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## **Section A - Academic Plan Declaration Exercise (APD)**

### **Q: Where is the Academic Plan Declaration exercise held? Where is the APD website?**

A: You may submit your Academic Plan in myEduRec. Please refer to this guide:

<https://www.nus.edu.sg/ModReg/academic-plan-application-declaration.html>

### **Q: Is it necessary to declare a major now?**

A: You are strongly recommended to declare a primary major, as the gateway module will be pre-allocated to you only if you declare it by 15 July 2021, 2359. Moreover, students have the flexibility of changing their majors within the first 2 years. However, you are allowed to submit your Academic Plan as "Undeclared".

### **Q: Am I able to change my academic plan if I have already declared it?**

### **Q: Is it possible to change my major/minor after declaring my major in the APD system before 15 July?**

### **Q: If I had declared my Academic Plan successfully before 15 July, will I still need to declare it again before ModReg begins on Round 0 - 21 July?**

A: Students may only declare their Academic Plan once every semester. You will not be able to submit the Academic Plan Declaration again if you have already done so. You may only declare a different major or minor during the APD exercise at the start of the next semester. Students are allowed to do so up until before the end of the fifth semester.

### **Q: When is the latest date by which we must decide we should declare a minor/ second major/double degree?**

A: If the minor/major is offered by CHS, you may declare it in the Academic Plan Declaration exercise, which happens at the beginning of the semester, up to your 5th semester of study. If other Faculties offer the subject, please look out for their application period and procedures as they may differ from that of CHS.

### **Q: If I submit my Academic Plan Declaration (APD) as 'undeclared', will the CHS Common Curriculum modules still be pre-allocated to me?**

A: The CHS Common Curriculum modules which are supposed to be pre-allocated will still be pre-allocated to you.

### **Q: Can we switch majors during the semesters?**

### **Q: Can I change my double major choice or drop it within CHS if I had already declared a second major in the APD for this semester?**

### **Q: Can we opt for a minor during the Academic Plan Declaration, and drop it completely after the first semester?**

### **Q: Are we able to change minors or specialisation later on?**

### **Q: Can we change the choice of minor/second major declaration after year 1 semester 1?**

### **Q: Is it possible for me to take a major in data science and minor in Life Science, and switch my major to Life Science another semester if I realise I prefer Life Science?**

A: Yes, you may change your primary major, second major, minor or specialisation within your first two years of study. However, you may only submit the APD once every semester.

If the subject is offered by CHS, you may declare it in the Academic Plan Declaration exercise at the beginning of the semester, up to your 5th semester of study.

If the second major or minor is offered by other Faculties or Schools, please look out for their application period and procedures as they may differ from that of CHS.

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**Q: Can I declare a different second major, if I have already been offered direct admission to a double major programme?**

**Q: I was offered Economics, which falls under Social Sciences. Can I still choose a primary major from the Science field?**

**Q: Can I take Life science as my primary major and Psychology as my second major instead of the other way round?**

**Q: If I had accepted a double major in Psychology and Business Management, but now I have decided I only want to major in Psychology, can I drop my second major in Business Management through the Academic Plan Declaration exercise?**

**Q: If I did not manage to apply for a double major at the point of application to NUS, can I declare it in the Academic Plan Declaration exercise?**

A: Yes, you may submit your chosen major or double major combination in the Academic Plan Declaration exercise at the beginning of the semester, as long as it is an open programme. Please note that you may only submit the APD once every semester, up to your 5th semester of study.

However, please note that the second major or minor that you declare during the Academic Plan Declaration exercise is final, and you will not be able to appeal for the dropped second major or minor to be added back if it is a restricted programme. For more information, you can refer to [https://www.nus.edu.sg/ModReg/docs/APAD\\_Appln\\_List\\_of\\_Restricted\\_Programmes.pdf](https://www.nus.edu.sg/ModReg/docs/APAD_Appln_List_of_Restricted_Programmes.pdf)

**Q: If I have declared several minors this semester, can I decide to drop all or some of them in the next semester?**

A: Yes, you are allowed to drop your minor during the Academic Plan Declaration exercise at the start of the next semester.

**Q: When we drop a major/minor, how will it affect our MCs? Are they no longer counted?**

A: The major/minor modules that you have read and passed will be used to fulfil your UE requirement if you choose to drop the major/minor. If they modules are in excess, the credits will not be counted towards your degree requirements, but the grades will still be factored into your CAP.

**Q: If I am not sure if I would like to take a certain course as a second major, can I start with a minor in that course first?**

A: Yes, you can start with a minor first to explore your interest.

**Q: If I did not declare a minor or second major in the first semester, can I still read modules offered in that subject?**

**Q: If I am unsure if I would like to take a course as a second major or minor, can I start by taking up some modules in that course first?**

**Q: If I have already submitted my academic plan declaration but did not indicate to take Korean Language Studies but wish to do so in the future, can I still register for Korean language modules during ModReg?**

A: Yes, you may register for the modules related to the second major or minor as long as you fulfil the module pre-requisites.

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**Q: If I had submitted my academic plan as Undeclared, do I just have to choose modules I am interested in to try out first?**

A: Yes, you may choose a gateway module of a subject you are interested in. You are recommended to declare a primary major as you are allowed to change your major within your first two years of study.

**Q: Will declaring a second major/minor after your first year put you at a disadvantage in terms of creating a heavier workload in the later years?**

A: This is dependent on whether you are able to follow your study plan and complete your major/second major/minor requirements on time. In the event that you are not able to read and pass your required modules offered in a particular semester, you may have to overload in later semesters to make up. If you are able to follow your study plan consistently, you should not be disadvantaged.

**Q: If I do not declare a second major this semester, can I still do a second major in subsequent semesters?**

**Q: Can I declare a minor in a later semester?**

**Q: Can I declare another major or minor in Sem 2? Or is that only possible in Year 2?**

**Q: Is it possible to take up a minor/major only in Sem 2/3?**

A: Students are allowed to change their major, second major or minor during the Academic Plan Declaration exercise at the beginning of each semester, up to the 5th semester of study.

**Q: If I did not indicate any preference in the Academic Plan Declaration, will I still be pre-allocated modules?**

A: You will be pre-allocated the CHS Common Curriculum modules but not the gateway module.

**Q: If we declare our minors during the Academic Plan Declaration exercise, will minor modules be pre-allocated to us?**

**Q: Do I need to declare my minor in the Academic Plan Declaration system in order to get my gateway modules pre-allocated for me? Or can I just only declare my Major?**

A: Minor modules (even if there are gateway modules) will not be pre-allocated. You will have to register for them on your own during ModReg. We only pre-allocate gateway modules for your first declared major.

**Q: If the time slots of my major and minor modules clash, but I have already declared my academic plan, will I incur any offence in terms of student conduct?**

A: There is no offence. You will just need to read the modules in different semesters.

**Q: What are the disadvantages of not declaring my second major in this round of academic plan declaration?**

A: When registering for modules from a specific major, you will have lower priority in ModReg than your peers who have declared it as their second major. Some modules may only be available to students who have declared it as their major or second major.

**Q: Does my declared first major affect what modules I can take in Sem 1?**

A: Yes, certain modules only apply to certain students. For example, if you declare an FASS major, you will have the opportunity to read FAS1101, which will be pre-allocated to all FASS students in their first year. When registering for modules from a certain major, your academic plan will also affect your priority score in ModReg.

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### **Q: Can I declare minors such as Public Health in my second semester?**

A: Yes. The Minor in Public Health is an open minor. You may declare it as your minor in the Academic Plan Declaration exercise without any prior approval, before the end of your fifth semester. You may find more details here: <https://sph.nus.edu.sg/education/ph-minor/>.

### **Q: Do students who declare a minor have higher priority than non-minor students who want to do the same modules under UE?**

A: Only restricted minors have higher priority. Open minors have the same priority as UEs.

### **Q: If I declare my academic plan in the first round, am I more likely to be enrolled in my preferred modules?**

A: Only students who have declared their primary major by 15 July 2021, 2359, will be pre-allocated the gateway module of their primary major. Besides this, all CHS students will be pre-allocated CHS Common Curriculum modules according to the pre-allocation guidelines listed on the CHS website. If you still have module space left, you may register for your desired modules on your own in ModReg.

### **Q: In the APD system, I noticed that if I choose a major under FoS (e.g. Life Science), I am not able to choose another second major under FoS (e.g. Chemistry). The only choices that appear under the second major list are those of FASS. How can I choose an FoS second major if I want to do a Science primary major?**

A: You should be able to read a second major in Chemistry if your primary major is life Sciences. However, you will not be able to read two primary majors (leading up to a double degree) in Chemistry and Life Sciences. Please send [scimr@nus.edu.sg](mailto:scimr@nus.edu.sg) with screenshots if you are unable to declare a second major in Chemistry.

### **Q: Do I need to submit my Academic Plan Declaration (APD) if I have no changes to make to my major/second major/minor?**

A: Yes, all students are required to submit their declarations during the Academic Plan Declaration (APD) exercise before they are allowed to access ModReg.

### **Q: Where can I apply to do a restricted second major/minor?**

A: Please refer to <https://www.nus.edu.sg/ModReg/academic-plan-application-declaration.html> for more information.

### **Q: Is it compulsory to declare my major/second major/minor in my first year?**

A: The latest that students can declare or switch a major/second major/minor is during the Academic Plan Declaration (APD) exercise held before the start of ModReg in their 5th semester. Please note that your declared major will give you a higher priority in the selection of major modules, so you are encouraged to declare your major as early as possible.

### **Q: I have changed my mind regarding my Academic Plan Declaration. Can I redo the declaration?**

A: The Academic Plan Declaration (APD) can only be attempted once per semester, and no changes are allowed after the declaration is submitted. You may still try to register for the respective modules for your intended major/second major/minor during ModReg, and make the changes to your declarations in the next APD exercise. The latest that students can declare or switch a major/second major/minor is during the Academic Plan Declaration (APD) exercise held before the start of ModReg in their 5th semester.

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### **Q: Can I declare a different second major/minor if I have been offered direct admission to a double-major/restricted minor programme?**

A: Yes, you may do so during the Academic Plan Declaration (APD) exercise. However, do note that you will have to appeal to be added back to the restricted second major/minor if you change your mind.

### **Q: How many second major/minors can I declare?**

A: CHS students are allowed to declare one second major and a maximum of three minors.

### **Q: Can I declare a major in a cross-disciplinary programme (XDP) during the Academic Plan Declaration (APD) exercise?**

A: XDPs cannot be declared during the Academic Plan Declaration (APD) exercise if you did not apply for it during the admissions exercise. However, there is midstream admission for the XDPs, and more information can be found here: <https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/prospective-students/mid-stream-admission/>.

### **Q: If I have made my declaration during the Academic Plan Declaration (APD) exercise before Round 0 of ModReg, do I need to submit it again before Round 1?**

A: No, you do not have to submit it again.

### **Q: I have heard that if I do not declare my Academic Plan, I will be disadvantaged when choosing modules. How do we approach this as CHS students who want to explore before settling on a second major or minor?**

A: You are advised to declare at least your primary major before the ModReg exercise begins, as you will be pre-allocated the gateway module of your primary major in your first semester. CHS students have the flexibility of changing your academic plan up to the 5th semester, so you are allowed to declare a subject that you are interested in and explore your interests before you settle on a second major or minor. Alternatively, you may register for modules offered in that major (provided that you meet the pre-requisites and that there are vacancies) before you declare it as your second major or minor.

### **Q: Is it possible to take two majors and one minor? Technically, the total MC load would be 60+40+20+52 (Common Curriculum) = 172, which exceeds the 160 MC requirement. However, since many modules can be double counted, I believe that this combination will not exceed 160 MCs.**

A: Yes, it may be possible, provided that you are able to follow your study plan carefully and take the required modules on time. Please note that there are limits to double counting as well, which may be seen here: <https://nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/double-major-programmes> and <https://nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/minor-programmes>.

## Section A(i) Subject Major Combinations

### (a) General

### **Q: Is it possible to take a contrasting major as a second major, instead of taking both as primary majors and finishing with a double degree?**

A: Yes. You can take a primary major (60MCs) and a contrasting subject as a second major (40 MCs) and not necessarily as a second degree (60MCs).

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**Q: If I want to do a double major with a minor, how can I do it when there are only 12 modules I can take as UEs?**

A: Students can read more than 12 modules in their UE space. This means that you would have to read 6 modules in some semesters to complete your degree requirements on time. In addition, do note that there is a 60 MC limit on Level 1000 modules, and the grades for all excess MCs read will still be computed towards your CAP.

**Q: Can we take 1 major and 2 minors?**

A: Yes, it is possible.

**Q: If I want to take a double minor and a major, what would the breakdown of modules be like?**

A: You will have to complete 52 MCs of CHS Common Curriculum, 60 MCs of primary major modules and 20 MCs for each of your minor. As the modules read for the minor falls under UE, you will still have 8 MCs of UE space left.

**Q: Are we allowed to take 2 majors and 1 minor?**

**Q: Will I be able to take a second major with a minor or will the minor modules be considered under UE?**

A: Yes. However, it is likely that you will have to take extra modules (beyond 160 MCs) to earn 2 majors and 1 minor. All modules taken to fulfil second major and/or minor requirements will be counted under the UE space.

**Q: If I take 2 majors of the same type (eg.BSc), that will be a double major, but if they are different types (e.g. one is BSc one is BA), that will be a double degree?**

A: If you pursue two majors of the same degree type, you may only read it as a double major programme. However, if you choose two majors that are contrasting majors, it may be possible for you to do it as either a double major or double degree. Please note that for a DDP, there is an application process for it.

**Q: Does double major equal to a double degree now as long as both majors are from two different faculties? (E.g. Life Sciences with second major in management is considered a double degree in science and business)**

A: Second major in management is different from a second degree in Business Administration. Second major consists of at least 40MCs but a second degree's major requirement is at least 60MCs. For Double Degree programmes, students must first apply to be admitted. They also need to ensure that they satisfy both degree requirements and not only major requirements.

**Q: Does this mean that double degrees must be different degrees? BSc, BA. etc.? Will it be possible for students to graduate with a double degree in English Literature and Life Science, for example?**

A: Yes.

**Q: Is it possible to take major (with specialization) + minor, or major (with specialization) + second major? If so, is it possible to graduate by 160 MCs, or it needs more?**

A: You will have enough space for major (with specialization) + minor. To complete a major (with specialization) and a second major, you are most likely required to complete more than 160 MCs, hence you may have to overload or do an extra semester.

**Q: Are triple majors allowed? Due to double counting, I may be able to do triple majors while abiding by the double counting rules.**

A: No, triple majors are not allowed.

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### **Q: Who do I talk to if I want to take a DDP? (E.g. Life Science with Geography)**

A: If your primary major is Life Sciences, then you can apply for DDP (self-designed) by writing in to askscience@nus.edu.sg at the end of completing 60MCs with your study plan. For more information on self-designed DDP, you can refer to <https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/double-degree-programmes> for more information.

### **Q: Can I do a specialization together with a double degree?**

A: Yes. Depending on the majors, you may have to read extra modules and possibly take an extra semester.

### **Q: Can we take double major and 2 specialisations?**

A: You will have to read beyond 160 MCs, and may have to overload or take an additional semester.

### **(b) [CHS subject combinations](#)**

#### **Q: If I want to double major in the same faculty like Statistics and Chemistry, do I still get two degrees?**

A: As the Major in Statistics and the Major in Chemistry are associated with a Bachelor of Science degree, this combination cannot be taken as a double degree. It can only be taken as a double major programme, and one degree (BSc) is awarded. Please note that double degrees are only awarded if students read two contrasting primary majors.

#### **Q: Can I take a double degree in a Humanities subject and Social Science subject (e.g. English and History)? If yes, does this mean that I have to fulfil 15 modules (60 MCs) for both English and History respectively, instead of 15 modules for first major and 10 modules for the second major?**

A: As the Major in English Language and Literature and the Major in History are both associated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, this combination cannot be taken as a double degree. It can only be taken as a double major programme (60 MCs for primary major, 40 MCs for second major). Please note that double degrees are only awarded if students read two contrasting primary majors such as English Language and Sociology (a BA and a B.Soc.Sci degree).

