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**INTRODUCTION**

**1 PRINCIPLES**

In the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), we subscribe to two important principles with respect to undergraduate education:

- (1) Depth and Breadth.** A good undergraduate education involves a balanced combination of depth and breadth. By the end of a degree programme, graduates should know one area well; that is, be aware of its main ideas, of the possibilities and limitations of its methodology, and of its current questions and problems. The best graduates will also be able to identify problems and pose questions of their own in this area. But to be properly educated, graduates should also have broad exposure to other kinds of knowledge beyond their specialism.
- (2) Responsibility.** As undergraduates are mature learners, they should be given the responsibility of determining much of their own programme of study: for instance, the area of specialisation, and the scope and nature of their study outside that area. In short, there should be both flexibility and choice.

**2 PRINCIPLES AND DEGREE STRUCTURE**

The modular system in FASS is designed to embody these two principles. Every opportunity and constraint in the curriculum is guided by the intention for students to acquire depth alongside breadth, while allowing students the flexibility to chart their own path as much as possible.

**3 DEPTH**

Depth is achieved mainly through the study of a major. Most students will pursue a single major programme. Some students may also opt to pursue a double major or double degree programme within the university's frameworks if they meet the requirements. Students may also choose to read a minor in order to pursue another subject in less depth.

For the single major, students read modules from a single department or programme in pursuit of a developed and sophisticated understanding of one subject. The single major constitutes 36.7% of the BA and 52.5% of the Honours degree.

For the double major, in addition to the primary major, students choose to do a second major within the same faculty or from another faculty. In other words, they read modules from 2 separate departments or programmes.

The minor is a limited programme of study in one area. The student who follows a minor is choosing to acquire a certain focus outside the major.

**4 BREADTH**

Broad study outside the student's specialism is regulated by a number of different mechanisms. Each of these is intended to ensure a different kind of breadth. The first is "General Education Requirements" (see *Appendix 2*). The second belongs to "Programme Requirements" (see *Section 1, 4(b)(i)*), and the third is the "Unrestricted Electives Requirement" (see *Section 1, 4(c)*).

- (1) General Education.** NUS mounts a number of modules specially designed to provide general education. Students are required to read five General Education modules.

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**(2) Faculty Core**

- **Exposure in FASS.** Each subject in the Faculty has an (introductory) exposure module. Students are expected to read three of these exposure modules with one from each of the three divisions in FASS, including the exposure module of their major. These exposure modules should preferably be read at the beginning of the students' academic careers so students can explore different areas of knowledge before determining their eventual area of specialisation.
- **Writing, Expression and Communication (WEC) skills.** Students are expected to read two modules in small group settings that facilitate the development of WEC skills. These skills are especially important given the inherently argumentative nature of all of the FASS disciplines.

**(3) Unrestricted Electives.** Part of the curriculum is reserved for unrestricted study outside the major. This ensures that students pursue intellectual interests beyond their principal one. It can be used to achieve greater breadth of knowledge.

**5 FLEXIBILITY**

This brief introduction has already emphasized some of the ways in which our curriculum structure allows students to flexibly create programmes that match their interests and aptitudes. We will continue to provide guidance (upon request) to students who wish to discuss their choices and plan of study. Please refer to *Section 2, 26. Key Contacts* for the relevant details.

**6 REGULATIONS AND CHOICES**

Students should bear our principles in mind when reading the regulations and when making their choices. As far as possible, the Faculty will honour the agreements spelt out in this paper and we will, wherever possible, avoid making changes to the published graduation requirements. However, in some circumstances, it may be necessary to change graduation requirements for your cohort. We will ensure that such changes are communicated clearly to all students via their NUS mailboxes. Announcements will also be made on the Faculty website.

**It is the responsibility of students to check the Faculty website and their NUS mailboxes regularly for updates. They should also ensure that they are contactable via their NUS mailboxes.**

This modular paper is intended for students admitted in academic year 2016-17 and faculty members. It is divided into two sections: Requirements For Graduation and Important Information For All Students. Please refer to *Appendix 1: Terms Used*, for the relationship between the terms/names mentioned in this paper.

<b>USEFUL CONTACTS</b>		
<b>Faculty of Arts &amp; Social Sciences</b> (for University requirement, Faculty requirement and general enquiries)	6516 6133	fashelp@nus.edu.sg
<b>University Health Centre</b> (for personal guidance & counselling service)	6516 2376	cps@nus.edu.sg

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**SECTION 1: REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION**

**1 OVERVIEW OF THE MODULAR SYSTEM**

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) operates on a Modular System in which students read modules (courses) and gain modular credits (MCs). MCs reflect the workload required for each module. Most modules are worth 4 MCs. A module typically lasts one semester. There are two main semesters and two special terms in each academic year.

**2 FACULTY STRUCTURE**

The FASS is organised into 3 divisions – Asian Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences. We offer 20 undergraduate subjects taught by 15 departments and programmes.

European Studies and Global Studies are cross-departmental programmes. They consist of modules housed in different departments and programmes. There is also a Faculty Centre for Language Studies, which offers language instruction.

<b>Division</b>	<b>Department/Programme</b>	<b>Subjects Offered</b>
Asian Studies Division	Department of Chinese Studies	Chinese Language
		Chinese Studies
	Department of Japanese Studies	Japanese Studies
	Department of Malay Studies	Malay Studies
	South Asian Studies Programme	South Asian Studies
	Department of Southeast Asian Studies	Southeast Asian Studies
Humanities Division	Department of English Language & Literature	English Language
		English Literature
		Theatre Studies
	Department of History	History
	Department of Philosophy	Philosophy
Social Sciences Division	Department of Communications and New Media	Communications and New Media
	Department of Economics	Economics
	Department of Geography	Geography
	Department of Political Science	Political Science
	Department of Psychology	Psychology
	Department of Social Work	Social Work
	Department of Sociology	Sociology

<b>Cross-Departmental Programmes</b>	<b>Administered By</b>
European Studies	Department of History
Global Studies	Department of Political Science

<b>Faculty Centre</b>	<b>Courses Offered</b>
Centre for Language Studies	Language instruction in Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Malay, Spanish, Tamil, Thai and Vietnamese

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### 3 UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

Suitably qualified students will be given the opportunity to enrol in the University Scholars Programme (USP). Details about application and latest updates on the USP can be found at the USP website at: <http://www.usp.nus.edu.sg/>.

