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## **INFORMATION FOR PHARMACY FRESHMEN**

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To: All Pharmacy students commencing studies in August 2026

Welcome to the Faculty of Science. You have made the right choice! The integrated curriculum is designed such that your learning is holistic and integrated across basic, clinical and systems sciences. You will make connections and apply concepts learnt in the classroom to solve real-world patient problems alongside practicing pharmacists and other healthcare professionals, ensuring that you are well prepared for your future practice. For a start, we are pleased to provide you with the dates of key events and a series of useful and relevant information for your attention.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Courses offered within Science for Semester 1, AY2026/2027

Please check the details from [NUSMods](#) and [Canvas](#). Do note that while the timetable is updated for AY2026/2027, there might be changes to some courses. Thus, please refer to NUSMods regularly for the latest updates.

### Student Life Matters

Our Student Life Team is dedicated to ensuring that all Faculty of Science (FoS) 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 [scisupport@nus.edu.sg](mailto:scisupport@nus.edu.sg).

Joining an orientation programme is important to help students ease into University life. With support from the Student Life team, our Student Club and Academic Societies have prepared a series of orientation programmes. Students can learn how to navigate the new environment from seniors and make new friends to attend classes with. We strongly encourage you to sign-up for one soon at <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/student-life-and-services/clubs-societies/freshmen-orientation-project/>.

Subscribe to our [Science Dean's Office Telegram Channel](#) for important information and updates for the coming semester.

## REGISTRATION GUIDE AY2026/2027

Onboarding, previously known as Registration (Part One) and Registration (Part Two), is the formal process that marks the beginning of a student's enrolment and integration into the NUS community.

Students can refer to this [Sway Guide](#) for onboarding details.

If students have issues with the Onboarding system, please refer to [Student Onboarding System User Guide \(January 2026 intake onwards\)](#).

You are highly encouraged to read the above guides as they contain important information for freshmen on check-in and onboarding matters, administrative matters, financial matters and academic matters etc.

For more information on registration, please refer to the following link <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-activities/registration>

## NUS BULLETIN AY2026/2027

The NUS Bulletin for AY2026/2027 can be found in this [weblink](#). Please note that the contents of the bulletin are accurate as of the date of publishing. Students are strongly advised to refer to the Faculty of Science website and individual Department websites for the latest updates: <http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/>

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## ACADEMIC PLAN APPLICATION AND DECLARATION

Academic Plan **Declaration** allows you to declare your major, during the main semesters. Please note that you will not be allowed to register for courses unless the Academic Plan has been declared. You are also only allowed to make one declaration per semester. Pharmacy students are allowed to read a maximum of 1 Major Programme only. 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)

Note: You are required to submit your declaration in the Academic Plan Declaration system at least **24 hours** BEFORE you are allowed to access and participate in the CourseReg (Course Registration) exercise. Only **one** attempt is allowed per semester, and no changes are allowed after the declaration is submitted.

## COURSE REGISTRATION AT EDUCATION RECORDS SYSTEM (CourseReg@EduRec)

Course Registration at Education Records System (CourseReg@EduRec) is the University's consolidated course registration platform. The schedule for CourseReg@EduRec for AY2026/2027 Semester 1 is as follows:

Course Registration Period	20 July to 4 Aug 2026
Tutorial Registration Period	11 Aug & 13 Aug 2026
Lectures begin	11 Aug 2026 (10 Aug is Public Holiday)
Tutorials begin	17 Aug (GE% & Writing courses) 24 Aug (all other tutorials)
Drop with 'W' grade	24 Aug 0000hrs - 27 Sep 2026 2359hrs
Drop with 'F' grade	28 Sep 2026 0000hrs onwards

Please refer to the CourseReg@EduRec [website](#) for more information on the schedule as well as the step-by-step video and user guides to aid you in this course registration process.

### Select Courses Rounds

Do note that Round 1 is a protected round, where students will be able to select courses that can be used towards:

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

Round 2 and Round 3 are open rounds where students will be able to select most of the courses (including General Education courses) they wish to read for the semester, subject to meeting course pre-requisite, co-requisite and preclusion rules.

