

Sample Communications and New Media Study Plans for Cohort 2018-2020

These study plans assume you are a Communications and New Media (CNM) Single Major Honours or CNM Single Major. While you can read any CNM module as long as you meet the pre-requisites, the logical path is to complete NM1101E and the introductory theories (NM2101) and methods (NM2103, NM2104) modules early on. After obtaining a broad overview of the major domains and methods of the discipline from the compulsory modules, you can move on to the electives – more specialised content and empirical modules. For honours students, the level 4000 modules would generally be completed in the final year, although it's possible to take these modules in Year 3 Sem 2 if the pre-requisites are met (all Honours modules require 80 MCs to have been completed before taking them).

Please note that the focus of this document is on the CNM requirements. For details on University-level requirements, Faculty-level requirements, double-counting modules across programmes and more, please visit this website and click on the Modular System document that matches your cohort: <https://fass.nus.edu.sg/academic-matters/modular-system/>

Majoring in Communications and New Media

- NM1101E should ideally be read in your first year, as shown in Table 1A. However, these modules are always in great demand, but there is no need to panic if you aren't able to read both in your first year. Table 2A shows that even if you can only complete them in your third semester, you can still fulfil the CNM requirements comfortably.
- The compulsory methods modules NM2103 and NM2104 should ideally be read in your second year, as an understanding of research methods will help you better understand some of the research discussed in elective NM modules.
- Your final year should generally be reserved for your level 4000 electives, and the optional Honours Thesis.

Graduation Requirements

The information below can also be found here: <https://fass.nus.edu.sg/cnm/undergraduate-major/>

Single Major [B.A.]

To graduate with a single major [B.A.] in NM, students need to:

1. Pass NM1101E or NM1101X. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least **44 MCs** of NM modules or NM-recognised modules which includes the following:
 - a. NM2101
 - b. NM2103
 - c. NM2104
 - d. NM3550Y (see note 1 below)
 - e. A minimum of **20 MCs** from level-3000 modules or higher (inclusive of NM3550Y).
 - f. A maximum of 2 level-4000 NM modules.
 - g. A maximum of 8 MCs of NM-recognised modules.

Notes:

- i. Students may read TR3202 (12 MCs) in place of NM3550Y.
- ii. Level-5000 or NM modules are not allowed.

- iii. NM3550Y is only compulsory for FASS students. Non-FASS students must read other level-3000 or higher NM or NM-recognised modules in lieu of MN3550Y.

Single Major [B.Soc.Sci.(Hons)]

To graduate with a single major [B.Soc.Sci.(Hons)] in NM, students need to:

1. Pass NM1101E or NM1101X. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least **84 MCs** of NM or NM-recognised modules, which include the following:
 - a. NM2101
 - b. NM2103
 - c. NM2104
 - d. NM3550Y (see note 1 below)
 - e. NM4102 (no longer compulsory for Cohort 2017 onwards, except for students doing Honours Thesis)
 - f. A minimum of **20 MCs** of level-3000 NM or NM-recognised modules or higher (inclusive of NM3550Y), with
 - g. A minimum of **40 MCs** from level-4000 or higher, with NM4102 compulsory for those from Cohort 2016 and before.
 - h. A maximum of 2 level-5000 NM modules (subject to department's approval).
 - i. A maximum of 12 MCs of NM-recognised modules.

Notes:

- i. Students may read TR3202 (12 MCs) in place of NM3550Y.
- ii. NM3550Y is only compulsory for FASS students. Non-FASS students must read other level-3000 or higher NM or NM-recognised modules in lieu of MN3550Y.
- iii. Level-5000 modules subject to department's approval.

Table 1. Sample 4 Year Study Plan for Honours Students

Please see below for a sample study plan for a CNM Honours major. Do note that this is just an example, and there are many other orders you can take the modules in. We do recommend that you complete your compulsory core modules by your second year.

If you do not intend to take Honours, you can just ignore the Year 4 section of the table.