### 4 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate with the BA (Hons) or BSocSci (Hons) degree, FASS students must be on the honours track (see *Section 2, 20 Honours*) and accumulate a minimum of 160 MCs. Students must also attain a minimum Cumulative Average Point (or CAP, see *Appendix 5: Grading System*) of 3.00. Students who choose not to or do not complete the honours requirements may graduate with the BA degree after accumulating a minimum of 120 MCs at a CAP of at least 2.00. For awarding of classes of honours, please see *Appendix 6: Award for Honours*.

All important announcements will be placed at the FASS website (<http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg>). Students should check the FASS website regularly for the latest announcements and notices. Students should also read any emails sent by the Dean's Office and if in doubt, send an email to [fashelp@nus.edu.sg](mailto:fashelp@nus.edu.sg) for clarification.

The requirements for graduation are:

**(a) General Education Requirements** – See *Appendix 2: GE*

**(b) Programme Requirements** which include:

(i) Faculty Core Requirement

To fulfil the Faculty core requirement, each student must read and pass **two** Writing, Expression and Communication (WEC) modules (8 MCs) and **three** level-1000 exposure modules (12 MCs).

- Exposure modules

Each student must read and pass one exposure module in each of the three divisions – Asian Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences. The module codes for the exposure modules end with an "E", e.g. "CH1101E"\*. The exposure module of the student's major will be counted towards this requirement. For example, if a student majors in South Asian Studies, SN1101E can be used towards the Faculty Exposure Requirement.

Students who read the European Studies or Global Studies level-1000 exposure module (EU1101E or GL1101E) may use it to satisfy the Faculty Exposure Requirement in either the Humanities Division or the Social Sciences Division.

\* Note: An exception is the Philosophy exposure module *GET1029 Life, The Universe, and Everything*.

- Writing, Expression and Communication (WEC) modules

Each student must read *FAS1101 Writing Academically: Arts and Social Sciences*<sup>1</sup> and *FAS1102 Public Writing and Communication*.

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<sup>1</sup> Freshman Seminar (FMA) can be used to fulfil the FAS1101 requirement.

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(ii) Major Requirement

All students will enrol in a 4-year programme leading to the Honours degree in a single major. Some students may choose not to complete or may not meet the honours requirements. Such students may graduate with a BA degree. The number of MCs needed for single major is set out in *Appendix 3: GR-FASS*.

Students must earn a minimum number of MCs from level-3000 and level-4000 modules in their major. For the Single Major (Honours and BA degrees), the Faculty requires students to pass **a minimum of 20 MCs of level-3000 modules** in their major. For the Honours degree, students must pass a minimum of **40 MCs** of level-4000 or higher modules in their major (Level 4000 modules are worth 5 MCs each). Students may be allowed to take, in lieu of their level-4000 modules, a maximum of two level-5000 modules (subject to the department's approval and module pre-requisites, if any), to fulfil graduation requirements. Students should take note that level-5000 FASS modules offered to undergraduates will be worth 5 MCs each. The level-5000 module codes for undergraduates will have the suffix 'R' (for example: EC5555R). Some departments as a matter of policy do not allow undergraduates to read their graduate modules. Level-5000 Independent Studies Modules (ISMs) or level-6000 modules (including ISMs) will not be open to undergraduates.

Students should refer to the relevant department/programme for details on further requirements for their major.

**(c) Unrestricted Electives (UE)**

This enables students to pursue modules which interest them. A minimum number of modules in UE space has to be read outside the major. Students may choose to read any modules outside of their major, as long as they satisfy the relevant pre-requisites.

Details of the relative weightage and MCs required for graduation can be found in *Appendix 3: GR-FASS*. USP students should refer to *Appendix 4: GR-USP*.

**Limit on Level-1000 Modules**

Each student is allowed to count a maximum of 60 MCs of level-1000 modules towards both the BA and Honours degree programmes.

**5 Mother Tongue Bonus Point Scheme**

Students admitted under the Mother Tongue Bonus Point (MTBP) Scheme must pass 7 modules (28 MCs) in the MT-related subject as detailed below in order to graduate from FASS. MTBP modules can be used to satisfy a major or minor requirement. The exposure module read and passed to fulfil MTBP requirements may be concurrently used to satisfy the faculty exposure requirements.

Students on the SEP should see *Section 1, 19 Student Exchange Programme, NUS Overseas College Programme And Other Overseas Education Programmes* for the maximum number of modules which can be used to fulfil MTBP requirements.

Higher MT subject or MT subject at G.C.E. 'A' levels	MT-related subject in FASS	MT Requirements
Chinese	Chinese Language	

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	Chinese Studies	Any 7 (28 MCs) CL and/or CH modules <b><u>taught in Chinese</u></b>
<b>Malay</b>	Malay Studies	Any 7 (28 MCs) MS modules <b><i>including</i></b> at least 2 (8 MCs) MS modules <b><u>taught in Malay</u></b>
<b>Tamil</b>	South Asian Studies	Any 7 (28 MCs) SN modules <b><i>including</i></b> SN2275 Tamil Studies I <b>and</b> SN3275 Tamil Studies II. Both modules are <b><u>taught in Tamil</u></b>

More information is available at

[http://www.askadmissions.nus.edu.sg/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/21/kw/mother%20tongue](http://www.askadmissions.nus.edu.sg/app/answers/detail/a_id/21/kw/mother%20tongue)

## 6 DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMME

### Programme Outline

A Double Degree consists of a combination of two separate degrees in two discipline areas from two different Faculties. Students can choose to devise their own double degree programmes (DDPs) or enrol in one of the existing specially customised DDPs.