#### **Q: Assuming I complete the major requirements of Physics and Life Sciences, will that be 2 degrees or 1 degree?**

#### **Q: Is it possible to major in two Sciences, e.g. first major in Chemistry and second major in Life Science? And is the workload heavy for such curriculum?**

A: As both majors are associated with a Bachelor of Science degree, this combination can only be done as a double major programme. You will only get one degree. The total workload required for double major students will still remain as 160MCs.

#### **Q: Is it possible for me to earn a double degree in BSocSci and BA (Pol Sci and History)? So does this mean I have to fulfil 60 MCs for each subject?**

#### **Q: Do contrasting majors for the DDP mean that they must be majors from FoS and FASS to be able to fulfil double degree requirements? So, even if I fulfil degree requirements for both History (Arts) and Political Science (Social Sciences), I cannot graduate with double degree?**

A: In your example, a double degree is possible because History is a BA degree and PS is a B.Soci.Sci degree. They are considered as contrasting majors. It is possible to take a DDP within the FASS subjects if they are from contrasting degrees.

#### **Q: Can I do a major in English language and minor in English literature?**

A: Yes.



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**Q: Is a Degree in Arts considered contrasting with a degree in Social Sciences?**

A: Yes.

**Q: Is it possible to take two languages as minors (e.g. German and French)?**

A: Yes.

**Q: I would like to ask if both majors (Economics & Pol Sci) are required to be on the Honours track.**

A: As both Economics and Political Science are associated with a BSocSci degree, you can only pursue this combination as a double major. For double major programmes, you will only be awarded with one honours degree.

**Q: Are we allowed to take a double major under the same faculty? E.g. FoS**

A: Yes.

**Q: E.g. Psychology and Chinese studies— Double degree?**

A: Yes, this is a permissible combination. Psychology is a BSocSci degree and Chinese Studies is a BA degree.

**Q: If I take Global Studies and Political Science, will that be considered as a double degree?**

A: Yes, because Global studies is a BA degree and PS is a B.Soc.Sci degree. However, you must first apply to be admitted into the DDP.

**Q: Is it common for students to major in Psychology and have a second major in Life Science? As they are two contrasting majors, would it be hard to find modules that can be double counted?**

A: Yes, it is a common combination. Double counting of modules between Psychology and Life Sciences modules is permissible. You may check the websites of the Psychology and Life Science departments for a list of recognised modules.

**Q: If I take 15 modules for Math (primary major) and 10 modules in Economics, will I graduate with a double degree? If not, how do I fulfil the requirements of a double degree for contrasting majors?**

A: You are considered to be in a double major programme, and you will only be awarded with one degree. To read them as a double degree programme, you must first apply to be in the DDP and upon your successful admission, will have to read 15 modules each for both the Major in Mathematics and Major in Economics.

**Q: I understand that Psychology with Life Sciences is a common double degree. How about Psychology with Nutrition? Is it advisable to pick this double degree in this time and age now?**

A: Whether you pursue a particular combination is really up to your interest. However, please note that Nutrition is only offered as a second major, and not a double degree.

**Q: Is Chemistry and History, or Chemistry and Psychology considered a single or double degree?**

A: Both combinations can be pursued as either a double degree or a double major, as the subjects are associated with different degree types.

Students will have to apply if they wish to do a DDP. If successful, students will be awarded with 2 degrees after they have completed both sets of Primary major requirements (15 modules for each major).

On the other hand, for a double major, students may simply declare it in the Academic Plan Declaration exercise. Double major students will only need to fulfil one primary major requirement

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(15 modules) and one second major requirement (10 modules). Double major students will only be awarded with a single degree.

**Q: If I want to pursue a double major in Economics and Statistics, do I still get two degrees?**

A: If you pursue the combination as a double major programme, you will only be awarded with one degree that is associated with your primary major. If you pursue it as a double degree, you will be awarded with two degrees.

**Q: How common is a double major/double degree in Mathematics and Economics?**

A: It is quite a popular combination.

**Q: If we do a subject from BA and another from BSocSci, will they be considered as contrasting majors? Will this combination be considered a double major or double degree?**

A: Yes, subjects that are associated with different degree types are considered contrasting majors.

Students will have to apply if they wish to do a DDP. If successful, students will be awarded with 2 degrees after they have completed both sets of Primary major requirements (15 modules for each major).

On the other hand, for a double major, students may simply declare it in the Academic Plan Declaration exercise. Double major students will only need to fulfil one primary major requirement (15 modules) and one second major requirement (10 modules). Double major students will only be awarded with a single degree.

**Q: Is Psychology & Life Sciences a double major or double degree? Since one is social science, the other is a science.**

A: Subjects that are associated with different degree types are considered contrasting majors and can be pursued as either a double major or a double degree.

Students will have to apply if they wish to do a DDP. If successful, students will be awarded with 2 degrees after they have completed both sets of Primary major requirements (15 modules for each major, or 60MCs).

On the other hand, for a double major, students may simply declare it in the Academic Plan Declaration exercise. Double major students will only need to fulfil one primary major requirement (15 modules or 60MCs) and one second major requirement (10 modules or 40MCs). Double major students will only be awarded with a single degree.

### [\(c\) Different faculties' subject combinations](#)

**Q: Is Life Science and Management considered a double major or double degree?**

A: If you have been offered direct admission to this combination, it is a double major programme (DMP).

**Q: If we are enrolled in a DDP with another faculty (e.g. Mathematics and Computer Science), could we still pursue a DDP or Double Major within CHS? Can I graduate with Mathematics, Philosophy and Computer Science?**

A: Unfortunately, this is not possible.

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**Q: If I am pursuing a double major (for e.g., Economics & IT Security) and I fulfil the requirements for double degree, can these two be counted as double degree? Must the 2 contrasting majors be within CHS to be eligible for DDP?**

A: It is possible to do a double degree in these two majors. However, there is an application procedure for it. Please write to FASS Dean's Office at [fashelp@nus.edu.sg](mailto:fashelp@nus.edu.sg) to submit your application. You are also recommended to check the DDP website for updates on admissions into the programme here: <https://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/cugresource/per-cohort/ddp-is-econs/>.

**Q: Can I do a double degree in Social Science (e.g. Economics/Psychology) and in Science (e.g. Data Science and Analytics/Quantitative Finance)? Can I also apply to the school of computing for a second degree?**

A: Yes, the double degree is possible as both are contrasting majors. To apply for a second degree with SoC, please submit your application to FASS Dean's Office at [fashelp@nus.edu.sg](mailto:fashelp@nus.edu.sg).

At the point of application, you should have read some SOC modules (at least 16MCs) and have accumulated between 60MCs and 80MCs for your total degree requirement.

**Q: Can we take a double degree in Pol Sci and Law instead of Economics and Law?**

A: No. The only combination that is possible is Economics and Law.

**Q: Are we allowed to do self-designed DDPs with Law?**

A: Student-based DDPs are possible only within the modular Faculties. As Law is not a modular Faculty, its permissible DDPs are only the structured ones (e.g. Economics and Law).

**Q: Can we do a self-designed double degree in a course within CHS and a course offered by a faculty outside of CHS? (E.g. a double degree in Data Science and Analytics and Computer Science)**

A: Yes.

**Q: What about the structured major and minor programme? E.g., major in Communications and minor in Management.**

A: They are still being offered.

**Q: Is it possible to convert a Life Science with Management double major into a Life Science and Business double degree in the future?**

A: Yes, it is possible if you meet the requirements for the DDP application.

## Section B - Qualifying English Test (QET)

**Q: If we were not contacted during the first round of QET, does it mean that we don't need to go for the QET?**

**Q: Will we be informed via mail if we are required to take the QET?**

**Q: Will we be individually notified of whether we are required to take QETs?**

A: With reference to <https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-activities/registration/academic-related-matters/qet>, all local and international students will be informed by the Registrar's Office if you need to take the QET.

**Q: Will the English modules take up space from my UE or are they separate?**

**Q: Do the CLS English modules ES1103 and ES1000 take up my UE space?**

**Q: Can CLS English modules (i.e. ES1000/ES1103) be counted as unrestricted electives?**

**Q: For the extra modules that students are required to take if they fall under band 1 or 2 after the QET, do those modules count towards the MCs, and if they do, which category do they belong in?**

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**Q: For module ES1103 allocated to students in band 2 after QET, will the 4 MCs count towards Unrestricted Electives?**

A: The ES modules will be part of the UE space. Please note that ES1000 is a 0-MC module.

**Q: What if we missed the QET?**

**Q: What should we do if we were accepted in late June and were not able to take the QET at this July? Are we automatically required to take the English Classes before taking the Writing Module? Or should we wait until the second QET in November?**

A: You would have to wait until the second QET in November.

**Q: Will A-level students who took H2 Knowledge and Inquiry (which replaced H1 GP) have to take the QET? Or will anyone who didn't take GP automatically have to take the QET?**

**Q: I read somewhere that if I have a CPE certificate, I'm exempted from the QET. Is this true?**

A: Please check your eligibility at <https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-activities/registration/academic-related-matters/get> .

**Q: Are the 2 English modules that need to be taken by band 1 students graded by the grade points and counted towards the CAP?**

A: Only ES1103 is credit bearing, hence it will be counted towards your CAP.

**Q: If I do not get a band 3 for my QET and be exempted from the 1 or 2 extra English modules. Will I still be able to take FAS1101 in my first year?**

A: There will be a delay in your case. We cannot exempt you.

**Q: For students who did the QET and are required to do English modules, do these modules count towards the maximum workload of 23MCs in the first semester?**

A: ES1000 carries 0 MCs, hence it will not count to your workload. ES1103 carries 4 MCs, hence it will count to your workload.

**Q: Can we still take ES1103 if we are exempted from ES modules?**

A: No.

### Section C - Timetable Planning

**Q: How can I simulate my timetable before doing ModReg if I am unsure of what modules will be pre-allocated to me?**

A: Through NUSMods. As a guide, ModReg round 1 lasts for 5 days. You will have time to simulate your timetable and register for modules as the round is ongoing.

**Q: Where should I find the schedule for the tutorials/labs when applying for the modules?**

A: You may refer to NUSMods for the tutorials/labs available for each module.

**Q: For the pre-allocated modules, will we be able to choose our preferred timeslot (given the module has different timeslots) and arrange our timetable?**

A: Yes, for the tutorial slots.

**Q: If timetabling on NUSMods only work for a few particular combinations but because of bidding of time slots resulting in timetable clashes, what is the action plan?**

A: It would be good to plan with backup modules in mind so that you can avoid timetable clashes. Timetable clashes are not supported by the faculties, so please register for classes with no clashes.

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**Q: If there are timetable clashes in my modules, will my selected modules be allocated according to what I have declared as my primary major and minor? Am I not able to join my major module because of my minor module?**

A: It is entirely up to you on deciding which module you wish to read, however, we would advise you to read your major module as the primary major consists of 60MCs to fulfil and the minor consists of 20MCs. Please use NUSMods to plan your timetable, check which modules are offered in which semester and whether modules need pre-requisites. This would help you decide on whether the minor module or the major module should be dropped.

**Q: Can I arrange my lecture and tutorial slots for different modules back to back, given that the lectures and tutorials are online in nature?**

A: You may schedule lecture and tutorial slots back to back, even if they are face to face, but please account for the travelling time between venues. As long as the module and tutorials do not end up in the same timeslot, it is fine.

**Q: Some pre-allocated modules have E-Learning lecture sessions that clash, is that allowed?**

A: No, timetable clash waivers are not allowed.

**Q: If all my 5 modules are pre-allocated, will there be a possibility that my timetable might clash?**

A: We will not be able to pre-allocate modules with clashing timetables, but you have to register for tutorials or labs that do not clash with classes that you are already enrolled in.

**Q: How do we plan our desired timetable if we do not know what modules are pre-allocated to us and what lecture/tutorial slots are available for those modules?**

A: Please refer to the pre-allocation guidelines. You will be able to plan from 22 July onwards and ModReg Round 1 takes place over 5 days, it is not on a first come first serve basis.

**Q: For ModReg on 22 July, do we only need to take note of any clashes in lectures and exams, and not for tutorials and labs?**

A: You will need to take note of all forms of Timetable clashes, inclusive of tutorial and lab clashes.

**Q: If the pre-allocated gateway module is allocated to semester 2, then how do I plan for my Sem 1 modules?**

A: You may take the gateway module of your intended second major, minor, or do UEs.

### [Section D – Modreg \(Module Registration\)](#)

**Q: What modules will be pre-allocated to CHS students and when can I view them?**

A: For students who have declared an FoS primary major, please refer to:

<https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates/general-academic-requirements-and-policies/#common>

For students who have declared an FASS primary major, please refer to

<https://FASS.nus.edu.sg/current-students/information-for-freshmen/chs-common-curriculum/>.

You may view your pre-allocated modules at the start of the ModReg exercise under your ModReg 'view my classes' page.

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### **Q: Are students from special programmes (e.g. USP/UTCP/RVRC) exempted from some CHS Common Curriculum modules?**

A: For students who have declared an FoS primary major, please refer to:

<https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates/general-academic-requirements-and-policies/#common>.

For students who have declared an FASS primary major, please refer to

<https://FASS.nus.edu.sg/current-students/information-for-freshmen/chs-common-curriculum/>.

### **Q: Can we appeal to drop some pre-allocated modules and take them in a later semester? I would like to register for modules for my second major/minor earlier.**

A: No, students are required to read the pre-allocated modules in the semester in which they are pre-allocated, unless they have extenuating circumstances. The second major/minor modules can be taken in a later semester. Please write to the [askchs@nus.edu.sg](mailto:askchs@nus.edu.sg) if there are special circumstances that require you to drop a pre-allocated module.

### **Q: If I have been pre-allocated 20MCs of modules, do I still need to participate in ModReg?**

A: Yes. Only the lecture slots are pre-allocated, so students are still required to register for their tutorial/lab classes on their own. Please take note of the ModReg timeline at

[https://www.nus.edu.sg/ModReg/ModReg\\_schedule\\_undergraduate.html](https://www.nus.edu.sg/ModReg/ModReg_schedule_undergraduate.html).

### **Q: Can I read another module instead of GEA1000 to fulfil the Data Literacy pillar requirement?**

A: Yes, but only selected modules qualify. Please refer to

<https://wiki.nus.edu.sg/display/GEQGER/Data+Literacy+Module+Allocation+Matrix> for more details.

### **Q: Do we still need to register for modules on our own?**

A: Most of the CHS Common Curriculum modules will be pre-allocated in the first 2 semesters. However, students are still required to register for modules via ModReg to make up for the recommended workload of 20MCs per semester.

### **Q: What modules should I register for during ModReg?**

A: You may register for your major/second major/minor modules, or any modules you are interested in to make up the recommended 20MCs of workload per semester.

### **Q: Can I register for modules offered by another faculty during ModReg?**

A: Yes, you may register for the modules as long as they are available to you during the different ModReg rounds, provided that you have met the pre-requisites. You may check on the pre-requisites of modules from NUS Mods. Do note that some modules are open to students from another faculty only during the later module selection rounds.

### **Q: Is ModReg on a 'first-come-first-serve' basis?**

A: No. You may refer to [https://www.nus.edu.sg/modreg/using\\_modreg\\_undergraduate.html](https://www.nus.edu.sg/modreg/using_modreg_undergraduate.html) for more information on ModReg.

## Section D(i) - Pre-allocation Guidelines

**Q: What are the modules that will be pre-allocated to us in Year 1 Semester 1? (I have done the Academic Plan Declaration and indicated my primary major)**

**Q: I have already declared my major. How many modules would I be pre-allocated in Sem 1?**

**Q: How do we know which CHS Common Curriculum modules are pre-allocated for Year 1 Sem1?**

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**Q: Is there anywhere to see what modules will be pre-allocated for the respective majors for each sem?**

**Q: Will the 2 out of 4 Integrated modules be randomly pre-allocated to us?**

**Q: Can I confirm that 4 modules will be pre-allocated per semester in year 1?**

**Q: Is it true that students, with matriculation number ending with odd digit, will be allocated HSH, GEA, HSA and those ending with even digit will get HSI, HSS and DTK? Saw this info in a table, wanted to know if it's accurate so I can begin planning the timetable.**

A: One gateway module will be pre-allocated to you in Semester 1, based on your declared primary major. You will also be pre-allocated 3 to 4 CHS Common Curriculum modules. Please refer to: <https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/current-students/new-chs-students/> for the overview of the pre-allocated modules for CHS students. Please note that there may be changes as it depends on the quota we have and the number of students who eventually matriculate.

