

**MORE THAN
A DEGREE**

YOUR MAP TO ADVENTURE

**UNDERGRADUATE
PROSPECTUS FOR
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
AY2024/2025**



> **INTELLECTUAL STIMULATION**

It's true – NUS is **8th in the world**. But that's just the starting point. We are also home to **30,000 curious, creative undergraduates** like (and unlike) yourself and **2,400 professors** at the top of their fields. Conversations on campus are often thought-provoking and eye-opening, but you have to be here to experience it.

QS World University Rankings 2024

119
YEARS OF
NURTURING
MOVERS AND
SHAKERS

> **UNBOUND EXPLORATION**

Explore our vibrant city using our easy-to-navigate public transport network of buses and trains. Being the **safest country in the world** also means that you can roam the streets freely any time of the day (but we recommend you stay alert anyway).

Gallup's Law and Order Index 2022

1st
IN GALLUP'S
LAW AND ORDER
INDEX 2022

YOUR TICKET TO MORE

> **MAJOR CHOICES**

Studying what you want becomes reality here – especially when there are **more than 60 bachelor's degrees** and **over 130 concurrent, joint and double degree programmes** to choose from. And don't forget the **second majors, minors and specialisations** you could pick up to make your degree your own.

> **GLOBAL EXPERIENCES**

You will love the flight connectivity in Singapore. Fly to **anywhere in Southeast Asia in under 4 hours**. A weekend getaway is totally possible. Or spend some time studying abroad at one of over **300 partner universities worldwide**. Many NUS students have done so.

> **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Graduation is just the beginning – because NUS graduates are the **8th most employable in the world**. Tap on our large support network which comprises **330,000 alumni based in over 100 countries**. Consult the **Centre for Future-ready Graduates** for career advice and internship opportunities.

Times Higher Education Global Employability University Rankings 2022

> CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

- 4 types of accommodation*
 - Halls of Residence
 - Houses
 - Residential Colleges
 - Student Residences

Find out more at nus.edu/hosteloptions 

* First-year international undergraduate students who apply for on-campus accommodation (Halls of Residence & Houses) will be given priority consideration.

> COMMUNICATION

- 4 official languages
 - English
 - Mandarin
 - Malay
 - Tamil
- 1 unofficial language
 - Singlish
- 1 language of instruction at NUS
 - English

> CLIMATE

- 26.8 to 28.6°C mean temperature
- 83.9% mean annual relative humidity

Recommended packing list:

- Light, comfortable clothing
- Jacket (if you feel cold in lecture theatres and shopping malls)
- Foldable umbrella



YOUR GUIDE TO CAMPUS (AND MORE)

> GETTING AROUND

- On campus
 - Free shuttle bus
- Off campus
 - Bus
 - Mass Rapid Transit (our rail system, more commonly referred to as MRT)
 - Taxi/Private Hire Car

> NECESSITIES


- On campus
 - >50 food outlets
 - 17 retail outlets

We are also close to MRT stations such as Kent Ridge (CC24) and Clementi (EW23) – making travelling off campus a breeze.



> STUDENT LIFE

- >200 Clubs, Societies and Interest Groups
- >70 Freshman Orientation Programmes

Find out more at nus.edu.sg/osa 

Subject Prerequisites

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

PROGRAMMES REQUIRING TESTS AND/OR INTERVIEWS

Degree Programme	Minimum Subject Requirements
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

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

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.



SINGLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES*

Degree Programme	Minimum Subject Requirements
Business Administration bba.nus.edu.sg	Year 12 or higher level pass in Mathematics
Majors: Accountancy, Applied Business Analytics, Business Economics, Finance, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Leadership & Human Capital Management, Marketing, Operations & Supply Chain Management, Real Estate	
Business Analytics comp.nus.edu.sg	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
Computer Science comp.nus.edu.sg	Year 12 or higher level pass in Mathematics
Engineering cde.nus.edu.sg	Year 12 or higher level pass in Mathematics
Majors: Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Engineering Science, Environmental Engineering, Industrial & Systems Engineering, Infrastructure & Project Management, Materials Science & Engineering, Mechanical Engineering	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	Refer to chs.nus.edu.sg for additional information on the respective majors.
Majors from Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Anthropology, Chinese Language, Chinese Studies, 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	

