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and joint degrees

Community.



People to spar
ideas with.

30,000+

undergraduates

Friends to
grow old with.

70+

Freshman Orientation
Programmes (there's
one for international
students like you)

2,700

faculty members

200+

student
organisations

Compass.



Skills to
get hired.

8th

most employable in the world

Global Employability University Ranking
and Survey 2026

Ticket to the rest
of the world.

1 in 2

students
go abroad

120+

nationalities
represented on
campus



Discover everything else –

Singapore's warmth.

Yes, Singapore is warm. But it's not just the weather – our people are warm too. Still, with a new place, new people, and a new environment, a cheat sheet is always welcome. Here are some hacks to get you settled.

• Pre-Arrival Connection Programme (PACP)

Make friends and get tips even before you get on the plane.

• Singapore Touchdown Cultural Intelligence (CQ) Workshop

Raise your CQ with cultural awareness and diversity skills.



annual relative humidity



days of rain a year (on average)

NUS' kampung* spirit.

With **4 types of on-campus accommodation** – and **priority for all first-year international students** who apply before the deadline – we think you will love your new home on campus. Best part? Neighbours who don't just stop at saying "hi", but invite you to hang out and join their activities.

- Halls of Residences
- Houses
- Residential Colleges
- Student Residences (available for second years onwards)

Find out more at osa.nus.edu.sg/accommodation/hostel-options

* Singlish for a sense of community, mutual help, and neighbourliness

Official and unofficial languages.

Officially, Singapore has four languages – English, Malay, Mandarin and Tamil. Don't worry if you can't speak them all – **English is the official language of instruction at NUS**, and all you need to get by. Bonus: it helps you pick up Singlish – Singapore's unique colloquial English.

The national pastime – food.

Wholesome, hearty, or comforting – from local fare to international favourites like Thai and Korean cuisine, you'll find plenty to whet your appetite among the **50+ food outlets and canteens** on campus (yes, we counted). Not to mention coffee and bubble tea for the in-between-class pick-me-ups, and popular off-campus haunts for late-night suppers too (ask around).

Places – tourist spots or hidden gems.

On campus, there's the shuttle bus (it's free) to take you wherever you need to be. Walking is an option too – stairways and secret shortcuts are a thing. Off campus, the public transport network (bus and rail) is ranked **12th in the world**. Taxis and private hire cars available for a little extra.

There's no safer place in the world – Singapore is ranked **1st globally**.

Gallup, The Global Safety Report 2025



Weather Forecast

Typically hot and sunny with occasional rainy interludes, you'll do well to pack light – think sleeveless tops, shorts, shades, caps, sunblock... and don't forget an umbrella.



Programme Prerequisites

Admission to NUS is based on academic merit and open competition. Before you apply, ensure that you satisfy the programme prerequisites.

Programmes Requiring Tests and/or Interviews

Degree Programme	Programme Prerequisites
Architecture cde.nus.edu.sg	Year 12 or higher level pass in Chemistry or Mathematics or Physics or Physical Science
Dentistry dentistry.nus.edu.sg	Year 12 or higher level pass in Chemistry and either Biology or Physics
Industrial Design cde.nus.edu.sg	Year 12 or higher level pass in Arts or Economics or Mathematics or Physics
Landscape Architecture cde.nus.edu.sg	Year 12 or higher level pass in Chemistry or Mathematics or Physics or Physical Science
Law law.nus.edu.sg	High level of proficiency in the English Language (e.g. General Paper B, IELTS 7.0 or TOEFL iBT 100 or SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score of 700 or AP English Language Grade 4)
Medicine medicine.nus.edu.sg	Year 12 or higher level pass in Chemistry and either Biology or Physics BMAT/UCAT may be required for some qualifications. Please refer to medicine.nus.edu.sg/prospective-students/nus-medicine-pre-requisites for more details on NUS Medicine prerequisites.
Music ystmusic.nus.edu.sg	Refer to conservatory website to file a separate application.
Nursing medicine.nus.edu.sg/nursing	Year 12 or higher level pass in any two of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Physics, Physical Science, either Mathematics or Further Mathematics

Specific Requirements

Dentistry, Law or Medicine Programmes:

Submit actual results by the closing dates applicable to the qualification you are applying with, as shortlisting for tests and interviews is based on actual results.

Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music Programmes:

Apply directly to the Conservatory; applicants will be informed separately. An audition will be conducted for shortlisted applicants.