**Q: Can we replace some pre-allocated modules with our primary major modules?**

**Q: Can we replace some pre-allocated modules with our primary major modules in y1? And spread out the remaining pre-allocated modules over 4 years?**

**Q: Will we be able to drop pre-allocated CHS Common Curriculum modules (specifically the HSH1000 and HSA1000 pair) and take other modules instead?**

**Q: How and when to drop/cancel the pre-allocated modules if they clash with other module? Or if I want to take another module under the same CHS pillar?**

**Q: If I drop a pre-allocate module in, will I be pre-allocated the module in my second semester?**

**Q: It is more convenient for me to take certain pre-allocated modules in Y1S1 due to timetable clashes with fundamental core modules. Am I allowed to drop/register for those modules?**

A: Students are expected to read modules in the semester that they have been pre-allocated. Furthermore, CHS Common Curriculum modules that are pre-allocated to you cannot be dropped. Please submit an appeal via ModReg if you have special circumstances that require you to do so.

**Q: For the upcoming Round 1, how do I know what modules are pre-allocated to me and do I have to register for any modules, UEs and GEs?**

A: Students can check their pre-allocated modules from "view my classes" via myEduRec from 22 July onwards. You will have to register for one or two more modules (possibly from your major) to make up 20MCs of workload in a semester.

**Q: Will FAS1101 be pre-allocated in the first Semester, to those who declared a primary major or second major in an FASS subject?**

**Q: When will FAS1101 be pre-allocated?**

**Q: Will I have 4 pre-allocated modules in a semester, since I am from FASS and I am required to take a writing module?**

**Q: Is it possible to end up with 4 pre-allocated modules (e.g. HSH, HSA, GEA, FAS) and only one gateway module to the major we're interested in?**

**Q: Do we have to apply for FAS1101 ourselves in Sem 1 or 2 even though it is pre-allocated?**

A: For students who have declared an FASS primary major, FAS1101 will be pre-allocated in either the first or second semester of the first year. Please refer to: <https://FASS.nus.edu.sg/current-students/information-for-freshmen/chs-common-curriculum/> for the possible timeline.

**Q: How does pre-allocation of modules work?**

**Q: What does pre-allocation mean? Will we be allocated a module with a specific timing, or do we get to choose our own timing?**

**Q: Will pre-allocation of modules mean that timings and classes are fixed?**

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A: When a module is pre-allocated, it means that students will be assigned lecture groups with fixed timeslots for that module. However, students will have to choose their own tutorial/laboratory timings for the pre-allocated module during the Tutorial Registration exercise.

Pre-allocated modules will appear in the "My Modules" list in ModReg without students having to register for it.

**Q: Will all the Common Curriculum modules in CHS be pre-allocated in the first 2 years? Or will there be some common modules that we have to register for by ourselves during ModReg?**

**Q: Do I have to register for the Common Curriculum modules? Or are they pre-allocated?**

**Q: Do we get to choose which 2 out of 4 modules to take up every semester?**

A: The Integrated modules, GEA1000, DTK1234 will be randomly pre-allocated. Additional modules may be pre-allocated depending on majors. For instance, FASS majors may be pre-allocated GEI1001 and FAS1101. BES students will be pre-allocated GEI1001, and DSE students will be pre-allocated CS1010S.

For modules that will not be pre-allocated, you will have to register for them on your own during ModReg.

**Q: If more than 5 modules are pre-allocated, is it possible to drop some CHS pre-allocated Common Curriculum modules?**

A: As the maximum workload for regular CHS students is 23MCs, it is not possible to be pre-allocated with more than 5 modules.

**Q: When will we be notified of the pre-allocation of Common Curriculum modules?**

**Q: When will our pre-allocated modules be shown in ModReg?**

**Q: When will we know whether we have been pre-allocated FAS1101 if I have declared a FASS major?**

**Q: Where can we find what modules are pre-allocated for a specific major?**

**Q: When do we find out which modules have been pre-allocated to us for the semester? Will it be before ModReg round 1?**

**Q: For our pre-allocated modules, does it start from 22 July at 12AM on the dot?**

**Q: Where can I find the pre-allocated modules?**

A: Please check ModReg on 22 July 2021, 9am. You may refer to View My Classes on ModReg.

**Q: Do we have to register for the pre-allocated modules? How do we view our lecture slots for our pre-allocated modules? Do we have to bid for them?**

**Q: Do we have to bid for the pre-allocated modules through ModReg?**

A: We will pre-allocate the lecture groups of the pre-allocated modules. Please check your pre-allocated modules from ModReg from 22 July 2021. Please note that you will still need to register for your preferred tutorial groups.

**Q: Will all the pre-allocated modules count towards the total 160MC graduation requirement?**

A: Yes, except for modules that are worth OMC.

**Q: Will the lecture days/tutorial days also be pre-allocated to us?**

A: Only lecture groups will be pre-allocated. Please register for tutorials on your own.

**Q: Will the pre-allocated modules be split between even and odd matriculation numbers according to the table on the website?**

A: There may be changes as it depends on the quota and the number of students we have.



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**Q: If the lecture for one of my pre-allocated Common Curriculum modules clash with the lecture for my major's gateway module in semester 1, do I need to drop one of the modules, or can I continue to take both since the lectures will be carried out online?**

**Q: When and how can I appeal to change my pre-allocated modules if there is a timetable clash?**

A: Timetable clash waivers are not supported by the faculty, even if the lectures are conducted online. Your major gateway module should not clash with the modules pre-allocated to you. Please write to [askchs@nus.edu.sg](mailto:askchs@nus.edu.sg) if you have checked your modules in ModReg and find that you have been pre-allocated modules that clash with your primary major's gateway module (although this is highly unlikely).

**Q: I read online that for lectures that have multiple timeslots, we will be randomly allocated any one of the timeslots. Would we know which lecture timeslot we are allocated before we proceed to bid for our tutorial timeslots?**

A: For lectures with multiple timeslots, you have to register which particular class you wish to attend. For example, if a module has L1 or L2, you will have to select which lecture group to register for.

**Q: Will General Elective modules be pre-allocated for us automatically?**

A: Only the integrated modules, GEA1000 and DTK1234 will be pre-allocated. If you are reading an FASS major, you will be pre-allocated FAS1101 and GEI1001 as well.

**Q: When can I appeal to change my pre-allocated modules? Before 15 July or after 22 July (round 0) or between 15 and 22 July? Since according to the CHS website, the common modules that will be pre-allocated to me may have a timetable clash with my major/minor module.**

A: If the module can be read in a subsequent semester, please read the clashing module in the next semester. You may write to your home faculty with regards to the pre-allocated modules after 22 July once you know which are the modules pre-allocated back to you.

**Q: So after I have done my declaration, I would be pre allocated the gateway module which I would be able to see under "View my Classes"?**

A: Yes, you may view the modules pre-allocated from 22 July onwards. Please note that only students who have declared their primary major in the APD exercise by 15 July 2021, 2359, will be pre-allocated the gateway module. If you were not pre-allocated the gateway module, please register for it on your own during the ModReg exercise.

**Q: Can I switch the semester grouping for the module pre-allocation? I would very much like to take these CC modules with my friends.**

A: No. Students are required to complete the modules in the semester that they are pre-allocated.

**Q: If I declared my academic plan (and I'm in UTCP), will I be pre-allocated the CHS Common Curriculum modules, primary major modules, and UTCP modules?**

A: Please refer to the CHS website here for information about pre-allocation of gateway modules and CHS Common Curriculum modules: <https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/current-students/new-chs-students/>.

UTCP modules will not be pre-allocated to you. For more information, please check with your RC.

### Section D(ii) - Gateway Modules

**Q: What is a gateway module?**

A: A gateway module offers an introductory yet comprehensive overview of your desired major. Reading it early on in your academic journey is crucial.

**Q: If we have declared a second major, does this mean that we would be allocated 2 different gateway modules for Semester 1?**

A: Only the gateway module for the primary major will be pre-allocated.

**Q: Will I be able to take gateway modules from 2 majors at the same time?**

**Q: If we have declared a second major, can we take both gateway modules in semester 1?**

**Q: Can I bid for the gateway module for my second major in Sem1 or can it only be taken and pre-allocated in Sem2?**

**Q: How many gateway modules can I optimally take per semester if I'm interested in several majors?**

A: You are allowed to read more than one gateway module concurrently, provided that you have module space remaining after being pre-allocated the CHS Common Curriculum modules. Please note that regular CHS students may only read up to a maximum of 23MCs in Y1S1.

**Q: Is it compulsory to take the gateway modules?**

A: It is compulsory to take the gateway module for the discipline you want to major in.

**Q: If I apply for a second major in Y122, can I read the gateway module in Y1S2?**

A: Yes. However, you are required to register for the gateway module for your second major on your own.

**Q: Is there a list of gateway modules?**

A: Under the primary major requirements for each subject, the level-1000 module mentioned is the gateway module.

**Q: Is it possible to take a gateway module without declaring any major for the first semester?**

A: Yes, you can still register for the gateway module, provided that there are still vacancies and that you meet the module pre-requisites.

**Q: Will we be pre-allocated for gateway modules for declared second major?**

A: No, students are expected to register for second major gateway modules on your own during the ModReg exercise.

**Q: If I am not pre-allocated the gateway module in sem1, then what module will I be taking to replace the gateway mod?**

A: We would encourage you to select the gateway module for a major you are interested in as gateway modules unlock pre-requisites to higher level modules. If you were not pre-allocated the module, you may try to register for it on your own during the ModReg exercise.

**Q: How should we prepare for the case where our gateway module is only offered in Semester 2 if the quota for Semester 1 is full? Should we add a backup module?**

A: In the event that you are unsuccessful in registering for your gateway module in your first semester, you may read elective modules in your major (provided that you fulfil the pre-requisites, if any), or unrestricted elective modules, or second major and minor modules.

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### **Q: How should I avoid receiving my gateway module only in the second semester?**

A: You will only be pre-allocated your gateway module in Sem 1 if you have declared a primary major by 15 July 2021, 2359. In the event that you were not pre-allocated the module, you may try to register for it on your own in ModReg.

### **Q: If I cannot declare my major by 15 July 2021, will it affect the pre-allocation for my modules?**

**This is because I accepted my offer to NUS late.**

A: Only students who have done their APD by 15 July 2021 will be pre-allocated their gateway modules. However, gateway modules will still be offered via ModReg, and you can register for it on your own. In the event that you are unable to access the system even after Round 1, please write to your home faculty dean's office for assistance.

## Section D(iii) Workload

### **Q: Can we take 24MC in Sem 1?**

A: Students in selected special programmes like concurrent degree programmes, double degree programmes, USP or Special Programme in Science can read up to 27 MCs in their first semester. Otherwise, all students can only read up to 23 MCs in their first semester.

### **Q: Can I appeal for 24MCs as I want to take a bridging module so that I don't lag behind my peers?**

#### **Q: Can I take more than 23MCs in y1s1?**

A: No, the limit is 23MCs for Semester 1 of the first year. Students can start overloading from Y1S2 onwards where they can read up to 32MCs depending on their CAP.

### **Q: Is the max number of MCs an undergraduate can take in y1s1 20 or 23?**

A: All students can read up to 23 MCs in their first semester except for those in selected special programmes like concurrent degree programmes, double degree programmes, USP or Special Programme in Science who can read up to 27 MCs.

### **Q: May I know what is the maximum number of MC allowed per semester from Sem 2 onwards?**

A: 5 modules per semester is the norm. There are students who read more depending on the student's study plan.

### **Q: If a student takes a double degree, will the work load be equivalent to two student taking two degrees separately? Or different/ lesser modules will be taken up by the student taking a double degree**

A: No. Your second major or degree is parked within the UE space; and everyone needs to have modules there anyway.

### **Q: Is it possible to be pre-allocated more than 5 modules if you are taking a double degree?**

A: Yes, this is possible since your permissible workload is 27MCs per semester.

### **Q: What is the maximum number of MCs we can take each sem?**

A: For your first semester of study it is 23MCs. For your subsequent semesters, you may read more. Please refer to <https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/fas/ug/currentstd/workload.html> for the possibilities.

### **Q: May I know if it is possible for me to take 28MCs in y1s1 if I am a double degree student with a department outside CHS?**

A: If you are a DDP student, you are allowed to go up to 27 MCs in Y1S1.

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**Q: I want to balance the workload over the semesters so which CHS modules have a higher workload?**

A: In principle, the workload is constant across the 4 years. You will generally do 5 modules each semester, and each module is associated with the same workload (4 MCs). Of course, the workload might be more challenging as you take more higher level modules.

**Q: What is the maximum number of MCs that a student can take per semester (excluding Sem1)?**

A: Please refer to <https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/fas/ug/currentstd/workload.html> .

**Q: May I know what are the exceptions that allow students to overload in y1s1? How should I allocate PL2131 and PL1101E without exceeding the 20 MC limit?**

A: Students are not allowed to overload in Y1S1. My recommendation is that you do PL1101E in Y1S1 and PL2131 in Y1S2.

**Q: Must we overload modules (>5 modules) per Semester in order to fulfil a double degree in contrasting majors? Can we extend our candidature by 1 Sem or 2 Sems to complete it?**

A: DDP students typically read 24MCs per semester or some of the semesters. If your DDP subject majors are within CHS, you should be able to complete the DDP in 4 to 4.5 years. There will be an increase in the fees charged if you extend your normal candidature.

**Q: Y1S1 MC limit is 20MC or 23MC?**

A: All students can only read up to 23 MCs in their first semester except for students in selected special programmes like concurrent degree programmes, double degree programmes, USP or Special Programme in Science who can read up to 27 MCs in their first semester.

**Q: While the number of MCs we can take for the first semester is capped at 23 MCs, would CHS freshmen still be able to register for a module that is worth 2 MCs alongside the five pre-allocated common modules?**

A: Yes, because this will add up to 22MCs.

**Q: Because there are more pre-allocated modules for CHS than the previous cohorts, does this mean we have to overload on other semesters (take 6 modules instead of 5) since we cannot really complete as many MCs in the first 2 sems?**

A: No, the recommended workload of 20MCs applies to all students and the graduation MCs of 160MCs remain the same. Thus, there is no need to overload.

**Q: So is the maximum MCs for y1s1 20 or 23?**

**Q: What is the number of MCs we can take in year 1 Sem1?**

**Q: Does it mean that we cannot overload in Sem1?**

A: All students can only read up to 23 MCs in their first semester, except for students on selected special programmes such as concurrent degree programmes, double degree programmes, USP and SPS who can read up to 27 MCs.

**Q: The first year maximum is 23 MCs, so if I'm allocated 20 MCs I can still sign up for 3 MCs?**

A: Yes, there are certain 1MC or 2MC modules that you can sign up for if you wish to do so.

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**Q: from Sem2 onwards we will automatically be allowed to overload to 32 MCs (if we have cap >3.2) without appealing for the max workload waiver?**

A: Yes that is correct. However the maximum workload between Modreg Rounds (1-2) is capped at 23MCs. Students are only allowed to overload from Modreg Round 3 onwards. This is the same across all students in the University.

**Q: So the min for each Sem is 20mcs, but is the max MCs for first Sem is still 32MCs?**

A: The minimum workload for each Sem is 18MCs, the maximum workload for the first semester is 23MCs, after which your workload increases up to 32MCs depending on your CAP

**Q: What are the exceptions that allow students to overload in y1s1? How should I allocate PL2131 and PL1101E without exceeding the 20 MC limit?'**

**however, given that Psychology is very popular, why is pl1101e is not pre-allocated in y1s1?**

A: No workload exceptions are allowed in Y1S1. We have set aside sufficient places for Psychology major students. So long as you have indicated Psychology as your primary major on time, you should be pre-allocated either PL1101E or PL2131.

**Q: Which CHS modules have a higher workload?**

A: The number of modular credits determines the workload of the module. You may find information on NUSMODS.com.

**Q: Is it a need to overload if we plan to go for SEP or NOC?**

A: This depends on your module planning and it differs from students to students.

### Section D(iv) Tutorial Registration

**Q: What are tutorials?**

**Q: What are tutorials? Are they just introductions to our modules?**

A: Simply put, tutorials are smaller classes that facilitates active discussion of lecture contents and assignments. They are usually held to revise the topics went through in the lectures, to cover some concepts more in depths, or to go through assignments.