Students who wish to enrol in the specially customised DDPs may apply for them at the point of admission or after their first year. Students who apply after their first year must meet the requisite qualifications for the intended DDP. The specially customised DDPs available to FASS students are:

- Communications & New Media and Accountancy
- Communications & New Media and Business
- Economics and Accountancy
- Economics and Business
- Economics and Engineering
- Economics and Law

Students who wish to devise their own DDPs must apply in writing to the Vice-Deans of both Faculties when they have completed between 60 and 80 MCs and attained a CAP of at least 4.00. Students must fulfil at least the honours requirements of their original degree/home course.

To ensure that students entering DDPs have the capacity to handle the demands of such programmes, students who do not maintain a CAP of 3.75 in modules contributing to the original degree/home course **and** a CAP of 3.25 in modules contributing to the second degree, for any two consecutive semesters will be required to withdraw from the DDP.

### Degree Requirements

#### General Education Requirements:

- a) Students need to satisfy one set of General Education requirements only.
- b) If students read General Education Modules to fulfil the faculty, major or minor requirements, then they would need to read another General Education module to fulfil the General Education requirements.

#### Faculty Requirements

As the two degrees are from two Faculties, both sets of faculty requirements must be fulfilled.

#### Major Requirements

At least two-thirds of each major must be fulfilled by distinct (i.e. not overlapping) modules. A minimum 60% of major credits of each of the degrees must be taught/co-taught or supervised/co-supervised by NUS.

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Unrestricted Electives

Students are not required to read unrestricted elective (UE) modules under the DDP. However, if UE modules are read, these can be used to count towards the requirement of either degree programme.

Modules double counted towards the major requirements of both degrees cannot be used to fulfil the requirements of a minor.

**Period of Candidature**

Details on the period of candidature can be found at the Registrar's Office website:

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/education-at-nus/undergraduate-education/continuation-and-graduation-requirements.html#NormalCandidature>

Please note the fee implications of going beyond normal candidature as stated here:

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/edu/UG/fees.html#TuitionFeeRebatePolicy>

**Computation of CAP**

- a) The CAP for each degree programme will be computed separately, and the two CAPs, one each for the respective degree programme, will be reflected separately on the transcript.
- b) Students are required to declare which modules they want to use to fulfil the requirements of each of the two degrees.
- c) The grades from General Education and major modules that may be double counted will be used twice to compute the CAP for each of the two degrees.
- d) If UE modules have been read, the grades obtained will be used to compute the CAP for either one of the two degrees.

**Minimum MC Requirements for Double Degrees**

The minimum MC requirements for double degrees are as follows:

Double Honours Degrees – 200 MCs

Honours and Bachelor Degrees – 180 MCs

The actual total MCs will be dependent on the requirements of each of the two degrees and how much double counting is permitted as specified by the respective Faculties/Departments.

**Award of Degree**

Two separate degrees will be awarded and two degree scrolls issued, one for each degree.

**Fee Implications**

Students reading a double degree should note the fee implications as set out in FAQ #12 at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/faqs/ddp-cdp-dm-faq.html>.

**7 DOUBLE MAJOR PROGRAMME**

Double majors are conceived as an opportunity for students to broaden their knowledge and capacities with a significant degree of depth by pursuing a second major alongside their primary major.

The main features of the second major are as follows:

- Students may read second majors from the Faculty/School of their primary major or from another Faculty/School.
- The second major will be a non-honours major. Students pursuing a second major will have to indicate their first major clearly during the major declaration exercise. No swapping of majors are allowed after their fourth semester of study.

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- The second major will be recorded in the transcript but not on the degree scroll.

**Structure of the Second Major**

A second major will consist of at least 44 MCs of modules (the exposure module will be counted towards the faculty exposure or unrestricted elective requirement) of which:

- up to 16 MCs can be double counted.
- at least 16 MCs must be at level-3000 or above.  
(Some departments may stipulate higher number of MCs. Students should refer to the relevant department for details.)

The minimum MC requirements for the Double Majors are as follows:

Single Degree, Double Major Programs	Minimum MC Requirement
With Honours	160 MCs
Without Honours	120 MCs

The actual total MCs will depend upon the requirements of the second major. Please refer to *Appendix 3: GR-FASS* for more information.

Students from other faculties intending to read a second major in FASS must have completed between 40 and 100 MCs, and have attained a minimum CAP of 3.50. Announcements will be made on when the application periods are for second majors offered by FASS. FASS students intending to read a second major in FASS will declare their second major the same way they declared their first major. FASS students intending to read a second major from other faculties will need to look out for the application periods of those faculties.

Applications to read a second major must be made no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> semester of study. As the application for a second major starts one semester before, students are therefore required to apply, at the latest, in their fourth semester of study.

Students may withdraw from the double major programme by informing the Dean's Office of the home Faculty. Upon withdrawing from the double major programme, modules read to fulfil the requirements of the second major may be used to fulfil some from the unrestricted electives (outside of major) requirement, and will continue to count towards the student's CAP.

**Period of Candidature**

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**8 DEGREE PROGRAMMES WITH OTHER UNIVERSITIES**

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences has established several joint and double degree programmes with overseas Universities. The degrees currently available are:

**Joint Degree Programmes**

- Joint Honours Degree in Actuarial Studies and Economics with Australian National University (ANU)
- Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) (ANU)/Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (NUS) Joint Degree Programme (for USP students only)



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- Joint Bachelor of Arts Programme with University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Double Degree Programmes

- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from National University of Singapore and Bachelor of Arts in International Liberal Studies from Waseda University (For USP students only)
- Double Degree Bachelor of Arts (Honours) with Sciences Po (For USP students only)

As these programmes are very specific in nature, this paper will not address the programme requirements in detail. For more information and application details, please refer to:

<http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/intl/underGradSplDeg.html>.