### Workload

All Single Degree students can select up to a maximum of 23 Units from Select Courses Round 1 to Round 2. From Round 3 onwards, the workload allowance shall be in accordance with the student's GPA.

For freshmen, all Single Degree students can select up to a maximum of 23 Units while Double Degree students and students involved in Special Programmes can select up to a maximum of 27 Units in their

first semester. Students may only apply to read beyond the maximum workload allowed from their second semester of study onwards by application during the CourseReg period.

Special Programmes are double degree programmes, concurrent degree programmes, NUS College (NUSC), Faculty of Engineering's Engineering Scholars Programme, Faculty of Science's Special Programme in Science and students in Residential College programmes reading cross-disciplinary degree programmes in Bachelor of Environmental Studies (Hons), Bachelor of Science (Hons) with Major in Data Science and Economics, Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

GPA	Round	Max Workload	Remark
0.00 – 5.00	1 – 2	23	
0.00 – 1.99	3	23	Academic Warning/Probation
2.00 – 2.99	3	24	
3.00 – 3.99	3	26	
4.00 – 4.49	3	30	
4.50 – 5.00	3	32	

Do note that the stipulated **minimum workload** that each student should have is **18 Units per semester**. Students are allowed to underload in their graduating semester, or if they are doing credit-bearing internship.

### **Assistance**

Should you require any assistance for FOS related courses, please contact Science Dean's Office via the [Online Query Form](#).

## **COURSE AND EXAMINATION TIMETABLE**

The class and examination timetables for AY2026/2027 Semester 1 can be found at the following URL: <https://nusmods.com/courses>

The onus is on the student to map out the study plan and avoid registering for courses with clashes in class timetable. **The Faculty of Science is not supportive of timetable clash waivers**. Appeals are only considered if students require the course 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>

The Course Registration system allows students to register for courses that might have clashes in tutorials/ laboratory sessions. **The onus is on the student to ensure that he/she does not register for classes with clashes** and to drop courses with clashes and select other courses to read. All components of the course must be allocated to the student and if there are some components that are not able to be allocated, the course will be dropped for the student when the Dean's Office conducts its checks.

## **MANDATORY COURSES**

As a world-class University committed to nurturing an environment conducive for the exchange of ideas, advancement of knowledge, and intellectual development, there are fundamental skills and basic information for students to learn and be aware of as they embark on their journey with NUS.

All new undergraduates are required to follow the steps and complete the following courses by the stipulated deadline found on the Office of Student Conduct's website [here](#) i.e.

1. [THE1001 \(previously known as RC1000A\): A Culture of Respect and Consent Course](#)
2. [THE1002 \(previously known as SE1000\): Student Essentials e-course](#)

Do note that the completion of these courses is compulsory, and failure to do so will impact your access to certain key student services such the ability to view results, taking part in Course Registration amongst others.

## QUALIFYING ENGLISH TEST (QET)

All incoming Faculty of Science students (both local and international) who do not possess the necessary English Qualifications would have been informed by the Office of the University Registrar (OUR) to take their QET. Students will be notified by the Centre for English Language Communications (CELC) of their QET results.

- 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 courses

Students are strongly advised to complete the required course(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. ES1000 has 0 Units and does not count towards the minimum workload. Please refer to the [CELC website](#) for more information.

## COMMON CURRICULUM FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Pharmacy students admitted from AY2023/24 onwards will read the full suite of NUS Common Curriculum for Healthcare Professionals (CCHP) in place of General Education requirements. The new Common Curriculum for Healthcare Professional Education will apply social and behavioural determinants of health to social prescribing and planetary health; use data and digital literacy to enable population healthcare planning, delivery and evaluation; and strengthen interdisciplinary engagement as well as experiential learning.

