Students who do not apply for graduation online by **5 Aug 2021** may have to delay their graduation till Semester 2, AY2021/22**

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

- [Faculty of Science Website:](#)
- [Bulletin](#)
- [NUS Student Portal:](#)
- [Science Faculty requirements](#)

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

#### **Students on Double Degree Programme (DDP)**

Students who intend to graduate by the end of Semester 1, AY21/22 **must** apply for graduation online. "Apply for Graduation" via EduRec from 22 Jul to 5 Aug 2021.

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

*Please email Science Dean's Office at [sciffq@nus.edu.sg](mailto:sciffq@nus.edu.sg) if you need further clarifications on AFG matters.*

#### **ACADEMIC WARNING, PROBATION & DISMISSAL**

1. For cohort matriculated in AY2015/16 and before

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

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

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

Academic Status	CAP
Academic Warning	$1.50 \leq \text{CAP} < 2.00$ for the first time
Probation	CAP < 1.50 for the first time OR CAP < 2.00 in subsequent semester for students with $1.50 \leq \text{CAP} < 2.00$ in the previous semester OR $1.50 \leq \text{CAP} < 2.00$ in subsequent semester for students with CAP < 1.50 in the previous semester
Dismissal	CAP < 1.50 for 2 consecutive semesters CAP < 2.00 for 3 consecutive semesters

2. For cohort matriculated in AY2016/17 and after

To remain in good academic standing, and to continue in an undergraduate programme of study, a student may not have CAP below 2.00 for two consecutive semesters. For any semester in which the student's CAP falls below 2.00, s/he will be placed on probation. If the student's CAP remains below 1.00 for the second consecutive semester, the student will be issued a letter of dismissal by the Registrar's Office and denied re-admission.

With the launch of Enhanced Grade-free Scheme:

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

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

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

## FEE POLICIES

### **FEE REBATE POLICY (only for cohorts AY2014/15 to AY2018/19)**

For more information, please refer to the [FAQ](http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/undergraduate/undergraduate-fees) which is available at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/undergraduate/undergraduate-fees>

### **TUITION FEE BEYOND NORMAL CANDIDATURE**

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.

In view that the Ministry of Education provides a Tuition Grant to subsidize a student's tuition fees up to the normal candidature period, the tuition fee payable beyond that would be the full non-subsidized semestral fees. To mitigate the impact of higher fees, the University undertakes to charge affected students only a proportion of the full non-subsidized semestral fees pro-rated based on the MCs read in the extended semesters. In addition, the pro-rated full fees payable in the first and second semester beyond normal candidature will be capped at 120% and 150% of the subsidized semestral fees respectively.

The fees payable beyond normal candidature period are summarized in the following table:

Student Type	Semester after Normal Candidature Period	Revised fee pro-rated based on students' semester workload of x-MC
Single Degree Student	1 <sup>st</sup>	'Full <sup>^</sup> semestral <sup>#</sup> fees X Workload% <sup>*1</sup> capped at Subsidised semestral <sup>#</sup> fees X 120%'
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	'Full <sup>^</sup> semestral <sup>#</sup> fees X Workload% <sup>*1</sup> capped at Subsidised semestral <sup>#</sup> fees X 150%'
	3 <sup>rd</sup> onwards	Full <sup>^</sup> semestral <sup>#</sup> fees X Workload% <sup>*</sup>
Double Degree Student	1 <sup>st</sup>	'Full <sup>^</sup> semestral <sup>#</sup> fees X Workload% <sup>*1</sup> capped at Subsidised semestral <sup>#</sup> fees X 120%'
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	'Full <sup>^</sup> semestral <sup>#</sup> fees X Workload% <sup>*1</sup> capped at Subsidised semestral <sup>#</sup> fees X 150%'
	3 <sup>rd</sup> onwards	Full <sup>^</sup> semestral <sup>#</sup> fees X Workload% <sup>*</sup>

<sup>^</sup>Full (non-subsidised) fees are set out under the column "Fees payable by students not in receipt of MOE Tuition Grant" in the undergraduate fees table (refer here). <sup>#</sup>Semestral fees refer to half of annual tuition fees set out in the undergraduate fees table (refer here).

<sup>\*</sup>Given that the student reads x-MC of modules in the semester concerned, the 'Workload%' is capped at 100% if x exceeds 20MCs and xMC/20MC if otherwise, for fee computation purposes, i.e., tuition fee is pro-rated for workload < 20MCs. <sup>\*1</sup>9th semester for DDP (single honours) and 10th semester for DDP (double honours) (refer here).

Students who register for module(s) in the Special Term immediately following the expiry of their normal candidature period will continue to pay subsidised fees on a per module basis. However, for the Special Terms beyond that, the Special Term fees payable will be the full non-subsidised semestral fees pro-rated based on the number of MCs read.

Please refer to the links for more details:

[FAQ](#) which is available at

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

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

## **REFUND POLICY**

Students who apply for Leave of Absence (LOA) or leave the University, either through withdrawal of their own accord or termination of candidature by the University, after Instructional Week 2 of the semester will be liable to pay fees for the entire semester. Requests for refund will generally not be considered.

## PROGRAMMES OF INTEREST

### **SECOND MAJORS AND MINORS OFFERED BY THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

Science students who wish to enhance and broaden their undergraduate studies may opt for a second major or apply for minors. Please refer to the following websites for more information:

<https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/education/undergraduates/curriculum/second-majors/>

<https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/education/undergraduates/curriculum/minors/>

### **FRESHMEN SEMINAR MODULES**

Freshman Seminars provide an unparalleled opportunity for freshmen to explore a scholarly topic of interest in a small group setting of 15 students. Students will get to work closely with faculty members and/or prominent visiting professors on topics of current interest in contemporary research and acquire independent learning as well as oral and written communication skills. The module earns 4 MCs and may be used to satisfy faculty requirements under the subject group, Multidisciplinary & Interdisciplinary Sciences. Interested students may access the following link for more information on this module:

[https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/sci/ug/Academics\\_FreshmanSeminars.html](https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/sci/ug/Academics_FreshmanSeminars.html)

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

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

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

We wish you success in your studies.

Yours sincerely,

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