**Period of Candidature**

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**9 Concurrent Degree Programme**

Concurrent degree programmes (CDPs) involve a combination of a Bachelor's and a Master's degree from the same Faculty or from two different Faculties. Such programmes allow students to pursue a Bachelor's and a Master's degree concurrently. Therefore, they will be able to graduate in a shorter span of five years with both degrees. The programmes currently available are:

- Concurrent Programme in Bachelor of Arts with Honours / Bachelor of Science with Honours and Master in Public Policy. For more information please refer to: <https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/fas/ug/currentstd/concurrent-degree-programme.html>
- Concurrent Programme in Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours and Master of Social Sciences (Psychology by Research) For more information and application details, please refer to: [http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/psy/\\_current/gradresearch/gr\\_masters\\_cdp.htm](http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/psy/_current/gradresearch/gr_masters_cdp.htm)

**10 MINORS**

Students may plan their degree so that it includes a minor. A minor is a programme of study consisting of 24 MCs. A student may use, partially or wholly, the MCs under the unrestricted electives basket to satisfy the minor requirements. Minors are offered by FASS as well as other faculties.

General Education modules taken towards minor requirements may not be used towards both minor and General Education requirements. If students read General Education Modules to fulfil the minor requirement, then they would need to read another General Education module to fulfil the General Education requirements.

Students will be allowed to use up to 8 MCs to meet the requirements for both the minor and major or another minor, at the same time. However, the credits for these modules will be counted ONCE. Students would still need to fulfil the 28 MCs required outside the major for UE requirements. A maximum of 8 MCs can be double counted between a major and a minor, a major and a second minor, as well as a minor and another minor, as long as two-thirds of the modules in the major or minor are distinct. This is to ensure that students will complete at least 16 MCs of distinct modules for their minor requirements.

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In addition, at least 12 MCs (out of 24 MCs) for any minor programme must be taken from outside the entire set of modules that are listed for the student's major(s) and other minor.

For students on SEP/NOC/OEP (please see *Section 1, 19*), credit transfer of up to 8 MCs of relevant modules for the minor may be accepted. This is because at least 16 MCs of minor requirements have to be taught/co-taught or supervised/co-supervised by NUS.

More information about minors can be found at:

<https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/fas/ug/currentstd/minors-for-cohort-2014.html>

## 11 DECLARATION OF MAJOR/MINOR

Students may declare their major/minor(s) before the registration of modules in their second semester of study or after. In general, in order for students to declare a subject as a major, they must be reading or have passed the relevant exposure or level-1000 module(s). Some departments have additional requirements for students to declare a major. Please refer to the department website for details. Although students may change their major/minor(s) at any time, they are advised that any such change may have an impact on the duration of their candidature.

Students are not allowed to opt for a new major, minor, second major or second degree programme beyond the end of their 5<sup>th</sup> semester of study for both the BA and Honours degree programmes. This means that students must finalise the declaration of their major, minor, second major or second degree programme, **before the end of their examinations**, of their 5<sup>th</sup> semester of study. As a second major should be a non-honours major, students pursuing a second major should indicate their first major clearly during major declaration exercise. Students can make their declaration through:

Modes of Declaration	FASS majors *	FASS open minors	Non-FASS open minors
Online <a href="#">major/minor declaration programme</a> (held before CORS)	Yes	Yes	No
Graduation and Academic Planning System (held after CORS)	Yes	Yes	No
CORS (only at the first login)	No	No	Yes

\* *excludes students on the joint degree programmes, double degree programmes and double major programmes. Declaration of majors for students on these programmes will be updated manually by the Dean's Office.*

As admission to the following programmes is by selection, online declaration is not possible. Students should look out for the application periods and submit their applications, before the end of their 5<sup>th</sup> semester of study:

- Restricted minors;
- Second majors offered by other Faculties;
- Double degree programmes;
- Joint degree programmes;
- Concurrent Degree Programmes.

The Dean's Office will update the student's majors/minors accordingly upon successful application to these programmes.

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**12 MODULE CLASSIFICATION**

Some modules can be used to satisfy more than one type of graduation requirements. This makes it necessary for students to indicate how they intend to use a module which might contribute towards different requirements.

The Graduation and Academic Planning System (GAPS) allows students to classify their modules to fulfil their requirements. GAPS facilitates students in the tracking of their graduation requirements, therefore it is important and useful for students to classify their modules every semester. Classifying modules will ensure that students are considered for the relevant subject prizes. Students must classify all their modules before filing for graduation. Students should refer to “List of Important Events” for the dates of the exercise of relevant semester(s) at:

<http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/undergrad/calendars/index.html>.

**13 MODES OF ASSESSMENT**

Students are assessed on performance in each module, usually by a combination of continuous assessment (CA) and examination. A number of modules are based on 100% CA. The CA mark is a combination of grades from different pieces of class work. For more information, please refer to the respective department/programme.

Unless otherwise stated, examinations take place at the end of the semester. Students will be given an examination result notification at the end of each semester. A transcript with a complete record of all examinations will be provided by the Registrar’s Office (RO) upon graduation. Students may obtain additional copies from RO by submitting an application and upon payment of a fee.

**14 GRADE-FREE SCHEME AND SATISFACTORY/UNSATISFACTORY OPTION**

Some modules may be read on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) basis. Modules graded S/U are excluded from the computation of CAP.

More details on the S/U option can be found in the Student Portal:  
<https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/academics/ug/su-homepage.html>

**15 GRADING SYSTEM**

Students are given letter grades for individual modules. In addition, a student’s overall performance is reflected in his/her Cumulative Average Point (CAP) – the average grade point of all modules read, excluding modules graded S/U, modules read in the Student Exchange Programme (SEP) and modules granted exemption or credit transfer.

Refer to *Appendix 5: Grading System* for details on the grade points corresponding to the letter grades and the formula to calculate the CAP.

--- End of Section 1 ---

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**SECTION 2: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS**

**16 Period of Candidature**

Details on the period of candidature for various programmes of study can be found at the Registrar's Office website: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/education-at-nus/undergraduate-education/continuation-and-graduation-requirements.html#NormalCandidature>

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**17 BIDDING AND/OR DROPPING MODULES**

In accordance with the Centralised On-line Registration System (CORS) bidding mechanism, students will bid for modules when the bidding exercise is launched each semester. They will be permitted to drop modules and claim refund of their bid amounts in accordance with the time frame determined by CORS. Students should note that dropping modules beyond a certain period of time will result in a 'W' (Withdrawal) or 'F' (Fail) grade on the transcript. Students should refer to the "List of Important Events" at the Faculty Homepage (<http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg>) at the start of each semester for the time-frame to bid and/or drop modules, and the penalty periods for dropping modules.