**Q: How do we register for tutorials? Do we have choices where we can rank our preferred slots? How are the tutorial groups allocated to us?**

A: You may rank your preferred tutorial slots in ModReg. ModReg will then allocate your choices based on your ranking. Please refer to:

[https://www.nus.edu.sg/modreg/using\\_modreg\\_undergraduate.html](https://www.nus.edu.sg/modreg/using_modreg_undergraduate.html)

**Q: Do we have to register for tutorial groups for modules that have already been pre-allocated to us?**

A: Yes.

**Q: How many tutorial groups do we have to register for under each module?**

A: Please check NUSMods to see the various components of each module. You will need to be registered to one component each. Typically, you may choose about 4 tutorial groups for each module.

**Q: Can students in different lecture groups in a module register for the same tutorial group?**

A: Yes for most modules.

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**Q: If tutorial slots open up only in August, does that mean that there are no tutorials at all prior to that?**

A: Yes, most tutorials start from Week 3.

**Q: Is it necessary to place tutorial timings after lectures?**

A: No, this is because tutorials typically start from Week 3. Please check NUSMods to see which tutorial timings there are for a particular module.

**Q: Can you please clarify whether tutorials are like tutor groups?**

A: Simply put, tutorials are smaller classes that facilitates active discussion and of lecture contents and assignments.

**Q: How do we know how many tutorials we need?**

A: Please check NUSMods to see the various components of each module. Students are required to register for one component each.

### Section E - Tuition Fees and candidature

**Q: If I transfer courses, am I still eligible for subsidised fees for the new course?**

A: Yes. However, please note that the Tuition Fee Policy applies. You may refer to the details here: <https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/undergraduate/undergraduate-fees>.

**Q: Does this mean that if I take a Leave of Absence (LOA), it will not count as exceeding the 8 semesters limit for subsidised tuition fees? So does this mean that I will actually need to overload for the following semesters in order to not exceed the 4 years?**

A: Generally, the LOA semester is excluded. Please note that if you apply for LOA after the second week of the semester, you will be charged with the whole semester's school fees.

**Q: I am a transfer student from another university, will the university grant subsidised tuition fees for the unsubsidised semesters out of goodwill?**

A: No.

**Q: Are transfer students allowed to apply for school scholarships as the school may have to pay for unsubsidised tuition fees?**

A: You will be eligible for mid-stream scholarships. Do look out for them from the Faculty's website.

**Q: Does it cost more when I apply for other minor or major different from my faculty?**

A: Not typically.

**Q: Is a double degree more expensive than a single degree/double major?**

A: The fees charged in a semester are the same. However, a DDP is more expensive as you may take one or two semesters more to complete the degree requirements.

**Q: For the tuition fees deadline (9 Aug), what if our application for government subsidies e.g. Mendaki is still in process after the deadline?**

A: You may refer to: <https://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/financial-aid> or write to AskAdmissions (via the Enquiries tab).

**Q: If I overload the modules, will it cost more?**

A: You pay per semester, not per module. So, not necessarily.

## **Section F - Advanced Placement Credits (APC) for Polytechnic admits**

### **Q: How many MC exemptions will we be awarded if we have graduated from poly?**

A: For polytechnic diploma holders majoring in an FASS subject, 20 MCs will be automatically granted as fulfilling the Unrestricted Elective requirement.

For polytechnic diploma holders majoring in an FoS subject, up to a maximum of 40MCs may be granted, of which 20 MCs will be automatically granted as fulfilling the Unrestricted Elective requirement, and up to 20 MCs for programme requirements based on performance in placement tests set by the FoS departments.

### **Q: Will Poly students be automatically exempted from 20MCs of UE?**

A: Yes.

### **Q: Does exemption for poly student from 20MCs of UE only applies if they are from related diploma course?**

#### **Q: Does the APC for diploma holders only apply to diplomas related to the degree?**

A: All incoming CHS freshmen who are polytechnic diploma holders will be granted APCs.

### **Q: Are there any disadvantages for having APC?**

A: The advantage is that you can graduate in a shorter time by reading 140MCs of NUS modules. However, should you choose to do so, you will have less UE space to pursue other pathways such as a second major or a double degree, since the APCs will be counted towards the UE requirement. Nevertheless, you are allowed to read 160 MC of NUS modules, if you choose to do so.

### **Q: How do we apply for APC as an A level holder?**

#### **Q: If I am granted 20 MCs because of A-levels, can I used those credits to satisfy minor requirements without taking courses? And when do we know how many APCs we have?**

A: Freshmen who have applied to NUS using A-level results will not be automatically granted any APCs. However, certain Science departments may offer Advanced Placement tests, which grant credits to students who do well. More details can be found at:

<https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/admissions/undergraduates/advanced-placement-credits/>.

### **Q: If I choose to transfer credits from my H3 module, will there be a transfer of grades? (i.e., if I got a merit for my H3 subject, what grade will I see in my transcript?)**

A: Please refer to the FAQs on H3: <https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/prospective-students/non-graduating/pre-university-students-from-local-institutions>.

### **Q: Will International Baccalaureate Diploma students have any MC exemptions?**

A: Freshmen who have applied to NUS using IB results will not be automatically granted any APCs. However, certain Science departments may offer Advanced Placement tests which grant credits to students who do well. More details can be found at:

<https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/admissions/undergraduates/advanced-placement-credits/>.

### **Q: What does 20MCs of APCs automatically granted mean to the UE? Does it mean that a diploma holder only need to fulfil 28MCs out of the 48MC requirement for UE?**

#### **Q: If I am a Poly student with 20MC of UE exempted, does that mean I only need to complete minimum of 28MC of UE for graduation?**

A: Yes, the 20 MCs granted to polytechnic diploma holders will count towards their UE requirement, meaning that you will only need to complete 28MCs of NUS modules in their UE space.

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**Q: If we're coming from an American high school with AP classes, do we also get exempted from MCs?**

A: APCs will not be automatically granted to students who have applied to NUS using an international qualification.

**Q: When and how will I know what AP credits are granted to me?**

**Q: Where do I check for exemptions?**

A: The APCs will be automatically granted to polytechnic diploma holders, which will be reflected in EduRec in September.

**Q: Do Poly students have fewer S/U credits? Where do we check this?**

A: Polytechnic diploma holders may exercise up to 20MCs of S/U options, of which up to 12MCs can be carried forward. You may refer to the S/U FAQs listed here:

<https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/academics/ug/su-homepage.html>.

**Q: For APC, if 40 MCs are granted, can we graduate within 3 years (since there are only 120 MCs left)?**

A: If you are successfully granted 40MCs of APCs, and you are able to plan your timetable carefully such that you can fulfil all the graduation requirements on time, it is possible to graduate in 3 years.

**Q: Is it possible for APC to count towards modules required for a minor?**

A: APCs granted to polytechnic diploma holders will count as general UE modules and cannot be used to fulfil any major or minor requirements.

**Q: If I want to read a second major, I would need to complete a total of 152MCs in the CHS Common Curriculum, Primary Major, and Second Major requirements. This leaves me with 8 MCs of UEs. Since I am a Polytechnic diploma holder, can I use the 20MCs of APCs to fulfil the remaining 8MCs of UE requirements?**

A: As the 20MCs of APCs will count as general UE modules, they will automatically fulfil the 8MCs of UE requirements based on the situation described.

**Q: For polytechnic diploma holders, since 20 MCs will be automatically granted as fulfilling UE requirement, is it possible that one could graduate one semester earlier than the rest?**

A: Yes, it is possible, provided that you are able to read the required modules according to your study plan and fulfil all the graduation requirements on time.

**Q: As I am a poly graduate, can I still be able to pursue a second major?**

A: Yes, you are allowed to do so. It just means that your poly APCs will not be fully utilised.

### Section G – Drop modules with “W” and “F” grades

**Q: What are the W and F grades?**

A: It essentially means that you have dropped a module late in the semester. Please refer to the information here: <https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/non-graduating/modular-system>.

### Section H - Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U Option)

**Q: Are there any rules on which modules we can S/U?**

A: Yes, please refer to <https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/academics/all/docs/Module-SU-Eligibility.pdf> for more information



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**Q: When do we need to declare if we want to use S/U for a module?**

**Q: When can we last declare whether we want to S/U our module?**

A: Within 3 calendar days, immediately upon the release of each semester's exam results. There is an online S/U system that you will gain access to.

**Q: What is the difference between S/U and CS/CU?**

A: You can refer to further details on this website: <https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/non-graduating/modular-system>.

**Q: Do all freshmen receive 32 MCs of S/U options on entry?**

A: Not all. If you are a polytechnic graduate with 20 APCs (for example), you only get 20 S/U MCs.

**Q: Can we use S/Us for modules taken while on exchange overseas?**

A: Only credits (and not grades) are transferred for exchange modules. Therefore they are not eligible for the S/U option.

**Q: Will the MCs we exercise S/U option for be counted towards the graduation requirements?**

A: Yes, if you pass the module (i.e., you get an S grade.)

**Q: Does that mean that if I don't use all 32 MCs in the first year, I won't be able to use all 32 MCs in the subsequent years?**

A: You can carry forward up to a maximum of 12 MCs of S/U options to the subsequent semesters after the first year if you do not fully exhaust your 32MCs of S/U option. So, some students try to exercise at most 20MCs of S/U option in their first year.

**Q: If I exercise the U grade option for a module, and have already repeated the essential module, will I still be able to use this module as a pre-requisite to other modules?**

A: You may only use the module as a pre-requisite if you manage to read and pass the module after taking it again ie a minimum "S" grade.

**Q: Why are some modules under the grade-free scheme?**

A: The Grade-free scheme, in the form of Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory (S/U) option, aims to provide a supportive and enabling environment for NUS undergraduates to make a successful transition into the academic and social culture of university life. It serves to facilitate a transformation in students' mindsets towards grades and learning in the university setting, as well as enable students to leverage opportunities for a holistic education. The Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory (S/U) option is also intended to encourage students to pursue their intellectual interests, without undue concern that exploring a new subject area may adversely affect their CAP.

**Q: If I take 10 modules in my first Year, I can S/U in total 8 modules and only use 2 modules to calculate my CAP?**

A: Yes, provided that the modules are eligible for the S/U option.

**Q: Am I able to S/U a Level 2000 major module that has no pre-requisites of other modules?**

A: Yes, if it does not have any NUS modules as pre-requisites.

**Q: If I exercised the S/U option on a module that I did badly, will this mean that this module will not count towards my CAP and the type of honours that I might attain?**

A: Yes.

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**Q: Will the number of modules you S/U appear on your degree certificate?**

A: Yes, the S/U grades and modules will be reflected on your result slip and transcript.

**Q: Is the S/U option available in Y3 and Y4?**

A: Yes, you can carry over up to 12 MCs to Y3 and Y4. Note that as a guide, you may only exercise the S/U option on modules without NUS modules as pre-requisites. For exceptions, please check the details from the S/U website.

**Q: If a module is a requirement to enter a programme (e.g. Minimum requirement to enter Computer Science is to receive B and above for CS1101), in the event that I did not attain the minimum grade required and decided to exercise the S/U option, can I retake the module?**

A: Students will not be allowed to retake modules that they have passed.

**Q: If I used all my S/U options in Year1, can I use this option in Year 2 onwards?**

A: Only up to 12MCs of S/U can be carried forward to Year 2. If all S/U options are exhausted in Year 1, then you will not be able to exercise any S/U options in Year 2 onwards. You may refer to this link: [https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-activities/satisfactory-unsatisfactory-\(s-u\)-option](https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-activities/satisfactory-unsatisfactory-(s-u)-option).

## Section I - Degree Requirements

### Section I(i)CHS Common Curriculum

**Q: What does the CHS Common Curriculum consist of?**

A: The CHS Common Curriculum comprises of 13 modules. More information on the CHS Common Curriculum modules can be found here: <https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/programmes/#prog-overview>

**Q: Must we take all CHS Common Curriculum modules?**

**Q: Are all CHS Common Curriculum modules compulsory for every student?**

A: CHS students are expected to complete all modules in the CHS Common Curriculum, unless they are in special programmes (e.g. USP, XDP, SPS etc.) where exemptions or double counting are allowed: <https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/current-students/new-chs-students/> for some of the CHS common curriculum.

**Q: By taking CHS Common Curriculum modules, does this mean that the GE requirement is fulfilled?**

**Q: How many GE modules do we need to take to graduate? Because there's a Common Curriculum and the 6 pillars I'm confused on which one is relevant for CHS students.**

**Q: If we take the Common Curriculum modules (e.g., Scientific Inquiry, Interdisciplinary modules etc.), do we still have to take the five pillars of GE modules?**

**Q: Do the GE modules overlap with CHS modules? Or do I have to take the GE modules and CHS modules separately to fulfil the requirements?**

**Q: If I take all 13 modules of the Common Curriculum will I still have to do GE modules?**

**Q: May I check if CHS students are required to fulfil the 6 pillars of GE? Q: Is it true that I do not need to focus on the GE requirement anymore and that I just need to complete the CHS Common Curriculum requirements?**

A: CHS students will satisfy the GE requirements with CHS Common Curriculum modules. This means that after completing the CHS Common Curriculum, students need not read any GE-coded modules.

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### **Q: Dose the CHS Common Curriculum comprise GE and faculty core modules, or only GE?**

A: The CHS Common Curriculum comprises 13 modules which includes both GE and CHS-specific modules. More information of the modules in the CHS Common Curriculum can be found here:

<https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/programmes/#prog-overview>

### **Q: Does the CHS Common Curriculum module overlap with the UE modules? If I take a module in Design Thinking, can I fulfil 4 MCs in my UE requirement?**

A: No. The UE requirements are separate from the CHS Common Curriculum requirements.

### **Q: Do we have a list of recommendations or a study plan for which CHS Common Curriculum or major modules we should take in each semester throughout our university years?**

A: For FASS majors, you may find the sample progression at <https://FASS.nus.edu.sg/current-students/information-for-freshmen/sample-study-plan/>. For Science majors, you may refer to the sample study plan on the respective department's website.

### **Q: Are the gateway modules part of the CHS Common Curriculum, alongside the Integrated modules and the Interdisciplinary modules? Will these modules be pre-allocated to us?**

A: A gateway module is an introductory module to the major and is part of the major requirements. The CHS Common Curriculum consists of 6 Common Core modules, 5 Integrated modules and 2 interdisciplinary modules.

The gateway module will be pre-allocated to students if they declare their primary major by 15 July. Students will also be pre-allocated some modules of the CHS Common Curriculum. More information can be found here: <https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/current-students/new-chs-students/>.

### **Q: Is there a minimum number of Common Curriculum modules we have to take in Semesters 1 and 2 of the first year?**

A: There is no minimum number of CHS Common Curriculum modules to take in the first year. However, some of the modules will be pre-allocated to you in your first two semesters. Students are expected to complete the pre-allocated modules in the semester that they have been pre-allocated to.

### **Q: Can I take on extra CHS Common Curriculum modules in Year 1?**

#### **Q: Besides the pre-allocated CHS Common Curriculum modules, can I take up more modules under the Common Curriculum as well? E.g., CS1010S, which is not pre-allocated to us in the first year.**

A: Some CHS Common Curriculum modules will be pre-allocated to CHS students based on the pre-allocation guidelines. For those that will not be pre-allocated, you may choose to register for them in Year 1 if you have enough module space, and there are no clashes between the pre-allocated modules and modules that you intend to register for on your own. You may do so by submitting a Modreg appeal for them in Round 3.

### **Q: Is it possible to clear CHS Common Curriculum by the end of year 1?**

A: No, there are 13 modules, out of which 11 have to be completed by Year 2. You are advised to have a balance between Major and Common Curriculum modules in your study plan, as higher-level modules in your major may have module pre-requisites that you will need to fulfil before you are allowed to read them.

### **Q: Although all CHS modules have 4MCs, which modules in the curriculum are more challenging?**

A: It really depends on your aptitude and interest for the particular subject. From the workload perspective, they are similar.

