

## **Annex A: New College**

The New College (placeholder, to be officially named later) will be established through an evolution of the existing University Scholars Programme (USP) and the Yale-NUS College (Yale-NUS), two highly successful and popular programmes in NUS known for their immersive, educational experience of rigorous interdisciplinary learning and vibrant residential living, and having produced many outstanding graduates who have left their mark in Singapore and abroad.

Bringing together the most distinctive and successful elements of both USP and Yale-NUS, the New College is a significant milestone that marks an exciting new chapter in delivering outstanding interdisciplinary liberal arts education in Singapore and Asia. Admitting its first intake in Academic Year 2022/23, the New College will be open to all students applying for undergraduate degree programmes at NUS. Successful applicants will be admitted directly to the New College and they will also belong to a home school or faculty where they will pursue their primary major and earn their undergraduate degree. Students of the New College will also enjoy the empowering flexibility of deciding on and arranging the building blocks of their undergraduate journey by reading second majors, minors and specialisations across other NUS schools or faculties.

The hallmarks of the new NUS education framework, characterised by common curriculum, flexible pathways, and interdisciplinary education, will have strong presence in the New College.

Students of the New College will build their foundation in a new innovative common curriculum, drawn from the best of both the USP and Yale-NUS foundations and enhanced with STEM aspects to address the trends and needs of technological innovation and the digital economy.

Residential living will be another cornerstone of the New College experience by enabling learning, intercultural engagement and character-building beyond the walls of the classroom. Students of the New College will reside in a diverse and closely-knit collegiate community while immersing in the vibrant campus life across the university.

The New College will be known for interdisciplinary teaching and learning, with emphasis on intense intellectual debate and engagement through small group teaching and a pedagogy where students are challenged on their analysis of real-world issues, critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Students will have the advantage of a progressive and invigorating learning environment where there are no silos, and faculty members encourage divergence of thinking and discovering solutions at the crossroads of different disciplines.

<b>First intake</b>	Academic Year 2022/23
<b>Eligibility</b>	Open to all students applying for admission to undergraduate degree programmes at NUS
<b>Enrolment</b>	Students are admitted to the New College where they will also belong to a home school or faculty. All NUS students are enrolled for 20 years from the point of admission for a seamless transition into executive and lifelong learning programmes.

<b>Degrees conferred</b>	Undergraduate degree conferred by their home school or faculty at NUS, with New College certification
<b>Diversity of academic pathways</b>	Students of the New College can have access to the full range of majors, second majors, minors and specialisations offered by schools and faculties across NUS
<b>Common Curriculum</b>	New and enhanced, drawing from the strongest and most distinctive elements of the common curriculum at Yale-NUS and the core curriculum of USP. It will continue to provide perspectives of Asia and the West through Humanities, Social Sciences and sciences, augmented with greater diversity in STEM aspects.
<b>Intake size</b>	Up to 500 for the first intake
<b>Residential living</b>	Residential living and learning on campus will be integral to the New College experience
<b>Tuition fees</b>	Tuition fees of home faculty or school
<b>Global exposure</b>	Full access to NUS programmes, including its signature entrepreneurship programme, the NUS Overseas Colleges programme which has more than 15 entrepreneurial hubs around the world; Student Exchange Programme with more than 300 partner universities in 40 countries; as well as local and overseas internships with industry leaders.