The University requires students to read a minimum of 18 MCs per semester. The Faculty recommends that students read 20 MCs per semester. This is to ensure students graduate within the normal candidature period (3 years for non-honours programme and 4 years for honours programme).

**Note:** Tutorials are an essential part of instruction. Hence, tutorial registration is **compulsory**. Students who fail to register for tutorials will have the relevant modules dropped with a 'W' grade.

**18 ADVANCED PLACEMENT CREDITS, EXEMPTIONS AND WAIVERS**

Advanced placement credits (APCs), exemptions and waivers are usually granted to students for modules taken and passed prior to admission to NUS, for modules completed at another tertiary institution recognised by the University, or based on performance in placement tests set by the relevant Faculty/School.

APCs and exemptions will count towards the fulfilment of the graduation requirements, but they will not be factored into the CAP. For Polytechnic diploma holders admitted to FASS, all 20 MCs of APCs will NOT be counted against the 60-MC limit on level-1000 modules.

Waivers will not count towards the fulfilment of the graduation requirements. The department/programme concerned will advise such students on modules to be read in place of the waived modules.

**19 STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME, NUS OVERSEAS COLLEGE PROGRAMME AND OTHER OVERSEAS EDUCATION PROGRAMMES**

Students may apply for the Student Exchange Programme (SEP) as well as NUS Overseas College programmes (NOC) in which they spend a period of time (a maximum of two semesters) abroad pursuing courses that complement their work at NUS. The choice of the modules and the length of the study are subject to approval by the Dean or designate.

Students are also encouraged to attend other overseas education programmes (OEP) such as immersion, overseas summer schools and other short term programmes with an overseas component.

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Students who attend SEP, NOC or other OEP are granted credit transfer but not grade transfer for satisfactorily completed modules mapped against equivalent modules at NUS.

Students intending to participate in NOC, SEP or other OEP should be aware of the following policies and rules. A student registered for a Bachelor's degree must complete:

- a) A minimum of 50% of the required MCs for the degree programme at NUS.  
The MCs earned must be from modules that are taught/co-taught or supervised/co-supervised by NUS.
- b) A minimum of 60% of the Major requirements must be completed at NUS. The other 40% of credits may be earned through credit transfers, advanced placement credits and exemptions.
- c) A minimum 16 MCs of the Minor requirements must be completed at NUS. The other 8 MCs may be earned through credit transfers, advanced placement credits and exemptions.
- d) If the maximum MC to be excluded from CAP has been exceeded, students will have to make up by reading graded modules required for graduation.
- e) Students admitted under the Mother Tongue Bonus Point Scheme (MTBP) may read modules while on SEP/NOC/OEP to fulfil MTBP requirements, under the following conditions:
  - (i) The SEP/NOC/OEP must be recognised by FASS and NUS which means that the courses **MUST** have been approved by FASS for credit transfer;
  - (ii) The module(s) read on SEP/NOC/OEP must be taught in the relevant mother tongue;
  - (iii) Module(s) read on SEP/NOC/OEP must be on **graded basis** and not on a pass/fail basis at the partner university. If the module is not offered on a graded basis, credits will not be transferred and cannot be used to fulfil the MTBP requirements; and
  - (iv) A maximum of 16 MCs of modules read on SEP may be used to fulfil the MTBP requirements.

Students should consult the SEP coordinators and administrators of the respective departments on the minimum number of graded modules required in each of their majors and refer to the FASS special programmes website below for more details:

<http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/prospective/undergrad/index.html>.

## 20 HONOURS

To qualify for the honours track, students must have completed at least 110 MCs including 44 MCs of major requirements **AND** have a minimum CAP of 3.20.

The Honours Thesis (HT), which is worth three modules (15 MCs), is not compulsory for the Honours degree. Students who do not read the Honours Thesis can undertake the Independent Studies Module (ISM) or other level-4000 modules in their respective majors.

The requirements to read HT, ISM and level-4000 modules are as follows:

Modules	Requirement
HT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete at least 110 MCs including 44 MCs of major requirements;</li> <li>2. Obtain a minimum CAP of 3.50; and</li> <li>3. Major-specific pre-requisites. Please refer to the websites of the respective departments for the pre-requisites of the Honours Thesis.</li> </ol>
ISM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete at least 100 MCs, including 44 MCs of major requirements; and</li> <li>2. Obtain a minimum CAP of 3.20 at point of registration.</li> </ol>
Other level-4000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Passed 80 MCs, including 28 MCs in the major, with a minimum CAP of 3.20; or</li> <li>2. Placed on Honours track.</li> </ol>

In order to obtain Honours (Highest Distinction), students must achieve a CAP of 4.50 **AND** pass the Honours Thesis. Details on the award of class of Honours are found in *Appendix 6: Award For Honours*.

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**21 FRESHMAN SEMINAR**

The Freshman Seminar offers an opportunity for first-year students to work closely with members of the faculty on a variety of selected topics, differing according to the expertise and interests of the seminar leader.

The aim of the Freshman Seminar is to provide in-depth discussion and reading around a specific issue of importance and likely student interest, and for the student to be able to present his or her ideas clearly in oral and written form.

The Freshman Seminar will not be considered to belong to any departmental curriculum. Students who have read and passed Freshman Seminar modules can count them towards FASS' Unrestricted Elective requirements or *FAS1101 Writing Academically: Arts and Social Sciences requirement*.

**22 RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE @ UNIVERSITY TOWN**

Students who have been granted a place in a residential college (RC) at University Town (UT) will read a separate Residential Learning Programme in lieu of the General Education Requirements. Please refer to the University Town Residential college websites for more details on the components of the Residential Learning Programme (Tembusu: <http://tembusu.nus.edu.sg/education/index.php>, College of Alice & Peter Tan: <http://capt.nus.edu.sg/academic-programme/overview> and Residential College 4: <http://rc4.nus.edu.sg/>).