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### **Q: Do we select the CHS Common Curriculum modules in Round 1 or 2?**

A: This depends on the module host setting. Some CHS Common Curriculum modules are only offered via pre-allocation. You may wish to check the pre-allocation guidelines written here:

<https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/current-students/new-chs-students/>

### **Q: Are GER1000 and GEQ1000 taken in PGPH included in the CHS Common Curriculum?**

A: There is no longer GER1000 and GEQ1000 in the revised GE requirements. In addition, CHS students who have completed the CHS Common Curriculum will be deemed as having completed the GE requirements. Hence, there is no need to read additional modules on top of the Common Curriculum. More information on the modules or pillars are listed on the CHS website here:

<https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/programmes/#prog-overview>.

### **Q: When will the module info come out for new CHS modules/XDP modules?**

A: Module information can be found on the CHS website and NUSMods.

### **Q: How do I appeal through ModReg for switching of semester grouping?**

A: No, this is not allowed.

### **Q: Is it safe to say that all Common Curriculum modules will be pre-allocated to us?**

A: Only Integrated modules, GEA1000, DTK1234 will be pre-allocated. Additional modules may be pre-allocated depending on majors. For instance, FASS majors will be pre-allocated GEI1000 and FAS1101. BES students will be pre-allocated GEI1001, and DSE students will be pre-allocated CS1010S. The rest of the CHS Common Curriculum modules are to be registered through ModReg.

**Q: I was wondering if students are allowed to not take all the pre-allocated Common Curriculum modules (as it is stated in the website that students will be pre-allocated 3 Common Curriculum modules according to their matriculation number). If yes, how many can we drop?**

**Q: Why are we recommended to take the HS modules in the first year? If there are lecture timetable clashes with other courses gateway modules like CS1010S, can we take the module in year 2 instead?**

A: You are generally not allowed to drop the pre-allocated Common Curriculum modules. Please write to [askchs@nus.edu.sg](mailto:askchs@nus.edu.sg) if there are special circumstances that require you to drop a pre-allocated module. If there are clashes, please read the gateway modules of majors other than your primary major in subsequent semesters.

## Section I(i)(a)Artificial Intelligence

### **Q: What do we learn on artificial intelligence, robots?**

A: Students are expected to learn basic concepts in AI and learn how it may be used in society. You may refer to the module description at NUSmods for more details.

### **Q: Can CS3243 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence module replace the CHS Common Curriculum AI module?**

A: As of AY2021/2022 Semester 1, CS3243 is not considered a replacement to the CHS Common Curriculum AI module. You may refer to the CHS website for more information on the modules that can be used to fulfil the Artificial Intelligence requirement in the Common Curriculum, and keep a look out for updates to the list of recognised modules for the AI requirement:

<https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/programmes/#prog-overview>.

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### Section I(i)(b)Communities and Engagement

**Q: Can the 'Communities and Engagement' pillar under the CHS Common Curriculum be fulfilled through activities in Hall?**

A: As of AY2021/2022 Semester 1, there is no such option.

### Section I(i)(c)Data Literacy

**Q: Are we supposed to read all four modules under the Data Literacy pillar, or do we choose only one?**

A: Students only need to read one module from the basket of modules offered under the Data Literacy pillar.

**Q: Is Quantitative Reasoning part of the 13 Common Curriculum modules?**

A: Data Literacy is part of the CHS Common Curriculum. GEA1000 Quantitative Reasoning is a module that can fulfil the Data Literacy requirement.

**Q: If I am interested in both DSA1101 and ST1131 which are from the same CHS Data Literacy basket, can one of them be counted as UE?**

A: Yes, you may use one to fulfil the CHS Common Curriculum Data Literacy requirement and the other to fulfil the UE requirements.

**Q: There is a Data Literacy course specifically for Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science students, so can we drop GEA1000 to take that course? Or must we apply for a GE-coded module?**

A: For the Data Literacy pillar, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science students will be pre-allocated GEA1000. However, if they would like to read the higher level modules, they can choose to drop GEA1000 and select the higher level modules in ModReg.

I believe you are referring to the module COS2101 Computational Thinking for Pharm Sciences and Pharmacy. This module is under the Digital Literacy pillar, and students can choose which module they would like to read for this pillar.

**Q: If we do a major in an FASS subject (Economics) and another from FoS (Data Analytics), for our CHS Common Curriculum, will we be pre-allocated modules meant for the FASS major or the FoS major? E.g., GEA1000 and DSA1101 from the Data Literacy pillar.**

A: The pre-allocation will depend on what you have declared during the Academic Plan Declaration exercise. For the Data Literacy pillar, if you have declared a second major in Data Analytics, you will not be pre-allocated GEA1000. However, you will be required to register for DSA1101 on your own. Please refer to the notes under the respective CHS Common Curriculum pillars here:

<https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/programmes/#prog-overview> .

**Q: I wish to take DSA1101 to fulfil the Data Literacy requirement instead of the pre-allocated GEA1000. But I wish to explore more before settling on a second major/minor. Would I still have the chance of appealing and getting the DSA module, or is it more advisable to declare DSA as my primary major first?**

A: Students will only be pre-allocated the gateway module of their primary major if they declare it by 15 July 2021, 2359. You may wish to register for the DSA1101 module via ModReg, subject to quota availability. Students who wish to read ST1131/DSA1101 to fulfil the Data Literacy requirements can drop GEA1000 and select ST1131/DSA1101 instead. Please appeal in via the ModReg system under "Drop Lec/Tut allocated by admin". You may refer to this link for more details:

<https://wiki.nus.edu.sg/display/GEQGER/Data+Literacy+Module+Allocation+Matrix>.

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### Section I(i)(d) Digital Literacy

**Q: As a student planning to major in Life Sciences, which of the Digital Literacy modules would be suitable for me? Will LSM2302 be more suitable?**

A: For Life Science students, you can take any module listed under the Digital Literacy pillar to fulfil the requirement, except GE1001, GE1002 and NM2207.

**Q: I am a FASS student. For GE1001 (Digital Literacy), can I take CS1010 instead, as I am keen in taking Computer Science as a second major?**

A: Yes. Once you have secured CS1010, you may write in to get1050@nus.edu.sg to appeal to drop GE1001 should you be pre-allocated the module.

**Q: Will the CHS Digital Literacy modules be pre-allocated to us depending on our primary major/faculty? Or do we need to register for it ourselves? For example, I am pursuing Life Sciences, so will I be doing LSM2302 by default?**

A: You may refer to the pre-allocation guidelines written on the respective websites:

- For FASS majors: <https://FASS.nus.edu.sg/current-students/information-for-freshmen/chs-common-curriculum/>; and

- For FoS majors: <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates/general-academic-requirements-and-policies/#common>.

If the modules you wish to read are not listed in the pre-allocation guidelines, then you are expected to register for them on your own in the ModReg system. For Life Science majors, you can choose to take the Life Science modules, the CS1010x or the COSxxxx series of modules to fulfil the Digital Literacy pillar.

### Section I(ii) Bridging Modules

**Q: Do our 'A' Level / Polytechnic results affect our eligibility to read certain minors or second majors?**

A: Students can declare a subject as their second major or minor. However, students who do not meet the subject pre-requisite (if any) will be required to complete the bridging module before they can read the gateway module. You may check the subject pre-requisites here:

<https://chs.nus.edu.sg/prospective-students/#subject-prerequisites>

**Q: Will bridging modules be pre-allocated?**

**Q: Since gateway modules are pre-allocated according to our declared major, will bridging modules be pre-allocated too?**

**Q: If I declare a primary major without meeting H2 Math pre-requisite, will I be pre-allocated the bridging module MA1301 in Semester 1 and the gateway module in Semester 2?**

A: Bridging modules will be pre-allocated in Semester 1 if the gateway module cannot be pre-allocated to students who have declared their primary major by 15 July 2021, 2359.

Please note that from Semester 2 of your first year of study, students are expected to register for their gateway modules on their own.

**Q: Can we take both the bridging module and gateway module concurrently in the same semester?**

A: You will need to read and pass the bridging module before you are allowed to read the gateway module.

**Q: Does bridging modules count towards the MCs needed to graduate?**

A: Yes.

**Q: If I take a bridging module to meet the qualifications of H2 Mathematics and a H2 Science, will I be allowed to take other modules that has the requirement of a good pass in H2 Mathematics or H2 Science?**

A: Yes, you can take the bridging module in the relevant subject first if you do not meet the requirements to read them.

**Q: I applied to NUS using my country's national curriculum. Does that count as an equivalent to a H2 subject? How does the faculty decide whether we have met the pre-requisite for a module or we need to take a bridging module?**

A: This is subject to review. Please seek clarification from [askchs@nus.edu.sg](mailto:askchs@nus.edu.sg). If you do not meet the pre-requisite for the module, you will not be able to select the module via ModReg. Instead, you will be advised to read the bridging module.

**Q: Can I check which bridging modules I am required to take on ModReg?**

A: If you do not meet the subject pre-requisites for your intended major, second major or minor (<https://chs.nus.edu.sg/prospective-students/#subject-prerequisites>), you may check NUSMods for the module pre-requisites that you have to fulfil before you can read the gateway module. If you are unable to register for the major modules in ModReg because of pre-requisite issues, you will have to take the relevant bridging module.

**Q: Can bridging modules be selected in Round 1 of ModReg?**

A: Yes.

### [Section I\(iii\) - Writing modules](#)

**Q: Are FASS students still required to take FAS1101 in CHS? Is it considered a UE or GE requirement?**

A: FASS students in CHS are required to complete FAS1101. FAS1101 fulfils the Writing pillar (GE requirement) under the CHS Common Curriculum requirements. It is not a UE.

**Q: Can I take the Writing and Community and Engagement modules in Year 3?**

A: It is not advisable to take the writing modules so late in your study. For FoS majors, SP1541 is necessary in order to apply for SEP. For FASS majors, you will be pre-allocated FAS1101 in your first year (unless you are enrolled in a special programme which exempts you from taking FAS1101).

**Q: Is it possible to take FAS1101 if I have declared a first major in Science?**

A: Please note that FAS1101 will only be pre-allocated to FASS majors. FAS1101 will not be open for selection during ModReg except for BES students.

### [Section I\(iv\) Integrated & Interdisciplinary Modules](#)

**Q: Are integrated modules and interdisciplinary modules compulsory? Do they take up MC for the Common Curriculum?**

A: Yes, they are part of the CHS Common Curriculum. Students who belong to certain special programmes (e.g., USP, UTCP etc.) may be exempted from some CHS Common Curriculum modules. More information can be found here: <https://chs.nus.edu.sg/current-students/new-chs-students/>.

**Q: Do HSA1000, HSH1000, and HSS1000 fulfil the basket requirements for FASS students?**

A: No. The FASS exposure requirements (i.e. the "basket requirements") will only apply to FASS students from Cohorts 2020 and before (i.e. those who have matriculated in AY2020/2021 and before.) Hence, FASS students from older cohorts who have not yet completed their FASS exposure

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requirements will have to read exposure modules to fulfil them. On the other hand, CHS students who have declared an FASS major will not need to fulfil this FASS exposure requirement. Instead, CHS students will fulfil the CHS Common Curriculum, which includes HSA1000, HSH1000 and HSS1000.

### **Q: If I am not intending to join SPS, can I still take SP2274 instead of HSI1000 for Scientific Inquiry 1?**

A: SP2274 would usually be taken by SPS students or those who intend to take the SPS. However, if you choose to drop SPS or no longer wish to pursue SPS after that, SP2274 would still count as fulfilling the Scientific Inquiry I pillar.

### **Q: When will the Interdisciplinary modules be released?**

A: The first batch of Interdisciplinary modules will be released in August 2022.

### **Q: What does interdisciplinary modules mean? What modules can I choose under this?**

A: The interdisciplinary module aims to expose students to interdisciplinarity and impart students with the ability to think, synthesize and integrate knowledge and insights across disciplines which are integral to solving complex problems. More information about the basket of modules will be announced in due course.

## Section I(v) Unrestricted Electives (UEs)

### **Q: What are UEs?**

### **Q: What is an UE? Are they modules that I can take under my first major / second major? Or do they refer to any module not related to any of my majors?**

A: A UE module is any module that does not count towards the CHS Common Curriculum or your primary major requirement. So, second major and minor modules are considered UE modules.

### **Q: Can I take language modules for my MCs? E.g. Korean language**

A: Yes. Any language modules that you take carry MCs and count to your graduation. It will typically be parked in your UE space.

### **Q: Can I use only 5% of my UE space for non-major modules, and use the remaining space to read major modules?**

A: Yes, students are free to plan how they would like to use their Unrestricted Elective space.

### **Q: Does internship take up unrestricted electives?**

A: Internships like UPIP and FASSIP falls under the UE space. However, some majors may require students to embark on disciplinary internships as part of their major requirements. Please refer to the curriculum structure for the individual majors for more information.

### **Q: Do special programmes and internships take up UE space? If yes, will I be able to complete a primary major with specialisation, a special programme, a second major and an internship within 160MCs?**

A: This is dependent on the special programme you are enrolled in as well as whether you are able to double count any modules. It is likely that you may need more than 160 MCs, and may need to overload or extend your candidature. Please consult your faculty's Dean's Office for advice.

### **Q: Are minor modules counted as UEs?**

### **Q: Do minors fall under UEs?**

A: Yes, modules completed for second major, minor and specialisation are in the UE space.



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**Q: Do the CHS Common Curriculum modules overlap with the UE modules? E.g., can DTK1234 Design Thinking fulfil both CHS Common Curriculum requirements and UE requirements?**

A: UEs are modules read on top of CHS Common Curriculum, Major, and Minor/Second Major etc. to meet the minimum 160MCs graduation requirements. So, design thinking cannot be used to fulfil the UE requirement.

**Q: Do we have to choose UEs outside of our Faculty?**

A: No. Students can choose to read modules from or outside their Faculty as their UE, subject to them meeting the module pre-requisites.

**Q: Is there a limit to the number of MCs we can take for the UE?**

**Q: How do we proceed if our UE space is used up? Can we still take up modules?**

**Q: Must the number of modules for the second major and the UE be exactly 10 and 2 modules? What if we want to take more UEs?**

**Q: Does taking second major mean that I am in the double major programme? Can I still take unrestricted electives?**

A: Students are allowed to read extra UE modules. However, this means that you may have to overload, as you still have to fulfil the primary major and CHS Common Curriculum requirements. Please note that there is a 60 MC limit on Level 1000 modules, and the grades for all excess MCs read will still be computed towards your CAP, even if the excess modules do not count towards your degree requirements.

**Q: If I intend to take the specialist route, what happens to my UEs?**

A: If you are keen on pursuing the deep specialist pathway, you will likely utilise your UE space to read more higher-level modules in the major you are keen on acquiring deeper knowledge in.

**Q: Can I read modules outside of CHS as Unrestricted Electives?**

**Q: Can I do modules from Yong Loo Lin, or School of Public Health Dean's Office? Will they be under unrestricted electives?**

**Q: Is it possible to take a module (under UEs) from Law?**

A: Yes, if the modules are available for you to select in ModReg.

**Q: Can unrestricted electives be any modules from level 1000 to 4000?**

A: Yes, students can read any module from Level 1000 to 4000 as UE, subject to them meeting the module pre-requisites.

**Q: Will the English modules take up space from my UE?**

**Q: Can bridging modules and CLS English modules (i.e. ES1000/ES1103) be counted as unrestricted electives?**

A: The ES modules will be part of the UE space.

**Q: Can I choose to complete the Writing and Digital Literacy modules during my first year instead of reading UE modules?**

A: The sample study plans on the faculty/department's websites only serve as a rough guide, so it is not compulsory to follow the study plans exactly. Please register for your desired modules via ModReg. Please also note that the modules that you wish to register for are not guaranteed.

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**Q: Can I take a module as a UE in the first semester, then count it towards a minor in subsequent semesters?**

A: Yes, it is possible to use the UE module to fulfil your minor requirement in your second semester onwards.

**Q: Is there a difference if I take up language modules under UEs VS taking up language studies as a minor?**

A: They will all be classified as UEs.

**Q: If I am under the LPP, will the language module be seen under UE?**

A: Yes.

**Q: How many unrestricted electives do students usually take at once?**

A: You can space out the UEs you need to take over the course of your 4 years of studies (8 semesters). There is no fixed rule on the number of UEs you can take in each semester.

**Q: How do I find/search for modules to fulfil my UEs if I don't intend to take a minor or double major?**

A: You may refer to NUSMODS.com, ModReg, and the department websites for more details on modules that are offered.