Architecture, Dentistry, Industrial Design, Landscape Architecture, Law, Medicine or Nursing Programmes:

Look out for notification via the Applicant Portal to attend additional tests and/or interviews in April.

myaces.nus.edu.sg/applicantPortal



Single Degree Programmes*

Degree Programme	Programme Prerequisites
Business Administration 🔗 bba.nus.edu.sg Majors: Accountancy, Applied Business Analytics, Business Economics, Finance, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Leadership & Human Capital Management, Marketing, Operations & Supply Chain Management, Real Estate	Year 12 or higher level pass in Mathematics
Business Analytics 🔗 comp.nus.edu.sg	Year 12 or higher level pass in Mathematics
Business Artificial Intelligence Systems 🔗 comp.nus.edu.sg	Year 12 or higher level pass in Mathematics
Common Computer Science Programmes 🔗 comp.nus.edu.sg Majors: Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science	Year 12 or higher level pass in Mathematics
Computer Engineering 🔗 cde.nus.edu.sg	Year 12 or higher level pass in Mathematics and either Physics or Chemistry
Engineering 🔗 cde.nus.edu.sg Majors: Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Engineering Science, Environmental & Sustainability Engineering, Industrial & Systems Engineering, Infrastructure & Project Management, Materials Science & Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Robotics & Machine Intelligence	Year 12 or higher level pass in Mathematics Refer to 🔗 cde.nus.edu.sg for additional information on the respective majors.
Food Science & Technology 🔗 fst.nus.edu.sg	Year 12 or higher level pass in any two of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Physics, Physical Science, Mathematics/ Further Mathematics
Humanities and Sciences 🔗 chs.nus.edu.sg Majors from Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Anthropology, Chinese Languages & Cultures, Chinese Studies (Bilingual), Communications & New Media, Economics, English Language, English Literature, Geography, Global Studies, History, Japanese Studies, Malay Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, South Asian Studies, Southeast Asian Studies, Theatre & Performance Studies Majors from Faculty of Science: Chemistry, Data Science & Analytics, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, Quantitative Finance, Statistics	Refer to 🔗 chs.nus.edu.sg for additional information on the respective majors.

Degree Programme	Programme Prerequisites
Information Security 🔗 comp.nus.edu.sg	Year 12 or higher level pass in Mathematics
Pharmaceutical Science 🔗 pharmacy.nus.edu.sg	Strong Year 12 or higher level pass in Chemistry and Biology or Mathematics or Physics
Pharmacy 🔗 pharmacy.nus.edu.sg	Strong Year 12 or higher level pass in Chemistry and Biology or Mathematics or Physics

* You can also apply for Double Degree, Double Major or Major-Minor Programmes during your application or after your first year at NUS (subject to approval from Colleges, Faculties and Schools). For more information, visit nus.edu.sg/studyoptions

Cross-Disciplinary Programmes

Degree Programme	Programme Prerequisites
Data Science & Economics 🔗 chs.nus.edu.sg/programmes/dse	Strong Year 12 or higher level pass in Mathematics
Environmental Studies 🔗 chs.nus.edu.sg/programmes/bes	Please refer to 🔗 chs.nus.edu.sg/programmes/bes for details. Students who do not have a pass in Year 12 Biology would be required to take the bridging course in Biology, LSM1301, upon successful admission to the programme.
Geospatial Intelligence 🔗 chs.nus.edu.sg/programmes/gi	Please refer to 🔗 chs.nus.edu.sg/programmes/gi for details.
Philosophy, Politics, & Economics 🔗 chs.nus.edu.sg/programmes/ppe	Please refer to 🔗 chs.nus.edu.sg/programmes/ppe for details.

For more information on programmes and programme prerequisites, visit

[🔗 www.nus.edu.sg/oam/admissions/international-qualifications/admission-requirements](https://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/admissions/international-qualifications/admission-requirements)

Note: For International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma applicants, please refer to www.nus.edu.sg/oam/admissions/before-you-apply/programme-prerequisites for programme requirements.

NUS College

NUS College offers an enhanced interdisciplinary educational experience, beyond the primary major, to undergraduates from over 60 majors across NUS. To apply, simply indicate your interest in NUS College during your admissions application. Your application will be considered for both the degree programmes that you are applying to and NUS College.

For more information about NUS College, visit [🔗 nuscollege.nus.edu.sg](https://nuscollege.nus.edu.sg)

Qualifications & Admission Requirements

To apply, you should fulfil one of the following academic qualifications and have either completed or are in your final year of High School.