**23 COMMUNICATION WITH STUDENTS**

Important notices will be e-mailed to students' NUS accounts. Students are responsible for checking their mailboxes regularly and frequently (even when on exchange, Leave of Absence etc.).

Students are also advised to refer to the FASS Homepage (<http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg>) periodically for important announcements.

**24 PLAGIARISM WARNING**

Generally defined as "the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own", plagiarism is a very serious academic offence. For a detailed description of examples of plagiarism and how students can avoid it, please refer to: <http://emodule.nus.edu.sg/ac/> and <https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/fas/ug/policies/plagiarism/index.html>.

Students would have already signed, upon admission to NUS, an Acceptance Record in which they expressly declare having read and agreed to the University policies, undertakings and authorisation requirements, including plagiarism at:

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/adminpolicy/acceptance.html>.

**25 ACADEMIC PROBATION AND DISMISSAL**

A student is placed on academic probation when their scholastic record is unsatisfactory. The student is advised that failure to improve academic performance thereafter will lead to dismissal from the university. More details on academic probation and dismissal can be found at the Registrar's Office website: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/edu/UG/graduation.html#CapContinuationGraduation>

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**26 KEY CONTACTS**

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Sociology	6516 3824/ 6516 3822	socbox3@nus.edu.sg
South Asian Studies	6516 4640/ 6516 4528	sassecc@nus.edu.sg
Southeast Asian Studies	6516 6338	seabox5@nus.edu.sg
Theatre Studies	6516 3915	ellbox5@nus.edu.sg
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WEC Modules under the Office of Programmes - FAS1101 - FAS1102	6516 4154	

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<b>CORS</b> (for module registration matters)	Hotline as provided at CORS website	corshelp@nus.edu.sg

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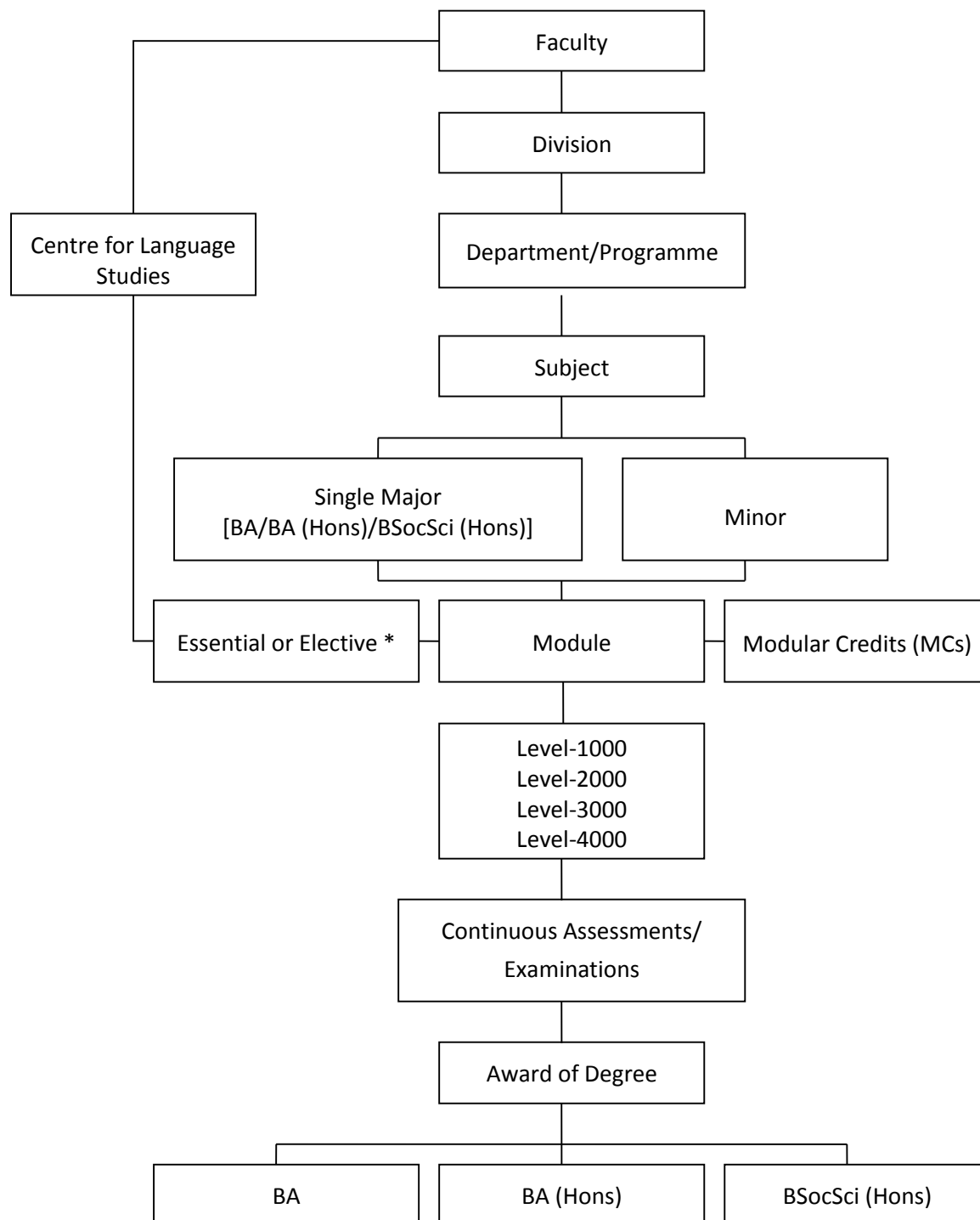
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APPENDIX 1: TERMS USED

CHART SHOWING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FASS TERMS/FASS NAMES USED



\* An essential module is defined as a module that students must read and pass (please refer to the specific requirements by relevant department/programme for details). An elective module is defined as a module that students may choose to read from their majors or from other options.