### Section I(vi) – Graduation requirements

**Q: On the NUS website, it says the graduation requirements for NUS itself for the major is 88-110 MCs. So do we have to complete a minimum of 60MCs or 88-110 MCs?**

A: The modular requirements for a primary major in CHS is 60 MCs. For cross-disciplinary programmes, the modular requirements typically exceed 60 MCs, depending on each programme.

**Q: Can I take more than 160MCs in the four years?**

A: Yes. You can take modules during special term or take extra modules in a semester. Please note that there is a 60 MC limit on Level 1000 modules, and the grades for all excess MCs read will still be computed towards your CAP even if they do not count towards your degree requirements.

**Q: If we are doing double major and planning to graduate with honours, what is the minimum requirement for our primary and second major?**

A: For second majors, students need to complete 40MCs (10 modules). You can refer to <https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/double-major-programmes> for more information.

For Double Degree programmes, students need to complete 60 MCs each for both primary majors. For more information, please refer to <https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/double-degree-programmes>.

**Q: There are 15 faculty major modules. If I take a minor (5 modules), does that mean that I will now have to fulfil 10 faculty modules only?**

A: No. A minor and a major cannot be from the same subject. Students are required to read 60MCs, or fifteen 4MC modules, in their primary major. To complete a minor, students are required to read 20MCs, or five 4MC modules. In the event that you are able to double count a module to both primary major and minor requirements, you will have to read an additional module in your UE space to make up so that you can complete the 160MCs degree requirement.

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### **Q: Are CHS students expected to complete 160MCs in 4 years?**

A: Yes. All students admitted into CHS will embark on a 4-year direct honours programme. The recommended workload for each semester is 20MCs.

### **Q: Is it possible to graduate early in 7 semesters if I meet all the graduation requirements?**

#### **Q: If I successfully complete 160 MCs in semester 7, do I need to read semester 8?**

A: Students are allowed to graduate in 7 semesters and need not do an 8<sup>th</sup> semester if they had fulfilled all requirements on time.

### **Q: What's the difference between an honours programme and a non-honours programme?**

A: All CHS degrees are 4-year honours programmes. Students from a non-honours programme can graduate in 3 years with a Bachelor's degree, but this is not applicable in CHS.

### **Q: Will we graduate with honours no matter what combination of major / minor we take?**

A: Yes, as long as your CAP meets the minimum requirement.

### **Q: What's the difference between MCs and GCAP/CAP?**

A: MCs refer to workload whereas CAP refers to the average grade received over all the modules you have taken in NUS. We do not use GCAP.

## Section I(vii) Honours

### **Q: How common is it to graduate with Honours (Highest Distinction?)**

#### **Q: What is the percentage of students who get a CAP of 4.5 and above?**

A: There is no quota. It is based solely on your CAP. It depends on the cohort; we encourage you not to be overly focused on CAP but to immerse yourself in the learning journey and enjoy university life which has so much more to offer than just grades (which are important but not the be all and end all).

### **Q: Do all first majors have honours track?**

A: Yes. CHS is a 4-year direct honours program.

## Section I(viii) Honours Thesis

### **Q: If we have a CAP 4.5 and above, do we still have to write an Honours Thesis?**

A: It is optional. If you graduate with a CAP of 4.5 or higher, you can get Honours (Highest Distinction) if your primary major is in FoS.

However, if your primary major is in FASS, you will need to take and pass the Honours Thesis. Otherwise, you will graduate with Honours (Distinction). *Note: This is currently being reviewed.*

### **Q: Must the Honours Thesis be related to our major?**

A: Yes. You can only pursue an Honours Thesis for your primary major.

### **Q: Will the Honours Thesis count as part of the 60 MCs for my primary major?**

A: Yes. Do note that for some majors, the Honours thesis is not compulsory and students may read Honours modules in place of it.

### **Q: Is it compulsory to complete an Honours Thesis to graduate with an honours degree, since all CHS students are on the 4-year direct honours track?**

#### **Q: For FASS majors, is it compulsory to write the honours thesis?**

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### **Q: I'm intending to major in Social Work. To get first class honours, is Honours Thesis a requirement?**

A: The honours thesis is generally optional; you can take Level-4000 modules instead of doing a thesis. That said, for FASS majors, you need to pass the HT to earn the Honours (Highest Distinction).  
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### **Q: Do I have to do 2 Honours thesis if I wish to earn a double degree (i.e. in Political Science and History)?**

A: You may do 2 Honours Theses or an integrated HT if the topic overlaps with both majors or not at all; or replace the 8MC of HT with level-4000 modules for both subject majors.

## Section I(viii) CAP

### **Q: Is it easy to fall below 2.0? If I consistently study would there still be a chance of that happening?**

A: No, don't worry! If you are doing consistent work, that's very unlikely to happen. However, do talk to your instructors if you are facing issues.

### **Q: How difficult is it to attain a CAP of 4.00 and above? Do most people graduate with that CAP?**

A: Many do. So do your very best. Nevertheless, university is more about gaining experience and exposure. A good CAP alone is not as important as gaining a whole repertoire of experience, exposure and having an outstanding 4 years that prepares you for life.

If you are having difficulty with studies (e.g., lower CAP), do come and talk to us to see how we can help you along your journey. Do remember that you can exercise your S/U option as well.

### **Q: Is the CAP calculated after each semester, or do you only have 1 CAP number that is calculated after all your semesters? For e.g., at the end of Y4, will my CAP be calculated based on all the MC grades I have taken in 4 years or only the grades in Y4?**

A: Your CAP is the cumulative average point of all the modules taken in your 4 years. Your class of honours that you eventually graduate with will be dependent on your CAP. There is also a semestral average point (SAP), which is calculated and reflected for every semester in your transcript.

### **Q: If I fail a module and repeats it, will the previous grade still be used in my CAP?**

A: Yes.

### **Q: Will CS/CU modules be counted in my CAP?**

A: No, they are not factored into the CAP computation. Please refer to the information here:  
<https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/non-graduating/modular-system>.

### **Q: If we take MCs above the minimum requirement (e.g. for first majors, >60MCs), will the grades from all the modules we have taken be counted towards our CAP or can we choose only the top 15 modules that we have gotten the highest grades in to be counted to the CAP?**

A: All modules taken throughout your candidature will be computed towards your CAP except for modules with no assigned MCs or grade points. More information can be found here:  
<https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/non-graduating/modular-system>.

Section (J) Special Programmes

(i) Overview

(a) Double major/ second major

**Q: What is the shortest time needed for us to complete a double major?**

A: Within the CHS majors, double majors can be completed within 4 years. If your double degree is within CHS, it can be completed within (8 - 9) semesters for double honours.

**Q: Can I do two gateway modules for my double major simultaneously in my first semester?**

A: Yes, you can as long as the total number of MCs does not exceed 23MCs for your first semester (for regular CHS students) and there are no timetable clashes. Please note that only the gateway module for your primary major will be pre-allocated to you. You will have to register for your second major's gateway module on your own during ModReg.

**Q: If we choose to do a second major in Year 3, will we still be able to finish our degree in 4 years?**

A: Yes, this is possible if you are able to follow your study plan consistently and complete the required modules on time. Please note that you have to declare your second major before the end of your 5<sup>th</sup> semester of study.

**Q: If I declare a second major in Sem 1, is it necessary to read its module in Sem 1?**

A: You need not read the second major module in Semester 1 even if you have declared it.

**Q: Can I take a second major in another faculty in Year 2?**

**Q: Am I allowed to take a major that is outside CHS?**

A: CHS students can read a second major or minor offered by other faculties/schools. This is subject to approval, where required, by the respective host department of the second major/minor.

**Q: Is it possible to do a specialisation along with a second major?**

A: Yes, this is possible, but you will probably need all your UE space to achieve this.

**Q: Where can I find more information about specialisations with second major?**

A: The second majors and specialisations offered in CHS can be found here:

<https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/programmes/#prog-overview>.

Only certain primary majors offer specialisations. Please note that second majors are not offered with specialisations.

**Q: Is it possible to do the honours thesis as a double major student?**

A: Only for the first major but not for the second major.

**Q: Can we pursue any second major/minor offered by CHS?**

**Q: Are there only a select few combinations of majors and minors that we are allowed to choose from (as shown on the specific department websites)?**

A: You are free to decide which second major or minor to take. To clarify, pursuing a second major/minor is optional. The combinations found on department websites are usually common combinations chosen by past students.

**Q: If we do a double major, can we graduate with honours?**

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A: You will graduate with an Honours degree associated with your primary major, subject to a minimum CAP attainment.

### **Q: How do I tell whether my second major is a contrasting major or not?**

A: Contrasting majors refer to majors that are associated with different degree types (i.e. Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Social Sciences, or Bachelor of Science). Do note that a double major programme need not require a contrasting second major. Only DDPs require contrasting primary majors.

### **Q: What is the difference between double degree and a double major / second major?**

A: In short, students enrolled in double degree programmes will have to complete 60MCs for each major, and they will earn two degrees. On the other hand, students pursuing a double major programme have to complete 60MCs for the primary major and 40MCs for the second major. Double major students will only earn one degree, and the degree type will be based on the primary major.

### **Q: What is the difference between Path 1 and Path 2?**

A: Path 1 gives you two degrees (e.g., BSc and BA), whereas in Path 2, you get a single degree (BSc) and two majors. For example, if your primary major is Life Sciences and your second major is Psychology, and you choose to follow Path 2, you will have one degree but two majors. However, if you are reading two contrasting primary majors (15 modules each) and choose to follow Path 1 by applying for a DDP, you can earn a double degree.

### **Q: For FASS double major students, are we only able to take one module from our first major in the first semester?**

A: This depends on whether you are pre-allocated FAS1101 in your first semester of study.

### **Q: If we have declared a second major, does this mean that we would be allocated two different gateway modules for Semester 1?**

A: No, only the gateway module for the primary major will be pre-allocated.

### **Q: Will my second major (or minors) be shown on my degree?**

A: The second major or minor will be reflected on the official academic transcript, but not on the degree scroll itself.

### **Q: What is the difference between a primary major and second major? Is the placing important?**

### **Q: What is the difference in credit for primary major and second major? How does it affect our transcript and job prospects in the placing?**

A: Primary major comprises of 60 MCs (i.e. fifteen 4MC modules). Second majors are optional and comprises of 40MCs (i.e. 10 4MC modules). The second major will be reflected on the official academic transcript, but not on the degree scroll itself. Yes, so the placing is important.

### **Q: How can I know the modules I need to take for the second major?**

A: You may check the requirements for your second major on the website of the department offering it.

### **Q: Does taking a second major mean that I am in the double major programme? Can I still take unrestricted electives?**

A: Yes. If you are doing a second major (on top of your first major), you will be pursuing a double major. You may still read Unrestricted Electives, as a second major usually takes up 40MCs, which is smaller than your UE space of 48MCs.

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**Q: I just read that it may be possible to do a second major as well as a specialisation from the primary major. Is this only possible if double-counted modules are read?**

A: You can do a primary major specialisation and a second major regardless of whether there is double-counting. However, it is likely that you may have to overload and do more than the regular workload of 160MCs.

**Q: Is there a minimum cap to take a second major?**

A: No, students may declare a second major as early as in the first semester. However, if a student is not doing well and CAP is low, we would advise the student to drop the second major and focus on the primary major, as the degree is associated with the student's primary major.

**Q: Is the workload of a double major student heavier than that of a single major student by 3 modules?**

A: No, both single major and double major students are expected to complete 160 MCs in total.

**Q: How many modular credits (MCs) do we have to fulfil for a second major?**

**Q: How many MCs are there in total for a double major?**

A: A second major requirement is 40MCs (i.e. ten 4MC modules). Double major students are expected to complete a total workload of 160MCs to graduate.

**Q: If we were to take 60MCs in our second major, similar to our primary major, would it then be reflected on the diploma?**

A: A second major/minor will only be reflected on your transcript but not on your degree scroll. There will not be any special mention if you have read more modules than required for the second major/minor.

**Q: If there are pre-requisites to taking the second major, will the pre-requisite modules be counted towards the 40 MCs second major requirement?**

A: This is dependent on the department offering the second major requirements. Please kindly check the respective department's website for more details.

**Q: Is Psychology & Life Sciences a double major or double degree? Since one is a social science subject, and the other is a science subject.**

**Q: If a second major is taken from a different faculty, will that automatically be considered a double degree? If not, what would you have to do to declare it as a second degree?**

A: Psychology and Life Sciences can be pursued as a double major or a double degree requirement. Do note that the requirements for a second major and a double degree are different. Second major requires 40MCs of modules in the second major requirements, while a double degree requires you to complete both sets of primary major requirements for two contrasting majors. Please write to your home faculty if you wish to pursue a double degree.

**Q: Can I declare a second major in my second year?**

A: Yes, students have up to their fifth semester to change their major, second major or minor.

**Q: How do I apply for a major outside of CHS?**

A: Please find out from the respective faculties' websites.

**Q: Can I declare a second major so that I will get higher priority for a module that I would like to try?**

A: Yes.

**Q: Will I be able to retract a Second Major under my declaration plan at any time?**

A: You may only do so in the APD exercise, up until your fifth semester.

**Q: If I declare a second major for first semester, will this reduce my priority score when getting modules for my primary major?**

**Q: If I declare the Life Sciences second major during the Academic Plan Declaration exercise, will this lower my priority score when bidding for my primary major (Psychology) modules?**

A: No. Declaring second majors does not affect your primary major priority scoring

**Q: If I had indicated Business as a second major in my application, will the modules I need to take to fulfil the Business major appear in ModReg round 1? Or do I have to manually choose the Business modules in ModReg?**

A: Please check the module offering by contacting the School of Business. You would have to manually choose the Biz modules in ModReg.

**Q: If I want to take up a second major or minor, I must declare it first, rather than choosing modules on myself right?**

A: You are advised to declare it to be able to see the modules ahead of other students in certain rounds (subject to module host settings). However, even if you do not declare it as your second major or minor, you will still be allowed to register for most modules, provided that you meet the pre-requisites. Please note that second major or minor modules are not pre-allocated, meaning that you will still have to register for them on your own during the ModReg exercise.

**Q: Can we take global studies as a second major in the future?**

A: Yes.

[\(b\)Minor](#)

**Q: Can I start to do a minor from Year 2 or Year 3?**

A: You may declare a minor before the end of your second year. Please ensure that you can complete the minor requirements in time.

**Q: How do the minors work to our curriculum results?**

A: Modules read for a second major, minor or specialisation will fall under the UE space. They will still be included in your CAP computation.

**Q: Is there a minimum requirement for taking two minors? Can I start taking modules to fulfil my minor in year 1?**

A: For open minors, students will be able to declare them in the APD exercise as long as they have fulfilled the pre-requisites, if any. For restricted minors, you will have to apply separately before being able to declare it.

Taking two minors does not require special approval. Minor modules can be taken in Year 1 if you still have module space remaining after the pre-allocation of the CHS Common Curriculum modules and the primary major gateway modules.

**Q: If I declare a minor in Sem 1, is it necessary to take minor modules in Sem 1?**

A: No, it is not necessary.

**Q: Are minor modules counted as UEs?**

**Q: Do minors fall under UEs?**



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A: Yes, modules completed for second major, minor and specialisation are in the UE space.

**Q: Can I minor in Nutrition? It is not available as an option in the Academic Plan Declaration exercise.**

A: Nutrition is a restricted minor that is not opened for declaration at the moment. The earliest you can apply to be in the minor program would be during reading week of semester 1 and if accepted you will be in the minor program from semester 2.

**Q: If I want to pursue double minors, how do I plan my timetable and how many MCs do I have to take for these two minors?**

A: If you take 2 minors (20MCs each), it will be a total of 40 MCs in total (about ten 4MC modules) which you can still fit within the 48 MCs of UE space in general. Hence, you could still plan with the typical workload of 20 to 24 modules per semester.

**Q: Is it possible to take a gateway module for a minor/major in the second or third year of the course?**

A: While you may read a gateway module for a minor or major in the second or third year of the course, you are advised to read it earlier as most higher level modules may require the gateway module as a pre-requisite.

**Q: Can I take more than two minors?**

A: You may declare up to three minors.