A-Level (AQA, Cambridge, Edexcel, London, OCR, Oxford International AQA, WJEC)*

Completed A-Level with at least three Advanced Level subject grades. Grades from two sittings taken within a 12-month period can be considered. Applicants with good grades in four Advanced Level subjects are preferred.

American High School Diploma

Completed High School and supported with standardised test scores.

Australian High School

Completed High School with at least ATAR of 90 or OP of 6.

Brunei A-Level*

Completed A-Level with three Advanced Level and two AS Level subjects (including GP) in the same sitting of the examination.

Canadian High School Diploma*

Completed High School with at least 90% for each subject.

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

Completed CAPE with at least Grade II passes in all six subjects of which three subjects are two-unit subjects.

Danish Studentereksamen*

Completed Danish Studentereksamen (STX, HHX or HTX) with an overall average score of 9 or better and similar scores in relevant Level A and B subjects. C1 Advanced, IELTS, PTE Academic or TOEFL is required.

European Baccalaureate Diploma*

Completed Diploma with at least 80% pass in 10 subjects.

French Baccalaureate Diploma*

Completed Diploma with an average of 15 or better. C1 Advanced, IELTS, PTE Academic or TOEFL is required.

Gao Kao or PRC National College Entrance Examination

Completed Gao Kao with C1 Advanced, IELTS, PTE Academic or TOEFL. Senior Middle 3 students who are not taking the Gao Kao examination should apply under 'Other High School Qualifications'.

German Abitur*

Completed Abitur with an overall average of 2.0 or better. C1 Advanced, IELTS, PTE Academic or TOEFL is required.

Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)

Completed HKDSE with at least three core subjects at Level 3 and two elective subjects, with a minimum of Level 4 in English.

Indian Standard 12 (All Qualifications)

Completed or are completing Indian Standard 12 in the year of admission. State Board applicants must submit standardised test scores. Applicants completing Standard 12 in the year of admission are not eligible to apply for Dentistry, Law, Medicine and Nursing. (The University may conduct additional aptitude tests for Architecture, Industrial Design and Landscape Architecture in June, subject to availability.)

* Applicants without actual results must submit standardised test scores for admissions consideration. Please refer to pages 14 and 15 for more information.

Indonesian Ujian Nasional (UN)

Completed or completing UN / Ijazah Sekolah Menengah Atas in the year of admission, with C1 Advanced, IELTS, PTE Academic or TOEFL.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

Completed or are completing the IB Diploma in the year of admission with at least three HL and three SL subjects, plus TOK and EE. English must be one of the subjects. IB Certificate is not eligible to gain admission.

Italian Diploma di Esame di Stato*

Completed Italian Diploma di Esame di Stato with an overall average of at least 88% with C1 Advanced, IELTS, PTE Academic or TOEFL.

Mauritius High School Certificate

Completed Mauritius A-Level with a good pass in at least three A-Level subjects and two AS level subjects (including GP), taken in the same sitting.

New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 3

Completed NCEA at Level 3 with Merit, and attained University Entrance Certificate.

Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM)

Completed or are completing STPM with at least B for all subjects and MUET of 240 for exam session 2021 and onwards; 200 for exam session 2020 and earlier.

Sri Lanka A-Level

Completed Sri Lanka A-Level with C1 Advanced, IELTS, PTE Academic or TOEFL.

Taiwan Senior High School

Completed General Scholastic Ability Test (GSAT) with C1 Advanced, IELTS, PTE Academic or TOEFL. Applicants who are not taking the GSAT should apply under 'Other High School Qualifications'.

Thai Mathayom 6

Completed Mathayom 6 with overall GPA of at least 3.0 with C1 Advanced, IELTS, PTE Academic or TOEFL.

Unified Examination Certificate (UEC)

Completed or completing UEC in the year of admission with EL1119, C1 Advanced, IELTS, MUET, PTE Academic or TOEFL.

Vietnam National High School Graduation Examination

Completed or completing High School Graduation Examination in the year of admission, with C1 Advanced, IELTS, PTE Academic or TOEFL.

Other High School Qualifications*

Completed High School qualification supported with standardised test scores.

English Language Requirement

English Language is the University's language of instruction. Besides submitting your high school qualifications for admission consideration, you may need to submit an English Language Test score or sit for the Qualifying English Test (QET).

To check if you are required to submit an English Language Test score, refer to pages 10 to 12. English Language Test scores are valid for two years.