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**APPENDIX 2: GE****GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) REQUIREMENTS FOR FASS STUDENTS**

FASS students are required to fulfil a minimum of 20 MCs for a BA degree, BA (Hons) or BSocSci (Hons) degree, as specified below.

	<b>BA</b>	<b>BA (Hons) or BSocSci (Hons)</b>
<b>▪ General Education Modules</b>		
(a) Human Cultures (GEH)	4	4
(b) Quantitative Reasoning (GER)	4	4
(c) Thinking and Expression (GET)	4	4
(d) Singapore Studies (GES)	4	4
(e) Asking Questions (GEQ)	4	4
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>

Excess GE modules may be used to fulfil unrestricted electives requirements.

GE modules taken towards faculty, major or minor requirements may not be used towards both requirements. If students read GE modules to fulfil faculty, major or minor requirements, then they would need to read another GE module to fulfil the GE requirements

Students on the Student Exchange Programme are not allowed to use modules read at the partner universities to fulfil the GE requirements.

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**APPENDIX 3: GR-FASS****GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

To graduate with a BA (Hons) or BSocSci (Hons) degree, FASS students must have been placed on the honours track, accumulated at least 160 MCs (depending on the degree requirements) and attained a minimum Cumulative Average Point (CAP) of 3.00 (see *Appendix 5: Grading System*). Students who choose not to or do not complete the honours requirement may graduate with a BA degree, after accumulating at least 120 MCs (depending on the degree requirements) at a CAP of 2.00 or above.

**(a) BA (HONS)/BSocSci (HONS) DEGREE**

To graduate with a BA (Hons) or BSocSci (Hons) degree, FASS students must have:

1. Fulfilled the requirements specified below in Table 1 or 2 and obtained the minimum MCs required for the relevant degree.
2. Obtained a minimum CAP of 3.00 for the award of an Honours degree (Refer to *Appendix 6: Award for Honours*).
3. Completed the BA (Hons)/BSocSci (Hons) degree within the period of candidature.

**Table 1: Graduation Requirements for FASS BA (Hons) or BSocSci (Hons) degree with Single Major**

Requirements	MCs	%
<b>General Education</b>		
(1) General Education modules	20	12.5
<b>Programme</b>		
(2) Faculty Core modules	20	12.5
i) Exposure modules	12	
ii) Writing, Expression and Communication (WEC) modules		
• <i>FAS1101 Writing Academically: Arts and Social Sciences</i>	4	
• <i>FAS1102 Public Writing and Communication</i>	4	
(3) Single Major*	84**	52.5
<b>Unrestricted Electives</b>		
(4) Unrestricted elective modules	36	22.5
i.) Modules read outside the major	28	
ii.) Modules read within or outside the major	8	
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 2: Graduation Requirements for FASS BA (Hons) or BSocSci (Hons) degree with Double Majors**

Requirements	MCs	%
<b>General Education</b>		
(1) General Education modules	20	11.9
<b>Programme</b>		
(2) Faculty Core modules	20	11.9

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i)	Exposure modules	12	
ii)	Writing, Expression and Communication (WEC) modules		
	• <i>FAS1101 Writing Academically: Arts and Social Sciences</i>	4	
	• <i>FAS1102 Public Writing and Communication</i>	4	
(3)	Primary Major*	84**	50.0
(4)	Second Major***	44	26.2
<b>Total</b>		<b>168</b>	<b>100</b>

\* Students must earn the stipulated minimum number of MCs from level-3000 and level-4000 modules of their major. The Faculty requires students to earn a minimum of 20 MCs from level-3000 modules and a minimum of 40 MCs from level-4000 modules or higher in their major. However, for both levels, some majors may stipulate a higher number for their minimum. Students may be allowed, in lieu of their level-4000 modules, a maximum of two level-5000 modules (subject to the department's approval and module pre-requisites, if any,) to fulfil graduation requirements. Students should take note that level-5000 FASS modules offered to undergraduates will be worth 5 MCs each. The level-5000 module codes for undergraduates will have the suffix 'R' (for example: EC5555R). Some departments as a matter of policy do not allow undergraduates to read their graduate modules. Level-5000 Independent Studies Modules (ISMs) or level-6000 modules (including ISMs) will not be open to undergraduates. Please refer to the requirements specified by the department/programme for each subject.

\*\* The minimum MCs requirement for a major at honours level is 84 MCs (some majors may require more) and the minimum MCs requirement for UE modules read outside the major is 28 MCs.

\*\*\* A maximum of 8 MCs, where possible, from the Second Major can be double counted with the Primary Major.

**(b) BA DEGREE**

FASS students who do not complete the honours requirements will graduate with a BA degree after they have:

- (1) Fulfilled the requirements specified in Table 3 or 4 and obtained the minimum MCs required for the relevant degree.
- (2) Obtained a minimum CAP of 2.00, which is equivalent to an overall 'C' grade.
- (3) Completed the BA degree within 8 semesters, unless otherwise approved by the University. The minimum period for the BA degree is 4 semesters.

**Table 3: Graduation Requirements for FASS BA degree with Single Major**

<b>Requirements</b>		<b>MCs</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>General Education</b>			
(1)	General Education modules	20	16.7
<b>Programme</b>			
(2)	Faculty Core modules	20	16.7
i)	Exposure modules	12	
ii)	Writing, Expression and Communication (WEC) modules		
	• <i>FAS1101 Writing Academically: Arts and Social Sciences</i>	4	
	• <i>FAS1102 Public Writing and Communication</i>	4	
(3)	Single Major*	44**	36.7
<b>Unrestricted Electives</b>			
(4)	Unrestricted elective modules	36	30.0
i.)	Modules read outside the major	28	
ii.)	Modules read within or outside the major	8	

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<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>100</b>
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**Table 4: Graduation Requirements for FASS BA degree with Double Majors**

Requirements	MCs	%
<b>General Education</b>		
(1) General Education modules	20	15.6
<b>Programme</b>		
(2) Faculty Core modules	20	15.6
i) Exposure modules	12	
ii) Writing, Expression and Communication (WEC) modules		
• <i>FAS1101 Writing Academically: Arts and Social Sciences</i>	4	
• <i>FAS1102 Public Writing and Communication</i>	4	
(3) Primary Major*	44**	34.4
(4) Second Major***	44	34.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>100</b>

\* For the single major (BA), the Faculty requires students to earn a minimum of 20 MCs from level-3000 modules. However, some majors may require students to earn more than this minimum. Please refer to the requirements specified by the relevant department/programme for each subject.