Degree Programme	Minimum Subject Requirements
Information Security comp.nus.edu.sg	Year 12 or higher level pass in Mathematics
Information Systems 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/studyoptions

CROSS-DISCIPLINARY PROGRAMMES

Degree Programme	Minimum Subject Requirements
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.
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 subject prerequisites, visit

nus.edu/internationalprereq

Note: For International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma applicants, please refer to [nus.edu.sg/oam/admissions/international-baccalaureate-\(ib\)-diploma/programme-prerequisites](http://nus.edu.sg/oam/admissions/international-baccalaureate-(ib)-diploma/programme-prerequisites) for subject requirements.

NUS College

NUS College offers an enhanced interdisciplinary educational experience, beyond the primary major, to undergraduates from over 50 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

Qualifications & Admission Requirements

To apply, you should fulfil 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 Qualifications

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 Qualifications*

Completed High School with at least 85% 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 passes in three Level 3 core subjects, with English Level 4 or better, and two elective subjects.

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.)

Indonesian Ujian Nasional (UN)

Completed or completing UN / Ijasah 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%.

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

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.

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

For other qualifications, please refer to our website:

nus.edu/internationalapply



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 for exam session 2020 and earlier
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 Inggris	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.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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

The following combinations of standardised test scores are 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 a required subject. You can select the remaining AP courses based on the prerequisites of the programmes you are applying for. AP Calculus AB, AP Research and AP Seminar are not accepted.

The minimum acceptable score for admissions consideration is Grade 3 for each AP course.

* AP Calculus BC is a required subject for all degree programmes except Law. Applicants applying for admission to Law may take any AP course combination except AP Research and AP Seminar.

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: Evidence-Based 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 Evidence-Based Reading & Writing, and 650 for Mathematics. The validity of SAT scores is five years.



SAT Subject Tests

If you have taken SAT Subject Tests between 2019 and 2021, you may submit the test scores in lieu of AP courses.

sat.collegeboard.org



Scholarships

As an international applicant, you will be considered for the following scholarships through your application for admission. If shortlisted, you will be invited to submit a scholarship application separately.

Scholarship	Nationalities	Eligibility	Qualifications
ASEAN Undergraduate Scholarship	Citizens of ASEAN countries, except Singapore	All undergraduate programmes leading to a first degree	Qualifications that render students eligible for undergraduate admission to NUS
Science & Technology Undergraduate Scholarship	Citizens of an Asian country/region, except Singapore	Any Computing, Engineering or Science undergraduate programme except Environmental Studies 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	

Financial Aid

Estimated Living Expenses

A full-time international undergraduate student incurs about S\$10,600 in living and accommodation expenses per year, based on a conservative estimate of expenses required for a comfortable lifestyle on campus.

nus.edu/livingexpenses

Financial Assistance Schemes

Loans, bursaries and work-study opportunities are available to needy students. Simply apply for financial aid online from 1 November. Apply before the admission application closing date for earlier release of your application 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 on a competitive basis to help defray the costs of university education.

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 non-subsidised 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

nus.edu/financialaidcalculator

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.

Annual Tuition Fee and Living Expenses	Singapore Dollars (S\$)
Subsidised Tuition Fee Payable after deducting the MOE Tuition Grant	17,800
Estimated Living Expenses including on-campus accommodation	10,600
Total Amount Payable (A)	28,400
Financial Aid Funds	Singapore Dollars (S\$)
Tuition Fee Loan 90% of Singaporean subsidised tuition fee (i.e. 90% of S\$8,250)	7,425
NUS 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)	15,050

* Only applicable for eligible undergraduates.

For information on Financial Aid, visit

nus.edu.sg/oam/financialaid

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 subject 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 application number and PIN – 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/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

- ▼ **November**
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.
- ▼ **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.

Exact dates and latest updates can be found here.

nus.edu/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 