To check if you need to sit for the QET, visit nus.edu/qet

English Language Test	Minimum Acceptable Score for Admission
C1 Advanced or Cambridge English: Advanced	180
EL1119	C6
IELTS^{1,2}	6.5 for overall, reading and writing
MUET	240 for exam session 2021 and onwards; 200 for exam session 2020 and earlier
PTE Academic³	62 for overall, reading and writing
Tahap Keseluruhan CEFR Bahasa Inggeris	B1
TOEFL^{1,4,5}	580 for paper-based; 92–93 for internet-based
TOEFL Essentials	10

¹ Different English Language requirements apply for Law. Refer to page 6 for more information.

² IELTS Indicator scores are not accepted.

³ PTE Academic Online scores are accepted.

⁴ Only TOEFL iBT scores from a single test date are accepted; MyBest scores will not be accepted.

⁵ TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition and TOEFL iBT Paper Edition scores are accepted.

For other qualifications, please refer to our website:

nus.edu/internationalapply

* Applicants without actual results must submit standardised test scores for admissions consideration. Please refer to pages 14 and 15 for more information.



Additional Qualifications

On top of your high school qualifications, you may need to submit standardised test scores. Refer to the Qualifications & Admission Requirements on pages 10 to 12 to check if you are required to do so.

Any of the following combinations of standardised test scores is accepted:

- 1** : At least five Advanced Placement (AP) courses; or
- 2** : ACT with Writing, and at least three AP courses; or
- 3** : SAT, and at least three AP courses.



Advanced Placement Courses

AP Calculus BC is required for all programmes except Law. AP courses must meet the prerequisites of the programmes you are applying for.

A minimum score of 3 per AP course is needed for admissions. Results from up to two examination sittings are accepted. Applicants for Law can take any listed course combinations, including AP Calculus AB. Acceptable AP courses for admissions consideration can be found at nus.edu.sg/oam/docs/default-source/defaultdocument-library/standardised_test.pdf and ap.collegeboard.org

ACT with Writing

The ACT consists of five sections: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science and Writing Test (optional). Apart from the minimum composite score of 29, the writing component score of 8 has to be met. The writing component is compulsory if you are submitting ACT with Writing in lieu of SAT. All ACT sections (inclusive of Writing) have to be taken in one sitting. We do not accept a combination of scores from different sittings. The validity of ACT scores is five years.

www.act.org

SAT

The SAT consists of two sections: Reading & Writing, and Mathematics. All SAT sections have to be taken in one sitting. We do not accept a combination of scores from different sittings. The minimum acceptable test scores are 600 for Reading & Writing, and 650 for Mathematics. The validity of SAT scores is five years.

sat.collegeboard.org

Scholarships

As an international applicant, you will be considered for the following scholarships through your application for admission. Qualifications are the same as those required for admission to NUS.

Scholarship	Nationalities	Eligibility
ASEAN Undergraduate Scholarship	Citizens of ASEAN countries, except Singapore	All undergraduate programmes leading to a first degree
Science & Technology Undergraduate Scholarship	Citizens of an Asian country/region, except Singapore	Any Computing, Engineering or Science undergraduate programme except Environmental Studies, Infrastructure and Project Management, and Pharmacy
NUS International Undergraduate Scholarship	Citizens of all countries, except Singapore	Exceptional international students with outstanding achievements
NUS College International Scholarship	Citizens of all countries, except Singapore	International students who are applying for admission to NUS College
The Association of Banks in Singapore – Goh Keng Swee Scholarship	Citizens of Brunei, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand or Vietnam	All undergraduate programmes leading to a first degree, excluding Dentistry, Medicine and Music

Financial Aid

Estimated Living Expenses

A full-time international undergraduate student incurs about S\$6,000 in living expenses per year and S\$5,400 in accommodation expenses (study period of 35 weeks), based on a conservative estimate for a comfortable lifestyle.

nus.edu/livingexpenses

Financial Assistance Schemes

Loans, bursaries, and work-study opportunities are available to needy students. Simply apply for Financial Aid after you have applied for admissions. Financial Aid application is open from 23 February 2026. Submit your application by 1 April 2026 for earlier release of results and disbursement of funds before the tuition fee payment deadline.

nus.edu/applyfinancialaid

MOE Tuition Grant

Provided by the Ministry of Education (MOE), the MOE Tuition Grant is awarded to international students competitively to help defray university education costs.

