
Provisional Offer of Admission: Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Requirement

All applicants who are successful in getting an offer of admission will have to meet the Mother Tongue Language (MTL) requirement for admission by having one of the following:

- a) a minimum of D7 for the Higher MTL paper taken at the Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'O' level examination
- b) a minimum of 'S' grade for the H1 MTL paper or General Studies in Chinese taken at the Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'A' level examination
- c) a minimum of 'S' grade for the H2 Mother Tongue Language & Literature (MTLL) paper taken at the
- d) Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'A' level examination
- e) a pass in the MTL 'B' syllabus paper at the Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'A' level examination
- f) Pass in MTL A: Literature, or MTL A: Language and Literature, or Language B MTL at Standard or Higher Level at International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (*the IB Standard Level Language ab initio does not fulfil the requirement*)
- g) a pass in MTL-in-lieu subject approved by Ministry of Education, Singapore
- h) an exemption from MTL approved by Ministry of Education, Singapore

Candidates who are unable to fulfill the MTL requirement for admission but satisfy all other admission requirements will be admitted on a provisional basis. A candidate may choose to attain the minimum requirement as listed above by retaking the examinations.

Alternatively, they could choose to attend the MTL intensive course (Chinese/ Malay/ Tamil) conducted by the University and take the examination organised by the University at the end of the course. It is compulsory to attend all classes. If a student should fail to obtain the requisite grade at the end of the course, further attendance at these intensive courses is required.

For more information on MTL requirements, please visit our website at <http://nus.edu.sg/oam/apply-to-nus>.

Important information for students admitted on a provisional basis

Please note that the MTL requirement must be fulfilled before a student is allowed to graduate.

Students who are admitted on a provisional basis are required to take one of the following courses of actions to fulfill the MTL requirement before graduation. Students are strongly advised not to wait till the final year of study to attempt to fulfill their MTL requirement. If the late attempt is unsuccessful, such students will have to bear the consequences of a delay to their graduation.

(A) Register and pass the relevant MTL paper as a private candidate at the Singapore Cambridge GCE 'A' Levels examinations:

The MTL (Chinese/Malay/Tamil/MTL B) paper is conducted by the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB). Information on the MTL paper for private candidates is available at SEAB website: <http://www.seab.gov.sg/>.

(B) Enrol in the intensive MTL course arranged by the University and pass the course examination:

- Intensive courses in MTL (Chinese/Malay/Tamil) are arranged by the University at intervals of two (or three) years depending on the number of students who wants to attend the courses
- As the intensive courses arranged by the University are not subsidized, attendees will be required to pay a course fee equivalent to what a Non-Graduating Student would pay for a Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences module (refer to the fee at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/education-at-nus/non-graduating-programme.html>).
- Special examinations will be held at the end of the intensive course.
- Information on these intensive courses will be sent to students in October if the courses are slated to run in that year.
- For further enquiries, please contact the Registrar's Office at regenquiry@nus.edu.sg.