The common curriculum comprises the following five pillars:

- i. Socio-Ecological Determinants of Health
- ii. Professional Practice 1: The Foundations of Health Professionalism
- iii. Data Literacy for Healthcare
- iv. Professional Practice 2: Basic Skills in Health Professionalism
- v. Digital Literacy for Healthcare

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

### Minimum Unit Requirements

- i. At least 160 Units total
- ii. Minimum Units that must be earned from NUS courses  
<https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/continuation-and-graduation-requirements#MinUnitRequirements>
- iii. At most 60 Units of Level-1000 courses; any excess does not count towards the total Units graduation requirements. The following courses do not count toward the 60 Units limit:
  - a. CFG1002 Career Catalyst (2 Units)<sup>#</sup>

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- b. CFG1004 Financial Wellbeing – Art and Science of Investing (2 Units)#
  - c. CFG1500 Women's Professional Development Programme (2 Units)#
  - d. CFG1600 CommsLab Public Speaking (2 Units)#
  - e. CFG1600S CommsLab Public Speaking (FoS) (2 Units) #
  - f. ES1103 English for Academic Purposes (4 Units)
  - g. Courses under the Design-Your-Own-Course (DYOC) initiative
  - h. HS1301 Workplace Communication (2 Units)^

# Exclusion of CFG1002, CFG1004, CFG1500, CFG1600, CFG1600S from the limit on Level-1000 courses is applicable to BIZ, FASS, FoS, SoC, SDE, and FoE students from Cohort AY2016/17 onwards.

^ Exclusion of HS1301 from the limit on Level-1000 courses is applicable to CHS students from Cohort AY2021/22 onwards.

For more information on the degree requirements, please refer to:

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/degree-requirements>

Please refer to <https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/academics/ug/aa-afg.html> for more information on My Graduation Audit Report & My What-If Report. Please also note that My Graduation Audit Report & My What-If Report do not include courses that you have not completed 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.

## S/U OPTION ENTITLEMENT

With the launch of Enhanced Grade free Scheme, students in Cohort AY2025/26 and after may exercise the S/U option for up to 32 Units in the first 2 years (first 4 regular semesters and Special Term of first 2 years). If this is not fully utilised, the S/U option may still be exercised after the first 2 years, for up to 12 Units.

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 Units in the first 2 s; if this is not fully utilised, the S/U option may still be exercised in subsequent semesters, for up to 12 Units.
- ii. Students with some prior university experience (which are being recognised towards the NUS degree) may exercise the S/U option for up to 12 Units anytime during their candidature, including the first 2 years.
- iii. Students with a prior university degree are not eligible for the S/U option entitlement.

### **Key Points to Note**

- Both the 'S' and 'U' grade count towards the total S/U Option entitlement.
- For courses read on an S/U basis, the Units are obtained only if a student attains a Satisfactory 'S' grade for the courses.
- All courses read on S/U basis are excluded from the computation of the GPA
- S/U option, once exercised, is irrevocable. Students may not later request for a conversion to a

letter grade.

- For the latest updates on S/U options, please refer to
  - <https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/continuation-and-graduation-requirements#SU> and
  - <https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/academics/ug/su-homepage.html>

## CONTINUATION, PROBATION AND DISMISSAL

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

With the launch of Enhanced Grade-free Scheme:

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

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/>.

## FEE POLICIES

### TUITION FEE BEYOND NORMAL CANDIDATURE

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 subsidise 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 Units 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-Unit
Single Degree Student	1 <sup>st</sup>	'Full <sup>^</sup> semestral <sup>#</sup> fees X Workload% <sup>*</sup> capped at 'Subsidised semestral <sup>#</sup> fees X 120%'
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	'Full <sup>^</sup> semestral <sup>#</sup> fees X Workload% <sup>*</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>*</sup> capped at 'Subsidised semestral <sup>#</sup> fees X 120%'
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	'Full <sup>^</sup> semestral <sup>#</sup> fees X Workload% <sup>*</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-Unit of courses in the semester concerned, the 'Workload%' is capped at 100% if x exceeds 20Units and xUnit/20Unit if otherwise, for fee computation purposes, i.e., tuition fee is pro-rated for workload < 20Units.

Students who register for course(s) in the Special Term immediately following the expiry of their normal candidature period will continue to pay subsidised fees on a per course 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 Units read.

Please refer to the [FAQ](#) which is available at

- i. <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/undergraduate/undergraduate-fees>
- ii. <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 a refund will generally not be considered.

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**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Important information will be transmitted to students through the Faculty of Science Website  
<https://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,  
Undergraduate Studies  
Faculty of Science,  
Dean's Office