Year	Semester One	Semester Two
1	Faculty Core 1	Faculty Core 3
	Faculty Core 2	Faculty Core 4
	General Education 1	General Education 2
	NM1101E*	NM2101
	Unrestricted Elective 1	Unrestricted Elective 2
2	General Education 3	General Education 4
	NM2103 or NM2104	NM2103 or NM2104
	NM2000 or 3000 Elective	NM2000 or 3000 Elective
	NM2000 or 3000 Elective	Unrestricted Elective 4
	Unrestricted Elective 3	Unrestricted Elective 5
		Unrestricted Elective 6
	General Education 5	NM3550Y Compulsory Internship (12 MCs)
	NM2000 or 3000 Elective	

3	NM2000 or 3000 Elective	
	Unrestricted Elective 7	
	Unrestricted Elective 8	
	Unrestricted Elective 9	
4	NM4000 Elective 1	NM4000 Elective 5
	NM4000 Elective 2	NM4000 Elective 6 or Honours Thesis[#]
	NM4000 Elective 3	NM4000 Elective 7 or Honours Thesis[#]
	NM4000 Elective 4	NM4000 Elective 8 or Honours Thesis[#]

* fulfils FASS Social Sciences exposure requirement; Faculty Core 5

Students who are doing the year-long Honours Thesis (HT) will be allocated the HT at the during the semester that they are starting on the HT. Even though the allocation takes place one semester earlier, the HT will still only count for a total of 15 MCs.

This table shows the student taking the Compulsory Internship Programme or CIP (NM3550Y) in Year 3 Sem 2. Note that it could also be taken in Year 3 Sem 1.

While students read 20 MCs in a 'typical' semester, students are encouraged not to read modules in the semester they are undergoing their 12 MCs Compulsory Internship Programme (NM3550Y) due to the amount of work involved. This means that you would instead make up for the missing 8 MCs by 'overloading' in two other semesters, e.g. Year 2 Sem 2 and Year 3 Sem 1 in the sample plan above. While discouraged, it is still possible to read a module during CIP. Modules which end in a Y suffix such as NM3234Y and NM3239Y are designed to be compatible with CIP in terms of their scheduling.

The table also depicts a student reading Honours Thesis who takes 4 level 4000 elective modules in Year 4 Sem 1, and 1 level 4000 elective module in Year 4 Sem 2, leaving a lot of time in Sem 2 to focus on writing the thesis. As a significant amount of preparation work for the thesis may need to be done in Sem 1, you may want to instead complete 3 level 4000 modules in Sem 1, and 2 level 4000 modules in Sem 2. An Independent Study Module (ISM) could be taken as a level 4000 elective, though this can only be done by students who will not be pursuing an Honours Thesis.

Second Major in Communications and New Media

Graduation Requirements for Cohorts 2019 and 2020

The information below can also be found here: <https://fass.nus.edu.sg/cnm/undergraduate-major/>

To graduate with a second major in NM, students need to:

1. Pass NM1101E or NM1101X. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least **36 MCs** of NM modules or NM-recognised modules which includes the following:
 - a. NM2101
 - b. NM2103
 - c. NM2104
 - d. A minimum of **16 MCs** from Level 3000.

Notes:

- i. NM3550Y is only compulsory for CNM primary majors. Students who are on NUS Overseas College (NOC) may read TR3202 in lieu of NM3550Y.
- ii. Level-5000 or NM modules are not allowed.

Graduation Requirements for Cohorts 2016 - 2018

To graduate with a second major in NM, students need to:

1. Pass NM1101E or NM1101X. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least **44 MCs** of NM modules or NM-recognised modules which includes the following:
 - a. NM2101
 - b. NM2103
 - c. NM2104
 - d. NM3550Y (see notes 1 and 2 below)
 - e. A minimum of **20 MCs** from level-3000 modules or higher (inclusive of NM3550Y).
 - f. A maximum of 2 level-4000 NM modules.
 - g. A maximum of 8 MCs NM-recognised modules.

Notes:

- i. NM3550Y is only compulsory for FASS students. Non-FASS students must read other level-3000 or higher NM or NM-recognised modules in lieu of NM3550Y.
- ii. FASS students may read TR3202 (12 MCs) in place of NM3550Y.
- iii. Level-5000 or NM modules are not allowed.