**Q: What is the difference between a restricted minor and a typical minor?**

**Q: What are the differences between open and restricted Majors/Minors?**

A: A restricted minor requires a separate application to the department offering the minor. An Open minor does not require application; you can simply declare it in the University's Academic Plan Declaration system. Please refer to this website <https://www.nus.edu.sg/ModReg/academic-plan-application-declaration.html>

**Q: What is the difference between restricted and unrestricted modules?**

A: Unrestricted Electives refer to modules which you are free to select if you are interested in reading them.

A restricted second major or minor requires a separate application to the department offering the minor. Please refer to: <https://www.nus.edu.sg/ModReg/academic-plan-application-declaration.html>

**Q: How many minors can I take per semester? What do you think is the recommended number of minors?**

A: In principle, you have enough unrestricted elective space to do up to two minors. You can take modules associated with a minor across your candidature.

**Q: Is a language minor an open or restricted minor (e.g. Malay)?**

A: Open minor.

**Q: When will we know the pre-requisites for restricted minors?**

A: Please check the department's website hosting the minor.

**Q: Can I take a module as an UE in the first semester and decide to take up a minor using that module in the second semester?**

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A: Yes, it is possible to use the module to fulfil your minor requirement in your second semester.

**Q: Is there a difference if I take up language modules under UEs VS taking up language studies as a minor?**

A: No. They will all be classified as UEs. However, your transcript will list your minor if you have declared it.

**Q: How many modules are there supposed to be per semester? Does taking minors increase the number of modules we have to take per semester?**

A: Normally, students read a workload of 20MCs (five modules) per semester. Minors can be taken in place of your UEs, so your workload does not necessarily have to increase with careful planning.

### (c) Double Degree

**Q: Am I able to take double degree in Psychology and business?**

A: Yes.

**Q: How can we apply for a double degree? Can we apply for it in my second year of study?**

**Q: When can we apply for double degree?**

**Q: When do I need to declare my double degree? Can I first declare it as a second major first before declaring it as double degree?**

**Q: Who should I contact to talk about self-designed DDPs?**

A: You can earn a double degree if you do contrastive primary majors in CHS. Students should have completed between 60 MCs and 80 MCs (or about your 3rd or 4th semester of study) and have a minimum CAP of 3.50 at the point of application. However, due to limited vacancies, the admission process will be competitive and the CAP cut-off may be higher than 3.50.

You may also choose to declare a double major first. For CHS DDPs, if you wish to upgrade your double major to a second degree, please write in to askchs@nus.edu.sg after completing 60MCs and attaining a CAP of at least 3.50, with your study plan.

**Q: Will there be any requirements (e.g. interviews or tests) for us to have a double degree or minor in a different school from CHS?**

A: Please check with the department hosting the second degree or minor.

**Q: For the application of double degree programme, do we have to take modules from the intended second degree in the first semester?**

A: Not strictly necessary. However, there are ways to optimize study plans for double degree programs. You can consult an academic advisor at the Dean's Office for more information.

**Q: What is the shortest timeframe needed to complete a double degree?**

A: If your double degree is within CHS, it can be completed within (8 - 9) semesters for double honours.

**Q: If we are already taking a double degree with CHS and another faculty, are we still able to further take up a second major or minor with CHS?**

A: If you are a double degree student, your workload will already be heavier than a single degree student. It is theoretically possible but you should focus on the two sets of degree requirements first.

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**Q: Can we finish double degree within four years?**

**Q: After we successfully apply for a double degree (one in FoS and another in FASS), how many years will I be given to complete the graduation requirements?**

**Q: How long does a double degree program normally take?**

**Q: Are DDPs still typically completed in 5 years, or does CHS enable us to expedite it in 4 years?**

**Q: Will going for a double honours in a double degree with a contrasting major result in requiring 5 years of study to graduate?**

A: The normal candidature for double degree programmes is 5 years but is possible to complete a CHS double degree in 4 to 4.5 years. Thus, you may not need 5 years to complete a double degree given the new curriculum structure and major requirements. You are allowed to take longer; however, please note that there are tuition fee implications, which you can refer to here:

<https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/undergraduate/undergraduate-fees>.

**Q: What is the MC requirements for double degree?**

**Q: Do we complete 60 MCs from two contrasting majors to be considered a double degree?**

**Q: For a double degree (both majors in CHS), is the required number of MCs 360? If so, would we need to take 2 times of the CHS Common Curriculum?**

**Q: What is the module requirements for double degrees?**

**Q: For a double degree, do we need to clear 15 modules for each degree?**

**Q: Can A/P Melvin explain more about graduating with a double degree by fulfilling 2 major requirements?**

**Q: To qualify for a double degree, do we read 10 modules for the contrasting major? Or do we need to fulfil 15 modules like our primary major?**

**Q: If I take two contrasting majors, how does the double degree programme work? Do I have to take 60mcs for both majors?**

**Q: If I pursue a double degree (and have to read 2 contrasting majors at the "first major" level), does that mean I will end up doing a minimum of 180MCs?**

A: Double degree students have to complete both sets of Primary major requirements (60MCs for each CHS major) and one set of CHS Common Curriculum modules (52MCs). Students will have to apply if they wish to do a DDP (for two contrasting majors).

**Q: May I ask if both majors in a double degree programme are required to be on the honours track?**

A: If both degrees are CHS-offered degrees, then both degrees have to be on honours track. If you are pursuing a DDP with CHS and another faculty, then it may be possible that the non-CHS degree is an honours or non-honours degree.

**Q: Is my honours year project based on the combination of two majors if I am pursuing a double degree?**

A: Depending on the double degree programme (DDP), it may be possible to do integrated Honours project. Please check with the DDP coordinator when applying for DDP.

**Q: What is the difference between double degree and a double major / second major?**

**Q: How many MCs do I have to take in total for a double degree vs a double major?**

A: In short, students enrolled in double degree programmes will have to complete 60MCs for each major, and they will earn two degrees. The total workload may range from 160MCs to 172MCs. On the other hand, students pursuing a double major programme have to complete 60MCs for the primary major and 40MCs for the second major. Double major students have to complete a minimum of 160MCs, and they will only earn one degree associated with the primary major.

**Q: What is the difference between Path 1 and Path 2?**

A: Path 1 gives you two degrees (e.g., BSc and BA), whereas in Path 2, you get a single degree (BSc) and two majors. For example, if your primary major is Life Sciences and your second major is Psychology, and you choose to follow Path 2, you will have one degree but two majors. However, if you are reading two contrasting primary majors (15 modules each) and choose to follow Path 1 by applying for a DDP, you can earn a double degree.

**Q: What defines a contrasting major?**

**Q: What are the requirements of a contrasting major?**

A: They are majors associated with different degree types, i.e., Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Social Science, or Bachelor of Science.

**Q: Why are we not allowed to take a double degree in two non-contrasting majors?**

A: If two majors are non-contrasting, then it means that they are associated with the same degree type. It is not possible to earn two degrees of the same type in CHS.

For example, it is possible to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Social Sciences degree, or a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Science degree, but it is not possible to earn two Bachelor of Arts degrees.

**Q: What would happen if we do not maintain a CAP of 4.0, in a double degree program?**

A: You will be issued with a warning letter. Please refer to <https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/double-degree-programmes/double-degree-programme-framework-and-guidelines#continuation> for the continuation policy for DDP.

**Q: Do DDP students need to do all 13 CHS Common Curriculum modules, if the first or second degree is not from CHS?**

A: DDP students are expected to fulfil only one set of CHS Common Curriculum requirements. However, depending on the host faculty of your other degree, you may be allowed to map core modules to the CHS Common Curriculum. Please check with the DDP coordinator of your home faculty for more details.

**Q: If I apply to go overseas for a year under the NUS Overseas College program, will that make me fall behind in taking MCs contributing to my double degrees?**

A: Yes. As the second degree will take up your UE space, the NOC credits earned will be counted towards your UE requirements instead of the primary major requirements in your first or second degree. Hence, you will have an excess of UE modules, and you may need to overload before or after you embark on your NOC programme to make up for your major requirements. Furthermore, there will also be fee implications.

**Q: Is a double degree more expensive than a single degree/double major?**

A: The fees charged in a semester are the same. However, a DDP is more expensive as you may take one or two semesters more to complete the degree requirements.

**Q: What is the maximum number of MCs a DDP student can take in Year 1 Semester 1?**

**Q: What is the maximum number of modules that a Biz-Economics DDP student take in each semester?**

A: For students who have been admitted to the structured DDPs, the maximum workload is 27 MCs for the first semester of study.

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**Q: If I am doing a structured DDP and there are clashes between pre allocated modules from two different faculties, who do I contact? If I need help planning my study plan, where can I seek help?**

A: You may send an email to [askchs@nus.edu.sg](mailto:askchs@nus.edu.sg), [fashelp@nus.edu.sg](mailto:fashelp@nus.edu.sg) (for FASS DDPs) or [scimr@nus.edu.sg](mailto:scimr@nus.edu.sg) (for FoS DDPs).

**Q: If I want to pursue a double degree/double major, should I take gateway modules for both majors this semester?**

A: You may do so if you still have module space after the CHS Common Curriculum modules and gateway modules have been pre-allocated to you.

**Q: Who should we reach out to when designing our own double degree combination?**

A: You may email [askchs@nus.edu.sg](mailto:askchs@nus.edu.sg).

**Q: May I check if it is possible to declare a second major and apply for a second degree in the declared second major?**

A: Yes, so long as the second major is a contrasting major.

### (d)Specialisations

**Q: Can I declare a specialisation only in my second year?**

**Q: Do we need to declare our specialisation in the first year during the Academic Plan Declaration exercise?**

**Q: Are we allowed to change our specialisation declaration after declaring it in the first year?**

A: Specialisations can always be added or dropped at the beginning of each semester all the way until your graduating semester. However, you should plan what specialisation you wish to pursue from Year 2.

**Q: Is it compulsory or optional to take a specialisation?**

**Q: Is selection for a specialisation mandatory?**

A: Optional.

**Q: Is it possible to take more than one specialisation?**

**Q: Can I have double specialisation?**

A: Yes, so long as you can cope. Your additional specialisation will count under your UE space. In addition, please ensure that there are no more than 8MCs overlap between the specialisations.

**Q: I just read that it may be possible to do a second major as well as a specialisation from the primary major. Is this only possible if double-counted modules are read?**

A: You can do a primary major specialisation and a second major regardless of whether there is double-counting. However, it is likely that you may have to overload and do more than the regular workload of 160MCs.

**Q: Is it possible to take major (with specialization) + minor, or major (with specialization) + second major? If so, is it possible to graduate with 160 MCs, or do I need to read more modules?**

**Q: Can we take double major and two specialisations?**

**Q: Is it possible to take a primary major with two specialisations plus a second major without overloading?**

A: If you pursue a major (with specialization) and a minor, it is possible to graduate with 160MCs. However, to complete a major (with specialization) and a second major, it is most likely that you have to read more than 160 MCs, meaning that you may have to overload or do an extra semester.

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**Q: Can you do both a specialisation and double degree? I am planning to do a specialisation in Life Science with a second major in Psychology.**

A: Yes. However, you will most probably need to overload or extend your candidature.

**Q: If I want to take a specialisation in my primary major, can I still take up a second major or even a second degree?**

**Q: Are there students who specialise (e.g. Life Sciences with a Specialisation in Biomedical Science) and then use the remaining UE to study a second major/minor? Or, do they use up all their MCs on their specialisation?**

A: A specialisation only consists of 20 MCs, whereas CHS students have 48 MCs UE space. Therefore, it is possible for students with specialisations to use their remaining UEs to do other modules. However, you will most likely be required to overload or extend your candidature if you wish to pursue a second major.

**Q: If I do a second major in Life Sciences, will I not be able to specialise in it unless it is my primary major?**

A: Yes, specialisations are only for primary majors.

**Q: Can I do a specialization with a minor?**

A: Yes.

**Q: When can we start choosing our specialisation?**

A: As early as Semester 1, through APAD.

**Q: If we pursue a specialisation, can we complete our degree within 4 years (160MCs)?**

**Q: How many additional semesters are required for specialisation?**

A: Students who have declared a specialisation can complete their degrees within the normal candidature of 4 years (160MCs). Modules read for a specialisation will fall under the UE space.

**Q: If I choose to do a specialisation, will it be indicated in my degree?**

**Q: Will our degree scroll show our specialisations together with the primary major?**

Specialisations will appear on your official transcript but not on your degree scroll.

**Q: Will selecting a specialisation in Semester 1 give us more specialised pre-allocated modules?**

A: No, declaring a specialisation does not result in more specialised modules being pre-allocated to you. That being said, you are allowed to declare your specialisation in your later years.

**Q: If I take the Deep Specialist pathway, does this mean that I can use the UE space to pursue my specialisation, such as taking specialisation elective modules?**

A: Yes.

### (e)Restricted Minor / Second Major

**Q: How do we declare a restricted second major/minor?**

**Q: Can I declare a restricted second major during the Academic Plan Declaration exercise?**

A: You may refer to the steps for enrolment into a restricted programme (e.g. Restricted Minor or Second Major) here:

<https://www.nus.edu.sg/ModReg/academic-plan-application-declaration.html>

**Q: Can we declare a restricted minor/second major in Sem 1?**

A: For the restricted minors/second majors, the earliest you can apply for it is during the reading week of Semester 1. If you are successful, you will be admitted into the programme with effect from Semester 2.

**Q: When should I apply for restricted second majors/minors? Before Y1S2 or Y2S1?**

**Q: When is the application deadline for restricted minors? E.g. Nutrition.**

**Q: As a FASS student, how can I declare a second major/minor in business?**

**Q: If I am interested in a restricted minor offered by another faculty/FASS, I can only apply for it during reading week or semester 1 right? So, I fill in my primary major only in the APAD until then.**

**Q: Do we have to declare interest in a restricted minor in this round of academic plan declaration, even though we have yet to take the pre-requisite module?**

A: For restricted minors and second majors, the earliest you can apply for it is during the reading week of Semester 1 for admission into the programmes with effect from Semester 2. Please refer to: <https://www.nus.edu.sg/ModReg/academic-plan-application-declaration.html>.

It is up to you in which semester you wish to join the restricted programme; however please do ensure that you will be able to complete the requirements of the programme in time. Please check the respective Faculties/departments websites for the application timeline and instructions.

For the Academic Plan Declaration exercise held at the start of the semester, you may only declare second majors or minors that are open programmes.

**Q: I would like to pursue a restricted second major. How can I bid for the modules (prerequisite modules for that major)? Can I declare it as a minor first so that priority is given to me during bidding?**

A: You may only apply for the restricted second major in reading week. Meanwhile, you can register for the modules during ModReg, provided that you meet the pre-requisites required of the minor.

**Q: If my tagged second major is restricted, would I be able to drop it to a minor via the Academic Plan Declaration or would I still need to seek permission?**

A: You would be able to drop it totally during the APD exercise. However, please note that once you have dropped a restricted programme, you will have to apply for it should you wish to pursue the programme again. Acceptance into the programme is dependent on the host department and is not guaranteed, even if you had been accepted into it before.

**Q: How do restricted minors work? For the Forensic Science minor, do I need to take a forensic science module first and do well in it before I can declare the minor in my second semester?**

A: For the Forensic Science minor, applicants should have passed or are reading FSC2101/LSM1306 and have obtained or are expecting a good grade for the module. Students should preferably have a CAP of at least 3.5. Students can then apply for the Forensic Science minor during the Academic Plan application period during reading week.

#### (f) Language Preparation Programme (LPP)

**Q: What are the module differences for LPP students?**

A: LPP students have to start their language training from the first semester of study so they may have to tweak their study plans.

**Q: LPP students only take writing module in Y2S1. Would we be disadvantaged?**

A: We do not think so. However, if you are concerned, you may submit an appeal to do the writing module earlier, if you still have MC space to read it in Year 1.

**Q: Do LPP students take the language module in Y1S1?**

A: Yes, you have to. If not, you will not be able to complete the proficiency level for your SEP.

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**Q: If I am under the LPP, will the language module be seen under UE?**

A: Yes.

**Q: If I declare my Major and have gotten into the Language Preparation Programme, does this mean I will have only 3 pre-allocated modules from the Common Core/Integrated Modules on-top of the introductory module for my declared Major and pre-allocated language module since we can only have a maximum of 5 modules in Sem 1 Year 1?**

A: Yes, possibly. You only need to register for the tutorial slots.

**Q: If I signed for German LPP, will that also be pre-allocated to my modules as well?**

A: Yes.