If you are awarded and accept the MOE Tuition Grant, you will pay subsidised fees and are required to work for a Singapore entity for three years upon graduation. If you are not successful, or have chosen not to apply for a Tuition Grant, you will pay unsubsidised fees. You will also not be eligible for NUS and MOE-funded or administered Financial Aid and Scholarships during your entire degree programme candidature.

nus.edu/ugfees

Financial Aid Calculator

Use this calculator to estimate the amount of financial aid you qualify for.

nus.edu/financialaidcalculator

MOE Tuition Fee Loan

A Tuition Fee Loan (TFL) is also available on top of the MOE Tuition Grant to offset your tuition fee. The value of the TFL is up to 90% of the subsidised tuition fee payable by Singapore Citizens for the same degree programme. Please refer to the calculation scenario below to understand how it works.

Estimated Annual Tuition Fee and Living Expenses	Singapore Dollars (S\$)
Subsidised Tuition Fee Payable after deducting the MOE Tuition Grant (e.g. Computing for ASEAN students)	17,950
Estimated Living Expenses including on-campus accommodation (35 weeks)	11,400
Total Amount Payable (A)	29,350
Estimated Financial Aid Funds	Singapore Dollars (S\$)
MOE Tuition Fee Loan 90% of Singaporean subsidised tuition fee (i.e. 90% of S\$8,250)	7,425
MOE Study Loan 10% of Singaporean subsidised tuition fee + S\$3,600 living allowance	4,425
NUS Donated/Faculty Bursary*	1,500
Total Financial Aid Funds (B)	13,350
Estimated Annual Out-of-pocket Amount Payable (A) – (B)	16,000

* Only applicable for eligible undergraduates.

Financial aid is tailored to suit your specific needs. Visit nus.edu.sg/oam/financialaid for more information, and speak to our Financial Aid Officers if you require more clarifications.

Your Application Navigator

Almost ready? Let us give you one last boost with our best tips.

Step

1 : Pick your programme

This is probably the hardest part. So many possibilities to choose from – which faculty; is a specialised or an interdisciplinary programme better?

We recommend:

Explore everything and list down your top eight choices.

nus.edu.sg/oam/undergraduate-programmes

Step

2 : Check your eligibility

Make your every chance count by ensuring you fulfil all requirements. Spoiler alert – if you shortlisted more than eight choices, weed down your list. That's because you can only indicate up to eight choices on your application form.

We recommend:

Refer to admission requirements and programme prerequisites spelt out on pages 6 to 15 for guidance.

Step

3 : Prepare for your application

With so many moving parts, you'll want to have the assurance that you've got everything (and missed nothing).

We recommend:

Check off every item in the checklist.

- ✓ Online Application Form
- ✓ Application Fee (S\$20)
- ✓ Copy of all Academic Qualifications
- ✓ Copy of Additional Qualifications and Results (if applicable)
- ✓ Copy of your Passport or Birth Certificate or Identification Card (clearly reflecting your full name and date of birth)
- ✓ Copy of Medical Report(s) if you have or had any illnesses or disabilities
- ✓ Offence Record(s) (if applicable)

Step

4 : Submit your application

Set aside 20 to 30 minutes to complete the online application form.

We recommend:

Remember your social account details – so that you can make changes in the Applicant Portal by the application closing date if you have second thoughts about your programme choices.

nus.edu.sg/apply

Step

5 : Check your application outcome

The Applicant Portal provides updates on your application – be it notifications for extra tests and interviews (if applicable), or requests for additional documents.

We recommend:

Check for updates regularly (especially between January to July).

myaces.nus.edu.sg/applicantPortal

Important Dates



December

Online Application Opens

Submit your application online and pay the application fee.

Financial Aid Application

Submit your application for financial aid if you need financial assistance for your studies from 23 February 2026.



April

Admission Tests and/or Interviews

Attend admission tests and/or interviews in Singapore, if you are shortlisted for selected programmes.



March to July

Admission Outcome

If your application is successful, you will be notified by email. Your financial aid application outcome will also be released.

Refer to our website for exact dates and latest updates:

nus.edu.sg/internationalapply





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Spend a Day in NUS

Experience the life of an NUS student – watch a student performance, dine at a canteen or simply wander around the campus.

 nus.edu/experiencenus

NUS 360° Virtual Tour

Explore and experience NUS' vibrant campus and facilities with our 360° Virtual Tour!

 nus.edu/360virtualtour

Chat with Our Students

Talk to our student ambassadors to glean real-life personal insights into student life at NUS or get that burning question of yours answered.

 nus.edu/chatwithus

