

Annex 1: Enhanced General Education Curriculum to be introduced in Academic Year 2021/2022

NUS will be enhancing its General Education (GE) curriculum, as part of the university’s continual review of its offerings. The current 5-pillar curriculum has been re-designed to equip NUS students with competencies and skills that are better aligned with the future of work and society. A new pillar called *Communities and Engagement* will also be introduced.

The enhanced GE Curriculum comprises 6 pillars:

Generalists Core Competencies		
1	Cultures and Connections (formerly known as <i>Human Cultures</i>)	These two pillars will expand students’ mindset of Singapore’s inter-connected and intimate relationships with ASEAN and the globalised world, and inculcate a heightened awareness of its global citizenry to enable students to adapt to the changing cultural contexts.
2	Singapore Studies	
3	Critique and Expression (a combination of two pillars formerly known as <i>Thinking and Expression</i> as well as <i>Asking Questions</i>)	This pillar reinforces thoughtful critique and communication of ideas as a critical competency for the future of work. Students will also learn to be a better listener.
21st Century Competencies		
4	Data Literacy (formerly known as <i>Quantitative Reasoning</i>)	This pillar introduces students to the state-of-the-art knowledge and equip them with skillsets in data logical tools to navigate in terrains that are increasingly defined by the use of technologies, in ‘big data’ for example.
5	Digital Literacy	This pillar will train students in areas such as computational thinking, artificial intelligence, and algorithms.
Community Engagement		
6	Communities and Engagement (new pillar)	This new pillar will enable students to cultivate a deep awareness as well as a broad orientation and responsibility towards broader social issues that are interwoven as part of the societal fabric. Students will learn about climate change, sustainability (a key focus of Singapore Green Plan 2030), caring for the elderly and the disadvantaged, environmental degradation, healthcare, and more.