\*\* The minimum MCs requirement for a major at BA level is 44 MCs (some majors may require more) and the minimum MCs requirement for UE modules read outside the major is 28 MCs.

\*\*\* A maximum of 8 MCs, where possible, from the Second Major can be double counted with the Primary Major.

For more details on the General Education Requirements, please refer to *Appendix 2: GE*.

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**APPENDIX 4: GR-USP****GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: USP STUDENTS**

To graduate with a BA (Hons) or BSocSci (Hons) degree, USP students must have:

1. Fulfilled the requirements specified below and obtained a minimum of 160 MCs.
2. Obtained a minimum CAP of 3.00 for the award of an Honours degree (Refer to *Appendix 6: Award for Honours*). Additionally, USP students are required to attain a minimum CAP of 3.50 to fulfil USP requirements.
3. Completed the BA (Hons)/BSocSci (Hons) degree within the period of candidature.

Requirements	MCs	%
(1) USP Requirements	40-48*	25-30
<b>Programme</b>		
(2) Faculty Core modules	16	10
i) Exposure modules	12	
ii) Writing, Expression and Communication (WEC) modules**		
• <i>FAS1102 Public Writing and Communication</i>	4	
(3) Single Major***	84****	52.5
<b>Unrestricted Electives</b>		
(4) Unrestricted elective modules	20-12*	12.5 -7.5
i.) GER1000	4	
ii.) Modules read outside the major	8-0*	
iii.) Modules read within or outside the major	8	
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>100</b>

\* The number of MCs read here would depend on the number of USP ISMs read under the major requirements. A student is required to read at least one, but no more than two USP ISMs. If a student reads a USP ISM towards his/her major requirements, the number of MCs required under (1) would decrease. The student would then need to read modules under Unrestricted Electives to meet 160 total MCs for graduation. The table below summarises the possible permutations for 2 USP ISMs.

# of USP ISMs in Major	# of USP ISMs outside Major	# of UEs outside Major required
0	2	2
1	1	1
2	0	0

\*\* USP students are exempt from FAS1101, which is the other WEC module.

\*\*\* Students must earn the stipulated minimum number of MCs from level-3000 and level-4000 modules of their major. The Faculty requires students to earn a minimum of 20 MCs from level-3000 modules and a minimum of 40 MCs from level-4000 modules or higher in their major. However, for both levels, some majors may stipulate a higher number for their minimum. Students may be allowed, in lieu of their level-4000 modules, a maximum of two level-5000 modules (subject to the department's approval and module pre-requisites, if any,) to fulfil graduation requirements. Students should take note that level-5000 FASS modules offered to undergraduates will be worth 5 MCs each. The level-5000 module codes for undergraduates will have the suffix 'R' (for example:

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EC5555R). Some departments as a matter of policy do not allow undergraduates to read their graduate modules. Level-5000 Independent Studies Modules (ISMs) or level-6000 modules (including ISMs) will not be open to undergraduates. Please refer to the requirements specified by the department/programme for each subject.

\*\*\*\* The minimum MCs requirement for a major at honours level is 84 MCs (some majors may require more) and the minimum MCs requirement for UE modules read outside the major is 4 MCs (GER1000).

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**APPENDIX 5: GRADING SYSTEM**

**GRADE POINT FOR MODULES**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Grade Point</b>
A +	5.00
A	5.00
A -	4.50
B +	4.00
B	3.50
B -	3.00
C +	2.50
C	2.00
D +	1.50 *
D	1.00 *
F	0

\* Acceptable for graduation on the condition that CAP  $\geq$  2.00

**CALCULATION OF CAP**

The formula for calculating the CAP is as follows:

$$\text{CAP} = \frac{\text{sum (module grade point x modular credits assigned to module)}}{\text{sum (modular credits assigned to modules)}}$$

For example, if a student has so far completed modules XX1101E, XX2103, YY3105, YY3206, ZZ2202 (each with 4 modular credits) with grades 'A' (grade point 5.00), 'C' (grade point 2.00), 'C+' (grade point 2.50), 'F' (grade point 0) and 'B' (grade point 3.50) respectively, his/her CAP will be:

(5.00 x 4 + 2.00 x 4 + 2.50 x 4 + 0 x 4 + 3.50 x 4) divided by the total number of modular credits (i.e., 20), which is 2.60.

**Caution: Students are advised that although most modules carry 4 MCs, some carry a different number of MCs.**

The CAP reflected in the result slip at the end of every semester is the cumulative average for ALL the contributing **graded** modules that the student has read throughout his candidature, and not the average for modules read in that semester.

FASS students may use the CAP Calculator calculate their CAP to-date. This program can be found at the FASS homepage at: [https://inetapps.nus.edu.sg/capcalc/cap\\_calculator.aspx](https://inetapps.nus.edu.sg/capcalc/cap_calculator.aspx)



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**APPENDIX 6: AWARD FOR HONOURS**

**BA (Hons) or BSocSci (Hons) degree**

Classification	CAP
Honours (Highest Distinction)	4.50 & above, plus pass* the Honours Thesis (HT)
Honours (Distinction)	4.00 – 4.49
Honours (Merit)	3.50 – 3.99
Honours	3.00 – 3.49
Pass (BA)	2.00 – 2.99

*\*with grades A+ to D*

**BA degree**

Classification	CAP
Pass with Merit	3.00 & above
Pass	2.00 – 2.99

FASS students may use the Average Grade Simulator to simulate the average grade needed to obtain their desired target CAP. This program can be found at the FASS homepage at:

[https://inetapps.nus.edu.sg/capcalc/avg\\_grd\\_simulator.aspx](https://inetapps.nus.edu.sg/capcalc/avg_grd_simulator.aspx)