Table 2. Sample Study Plan for CNM Second Major Students (Cohorts 2019 and 2020)

Year	Semester One	Semester Two
1	Faculty Core 1	Faculty Core 4
	Faculty Core 2 (Primary Major Exposure Module)	General Education 2
	General Education 1	Primary Major Module
	NM1101E*	Primary Major Module
	Faculty Core 3	NM2101
2	General Education 3	General Education 4
	Primary Major Module	Primary Major Module
	Primary Major Module	Primary Major Module
	NM2103	NM2000 or 3000 Elective
	NM2104	NM2000 or 3000 Elective
3	Primary Major Module	Primary Major Module
	Primary Major Module	Primary Major Module
	General Education 5	Primary Major Module
	NM2000 or 3000 Elective	NM2000 or 3000 Elective
	NM2000 or 3000 Elective	NM2000 or 3000 Elective
4	Primary Major level 4000 Elective 1	Primary Major level Elective 5
	Primary Major level 4000 Elective 2	Primary Major level 4000 Elective 6 or HT [#]
	Primary Major level 4000 Elective 3	Primary Major level 4000 Elective 7 or HT [#]
	Primary Major level 4000 Elective 4	Primary Major level 4000 Elective 8 or HT [#]

* fulfils FASS Social Sciences exposure requirement; Faculty Core 5. This is only the case if the primary major is not a Social Sciences exposure module. If that is the case, then the primary major exposure module would fulfil the FASS Social Sciences exposure requirement, and NM1101E would be a UE.

Students who are doing the year-long Honours Thesis (HT) will be allocated the HT at the during the semester that they are starting on the HT. Even though the allocation takes place one semester earlier, the HT will still only count for a total of 15 MCs.

Note: Up to 16 MCs of second major modules can be double counted with the Faculty/Primary Major/Minor modules. This would free up some Unrestricted Elective spaces. The sample table above assumes no double counting, meaning that all the UE spaces are taken up by 2nd major modules.

You can visit the 'Recognised-Modules' tab on the CNM module list page to see what modules from other departments can be double-counted to meet CNM major requirements:

<https://fass.nus.edu.sg/cnm/undergraduate-module-list/>

Minor in Communications and New Media

The Minor in Communications and New Media (CNM) is targeted at students who are already majoring in another programme, but are interested in acquiring an exposure to Communication and Media Studies.

The ModReg system prioritises majors, so you may have difficulty getting into the core modules. The recommended approach is to read one module per semester, as shown in Table 3A, but if you cannot get in, it is still possible to complete the minor if you read two per semester from your fourth semester onwards, as shown in Table 3B.

Please visit this page for more information: <https://fass.nus.edu.sg/cnm/undergraduate-minor-cnm/>

Graduation Requirements for Cohorts 2019 onwards

To graduate with a Minor in Communications and New Media, students need to pass at least **20 MCs** of NM modules, which include:

1. NM1101E or NM1101X. This will be counted towards Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least **16 MCs** of NM modules, which include the following:
 - a. NM2101
 - b. An additional **12 MCs** of NM-coded modules, of which a minimum of **4 MCs** are from Level 3000 or higher.

Graduation Requirements for Cohorts 2018 and earlier

To graduate with a Minor in Communications and New Media, students need to pass at least **24 MCs** of NM modules, which include:

1. NM1101E or NM1101X. This will be counted towards Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least **20 MCs** of NM modules, which include the following:
 - a. NM2101
 - b. An additional **16 MCs** of NM-coded modules, of which a minimum of **8 MCs** are from Level 3000 or higher.

Note: the suggested plans below are for Cohort 2019 onwards. Students from earlier cohorts would read one additional elective.

Table 3A. Read one module per semester

Year	Semester One	Semester Two
1	NM1101E	NM2101
2	NM Elective 1	NM Elective 2
3	NM Elective 3	

Table 3B. Read two modules per semester from your fourth semester

Year	Semester One	Semester Two
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2		NM1101E
		NM2101
3	NM Elective 1	NM Elective 3
	NM Elective 2	

Minoring in Cultural Studies

The Minor in Cultural Studies is a very unique programme that allows you to pick and mix modules across various disciplines. Cultural Studies is an interdisciplinary field focused on the interpretation and understanding of cultural forms and practices, including cinema, cyberspace, social media, popular fiction, popular music, television, and popular art. Students who take up this minor will leave it with knowledge of contemporary debates in cultural studies and with a theoretical tool-kit capable of analysing a range of social processes that give rise to and underpin the cultural forms and practices.

Please visit this page for more information: <https://fass.nus.edu.sg/cnm/undergraduate-minor-cultural-studies/>

Graduation Requirements for Cohorts 2019 onwards

To graduate with the Minor in Cultural Studies, students must pass a minimum of **20 MCs** of recognised Cultural Studies Minor modules, which must include:

1. NM3241 Cultural Studies: Theory and Practice
2. Four elective modules (16 MCs)

Notes:

- i. A minimum of **8 MCs** at Level-3000 (including NM3241)
- ii. Students are limited to taking a maximum of two modules (including NM3241) from the same department (outside student's major)
- iii. The list of recognised electives can be found here: <https://fass.nus.edu.sg/cnm/undergraduate-minor-cultural-studies/>

Graduation Requirements for Cohorts 2018 onwards

To graduate with the Minor in Cultural Studies, students must pass a minimum of 24 MCs of recognised Cultural Studies Minor modules, which must include:

1. NM3241 Cultural Studies: Theory and Practice
2. Five elective modules (20 MCs)

Notes:

- i. A minimum of **8 MCs** at Level-2000
- ii. A minimum of **8 MCs** at Level-3000 (including NM3241)
- iii. Students are limited to taking a maximum of two modules (including NM3241) from the same department (outside student's major)
- iv. The list of recognised electives can be found here: <https://fass.nus.edu.sg/cnm/undergraduate-minor-cultural-studies/>

Students can refer to the suggested plans in the 'Minoring in Communications and New Media' above but replace the NM modules with Cultural Studies modules. Note that the compulsory module NM3241 Cultural Studies: Theory and Practice does not have to be read before the elective modules.

You may also email the academic convenor Professor Audrey Yue (audrey.yue@nus.edu.sg) to recognise FASS modules not in this list or modules taken during exchange programmes at other universities for the minor.

Minoring in Interactive Media Development

With almost every aspect of our lives being influenced by interactive media, it is increasingly important for students from all backgrounds to be aware of how these new technologies are designed and developed. The interdisciplinary Minor in Interactive Media Development, open to students from any NUS faculty or discipline, is designed to support this need by providing an introduction to the theory and practice of interactive media development.

Please visit this page for more information:

<https://fass.nus.edu.sg/cnm/undergraduate-minor-imd/>

Graduation Requirements for Cohorts 2019 onwards

1. Complete **20 MCs** of modules from the following NM and CS module lists below, of **which at least 12 MCs** must be taken from outside the full set of modules which make up the student's primary major.
2. **Up to 8 MCs** of modules may be used to satisfy both major and minor requirements. Students must take modules from both the NM and CS module lists, with **at least 8 MCs** from the **NM** list and **at least 8 MCs** from the **CS** List.
3. For non-CS students, please note that NM2207 is acceptable as a prerequisite for CS3240. However, also note that CS1010 is a preclusion for NM2207, so students planning to take NM2207 should do so before taking CS1010.

The module lists can be found at the link above.

Graduation Requirements for Cohorts 2018 onwards

1. Complete **24 MCs** of modules from the following NM and CS module lists below, of which **at least 12 MCs** must be taken from outside the full set of modules which make up the student's primary major.
2. **Up to 8 MCs** of modules may be used to satisfy both major and minor requirements. Students must take modules from both the NM and CS module lists, with **at least 8 MCs** from the **NM** list and **at least 8 MCs** from the **CS** List.
3. For non-CS students, please note that NM2207 is acceptable as a prerequisite for CS3240. However, also note that CS1010 is a preclusion for NM2207, so students planning to take NM2207 should do so before taking CS1010.

The module lists can be found at the link above.

Students can refer to the suggested plans in the 'Minoring in Communications and New Media' above but replace the NM modules with Interactive Media Development modules.