[\(g\) Concurrent Degree Programmes \(CDP\)](#)

**Q: How can I sign up for the concurrent degree program? Is it hard to get in? Are there pre-requisites?**

A: It depends on which concurrent degree program you would be interested in. Come specifically to speak to us at the deanery. We can then share with you how you can pursue these.

**Q: Is it possible to take up a second major if we plan to do the vet program?**

A: Please consult the department offering the Concurrent Degree Programme on the feasibility of doing so.

[\(h\) Cross-disciplinary Programmes \(XDP\)](#)

[BES-XDP](#)

**Q: Does BES students need to take the writing SP1541 module? I read on the BES sample study plan that I will be required to take it.**

A: BES students can choose to read SP1541 or FAS1101.

[DSE-XDP](#)

**Q: Assuming that I enter midstream for the DSE program, am I allowed to do a double degree and get a BA even though there are only 20 MCs for UE?**

A: Technically it is possible by completing more than 160 MCs and overload in the semesters. However, we would advise you to consider a minor, which would sit nicely within the UE space, and not overstretch yourself.

**Q: Are we still allowed to choose a second major if we apply for the DSE program as our primary major? And how do we apply for the DSE program?**

A: Yes, you can still read a second major if you read the DSE program. DSE students have 20 MCs of UE space, which can be used to explore other modules/minor/second major. This means you are expected to overload or will have to delay your graduation if you wish to pursue a second major.

If you are an incoming CHS student of another major, mid-stream admission is possible for DSE. Please refer to <https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/programmes/dse/>.

**Q: If I want to take a double major in Data Science and Economics, is it possible to apply to change to the DSE-XDP?**

A: More information on the midstream admission for the DSE XDP can be found here: <https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/prospective-students/mid-stream-admission/>.



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### **Q: What's the difference between students taking the DSE-XDP and students taking 2 separate majors in Data Science and Economics?**

XDPs are specially designed single degree programmes that integrate two or more disciplines, with the aim of addressing significant emerging business or societal issues that require a tight integration of knowledge from these disciplines. If you take 2 separate majors, the modules are specific towards each major with no integration of both disciplines.

### **Q: The CHS website says that DSE students are exempted from the CHS Interdisciplinary modules, but the study plan says that DSE1101 fulfils the Data Literacy component. Does this mean that DSE students are exempted from 3 modules in total?**

A: DSE1101 can be double counted to both the major requirements and the CHS Common Curriculum. XDP students are exempted from reading the two interdisciplinary modules. Hence, students in DSE XDP will have to read 3 more UE modules to make up for the double counting/exemption.

### **Q: I'm in the DSE-XDP. The pre-allocated DSE1101 and HSI1000 lecture groups will clash according to NUSMods. How should I go about it?**

A: DSE students will only be pre-allocated HSI1000 in Semester 2.

### **Q: I am doing the DSE-XDP. Can I switch majors to DSA later on if I later realise that DSE is not for me?**

A: Admissions to DSE-XDP and the Humanities and Sciences course (within which DSA is one of the majors) is offered differently. If you would like to switch from DSE to DSA, please apply for a course transfer via NUS Office of Admissions (OAM) in the Oct or Feb application period.

### **Q: What is the home faculty for DSE-XDP students?**

A: DSE is an XDP jointly offered by both FASS and FoS. Your home faculty will be FoS.

### **Q: Is SP1541 pre-allocated for DSE-XDP students?**

A: SP1541 will not be pre-allocated.

## PPE-XDP

### **Q: What are the steps to enter the PPE-XDP, as I was not offered direct admission?**

A: Please refer to <https://FASS.nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/NUS-PPE-XDP-2021-Information.pdf>.

### **Q: Can we pursue PPE-XDP and a Social Science major as a double degree, since they are associated with different degree types?**

A: It is possible. Please approach your PPE co-ordinator about your eligibility to do a DDP.

### **Q: If I want to pursue PPE based on year 1 results, do I need to declare PPE as my major in the first semester?**

A: No. Please declare either Philosophy, Political Science, or Economics, depending on your preference. Please apply to join PPE after your second semester's results are out.

## General XDP Questions

### **Q: Would a XDP and USP student take fewer MCs for CHS modules than a typical CHS student?**

A: Students in XDP and USP can fulfil some of their CHS Common curriculum modules through their respective programmes. Please refer to website here: <https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/current-students/new-chs-students/>.

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**Q: Does a primary major in XDPs require only 60 MCs? I saw on the website that for DSE, 96 MCs are required.**

A: No, the XDPs are around the size of a double major (or just below that). They are special.

**Q: Can we declare a cross-disciplinary programme as a major in the Academic Plan Declaration exercise if we did not apply for it at the point of admission to NUS?**

A: XDPs cannot be declared during the Academic Plan Declaration exercise if you did not apply for it during the admissions exercise. However, there is midstream admission for the XDPs, and more information can be found here: <https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/prospective-students/mid-stream-admission/>.

(i) University Scholars Programme (USP)

**Q: Would a XDP and USP student take fewer MCs for CHS modules than a typical CHS student?**

A: Students in XDP and USP can fulfil some of their CHS Common curriculum modules through their respective programmes. Please refer to website here: <https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/current-students/new-chs-students/>.

**Q: For USP students, will the overlapping CHS modules be automatically mapped to our special programme, or do we need to map them ourselves?**

A: Certain modules read for USP requirements can be used to satisfy CHS Common Curriculum requirements automatically. No special mapping will be required.

**Q: As someone from USP, my understanding is that I would have two modules from USP (USS and WCT/QRF), and possibly one module pre-allocated by CHS. Therefore, would I have the freedom to take two gateway courses for two different FASS majors for my remaining two module spaces?**

A: Yes, you are allowed to do so.

**Q: What's the maximum MC that a USP student could take for the first semester?**

**Q: I understand that the max MCs a Year 1 student can take in first semester is 23 MCs, however if I'm in other programmes (such as USP), will I be able to overload?**

A: Students in selected special programmes like concurrent degree programmes, double degree programmes, USP or Special Programme in Science can read up to 27 MCs in their first semester.

**Q: Will USP students still be pre-allocated CHS modules that they were exempted from? (e.g., HSA1000)**

**Q: Some pre-allocated CHS modules mentioned (i.e. HSA1000) are exempted for students taking USP. Does this mean that USP students will not be pre-allocated these modules?**

A: USP students who are exempted from the CHS modules will not be pre-allocated that module (e.g. HSA1000.)

**Q: For USP students, do we not need to take HSS1000/HSI1000 and DTK1234? So we will not be pre-allocated these modules? Do we need to register for the USP modules on our own or will they be pre-allocated to us too?**

A: USP students in general will not be pre-allocated the integrated modules. DTK1234 will still be pre-allocated depending on your matriculation number. For USP module registration, please contact USP for more details.

(j) Residential Colleges (UTCP & RVRC)

**Q: If I'm in the UTCP, do I have to take the CHS Common Curriculum modules?**

A: Students in UTCP can double count some of their UTCP modules towards the CHS Common Curriculum. Information on these modules can be found here: <https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/current-students/new-chs-students/>.

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[students/new-chs-students/](#). This means you have to read the remaining CHS Common Curriculum modules that are not covered by UTCP modules.

**Q: For UTCP students, will the overlapping CHS modules be automatically mapped to our special programme, or do we need to map them ourselves?**

**Q: Will we be pre-allocated certain core modules if we are enrolled into special programmes that offer modules in the same area (e.g. UTCP, USP)?**

A: Certain modules read for the UTCP/RVRC requirements can be used to satisfy CHS Common Curriculum requirements automatically. No special mapping will be required. Students will be exempted from reading the corresponding CHS Common Curriculum module and will not be pre-allocated it.

**Q: How do you slot in a UTCP module in Year 1 Sem 2 according to the study plan?**

**Q: How are we able to take the UTCP module in Semester 2, if we have to take the pre-allocated modules and modules for our major? Do we have to overload too?**

A: The study plan provided is just a guideline. You are allowed to overload if necessary. Please note that the maximum workload you can have from the second semester onwards is dependent on your CAP.

**Q: If I want to apply for UTCP in my second year, what will happen to my CHS Common Curriculum modules that I've already taken in the first year?**

A: The modules read will be considered as UE.

**Q: Will Data Literacy be exempted for students under UTCP?**

A: The exemption from Data Literacy is meant for later cohorts. To avoid confusion, you may refer to the website at <https://CHS.nus.edu.sg/current-students/new-chs-students/> for the mapping.

**Q: If I am in the UTCP, will I be pre-allocated modules that I am exempted from, which I then have to write in to drop?**

A: Yes, if there is a module in UTCP which you can read and map back to the same pillar in the CHS Common Curriculum, you may submit an appeal via ModReg to drop the pre-allocated module.

**Q: If I am under the RVRC programme, will I have to drop the pre-allocated CHS Common Curriculum modules, since some RVRC modules can be mapped onto the CHS Common Curriculum?**

**Q: RVRC offer modules that map to the Writing requirement of the CHS Common Curriculum. Can I read the relevant RVRC module in place of FAS1101?**

A: Only the integrated modules, GEA1000 and DTK1234 will be pre-allocated. These modules do not map to the RVRC curriculum. If you find that you have been pre-allocated a module that you should be exempted from, please write to [askchs@nus.edu.sg](mailto:askchs@nus.edu.sg).

### Section J(ii) Double Counting

**Q: I saw from the website that some MCs can be double-counted. Does it mean that I can do a total of less than 160 MCs?**

A: No, students need to accumulate at least 160MCs to graduate. If there is double-counting, students will need to make-up in their UE space by reading other modules to accumulate 160MCs of unique MCs.

**Q: Can modules from my primary major be counted as part of UE modules?**

A: If you have completed over and beyond the 60MCs of primary major requirement, the additional major modules you have taken will be counted towards your UE requirement.

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### **Q: How do I know which modules will be double counted?**

A: Please check the websites of the departments for the list of recognised modules. Depending on the major/second major/minors, modules that are listed in both programmes can be "double counted". The MCs are only counted once.

For more information on double counting rules, you can refer to

<https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/double-major-programmes> and <https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/minor-programmes>.

### **Q: If one of the CHS Common Curriculum modules is also part of my major requirement, can I double count that module to both my CHS and major requirement?**

A: Yes.

### **Q: If I'm planning to take two majors and they both require the same module, am I allowed to double count it to both requirements?**

### **Q: If some of my modules in primary major are double counted for my second major, does that mean I still have to take more modules in my second major to fulfil my minimum 40MC requirement, or can it be modules in regards to my primary major, as long as it is 160MC minimum?**

A: Modules that are double counted are considered to be fulfilling both sets of requirements, so you do not need to do more than 40MCs (in your second major) if there is double counting with your primary major. But that double counted module is still just 4MCs when it comes to counting towards 160MCs. Students will need to make-up in their UE space by reading other modules to accumulate 160MCs of unique MCs.

### **Q: I read that a maximum of 2 modules can be double counted (e.g. Geography module under Urban Studies minor). Does this mean if I read that Geography module, 4 MCs can be counted to my Geography major requirement and 4 MCs to my Urban Studies minor requirement? Does this also mean that a total of 8 MCs out of 160 MCs can be fulfilled?**

### **Q: I understand that double-counting of modules is possible (e.g., MNO1706X from Management can be counted as a CNM Level 2000 module). However, I also saw some replies from the staff about how it is still 4 MCs counted towards 160 MCs. Does this then mean that instead of reducing the total number of modules you need to take in your 4 years of study, it instead frees up your UE slots for other modules?**

A: While 4 MCs can be used to satisfy both sets of requirements, only 4MCs will be earned towards your total workload of 160MCs. As a guide, you need to accumulate 160MCs of unique modular credits. You will need to make-up in your UE space by reading other modules.

### **Q: I understand that up to 2 modules can double count towards both major and minor requirements. If I would like to take 2 minors, can I double count 2 modules per minor or 2 modules in total?**

A: You may double count up to two modules per minor, if there is indeed so much overlap.

### **Q: How many modules can be double counted for a double major in Mathematics and Economics?**

A: The MC requirement for a Second Major is at least 40 MCs, of which up to 16 MCs (40% of the MC requirements for a Second Major) may be used to meet (i) the Second Major requirement and (ii) another requirement, e.g., College, Faculty, Major, Second Major, Minor, Specialisation or other requirement. At least 12 MCs must be at Level 3000.

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You may refer to this link for more details: <https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/double-major-programmes>.

### Section K - General Questions

#### Section K(i) Course Transfer

**Q: How do I check if I can transfer some credits I took in another university to cover some of the general education modules in NUS?**

A: Credits taken from another university can at most fulfil the major modules if you have obtained approval for the mapping. Mapping to GE modules is not allowed. If you wish to seek major module mapping, please write in to [askchs@nus.edu.sg](mailto:askchs@nus.edu.sg) before the start of the term for your request to be evaluated timely.

For FASS majors who have transferred to CHS in AY2021/2022, credit transfers are not allowed.

**Q: Because most of the modules we study are pre-allocated in the first year, does it mean that we cannot transfer to other faculties due to the fact we did not study their pre-requisites?**

A: You still may seek a transfer. The CHS Common Curriculum modules will count towards your general education or UE requirement of the new degree.

**Q: If almost all modules are pre-allocated in the first year, does it mean that it is impossible to transfer to other faculties because we did not read their gateway modules?**

A: Not all modules will be pre-allocated in the first semester. You will normally have 3 or at most 4 modules pre-allocated so there is still space to choose at least one more module of your choice.

**Q: If I am appealing to SOC, and the result will only be given in the next 1-2 weeks, should I complete my APD first or await the result? In the latter, does it mean I am at a disadvantage for ModReg?**

A: Yes, please proceed assuming the worst-case scenario.

#### Section K(ii) Study Plan

**Q: Will there be a comprehensive guide to planning the modules we take throughout our future with NUS?**

**Q: Where and when can I check the sample study plan?**

A: You may refer to the department's website for detailed on the modules offered.

For FASS majors, please refer to: <https://FASS.nus.edu.sg/current-students/information-for-freshmen/sample-study-plan/>.

For FoS majors, please refer to the respective department websites for major-specific sample study plans.

**Q: How does pairing of modules work?**

A: If you are referring to Slides 6-7 (study plans), the pairing is related to how modules are pre-allocated. For example, if you are pre-allocated HSS1000 in Semester 1, you will be pre-allocated HSH1000 in Semester 2.

**Q: I am interested in taking a double major with my primary major in FASS and second major in FoS. Does that mean that I follow the FASS study plan and am pre-allocated 1 gateway module for my primary major in Year 1 Sem 1 and I wait for Sem 2 to try the gateway module for my second major? In addition, will we be pre-allocated modules for second majors?**

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A: Yes. However, please note that the sample study plans serve only as a general guide. Note that students will not be pre-allocated modules for their second major.

### Section K (iii) Teaching Mode / e-learning

#### **Q: Are tutorials for Y1S1 conducted online or in-person?**

A: There is a spread. Please check from NUS modules for the mode of delivery. In addition, please refer to the welcome letter that we have emailed to you for other details. Please write to [askchs@nus.edu.sg](mailto:askchs@nus.edu.sg) if you require further clarification.

#### **Q: How to learn when online?**

A: If you are asking about whether the modules you are registered for are being taught online, you can check the module details on LumiNUS. It should be indicated if the module is taught mask-to-mask, or online.

#### **Q: I am an International student who may not be able to get to NUS in time. Can I get online courses for one or two months? And can I get f2f ones after I arrive?**

A: Please send your specific questions to [askchs@nus.edu.sg](mailto:askchs@nus.edu.sg).

#### **Q: When we are moving to university (which is new to most of us), how do you expect us to fully and properly learn when lessons are conducted online?**

A: This is not the most ideal. However, the similarity is that you would still need to focus and follow the module content, engage with the material, think about and try to answer questions that are posed, participate and share your thoughts when invited to.

#### **Q: On NUSMods.com, there are some modules with exams in Sem2, but not in Sem1. Does that mean that if I take the module in Sem1, I do not need to take the exam?**

A: Due to the unforeseen situation of COVID in Singapore recently, some module coordinators have changed the assessment weightage for Semester 1. Hence, if there is no exam date indicated in NUSMods, the module would be 100% CA. Students may visit the LumiNUS webpage for the detailed breakdown of the assessment for the current semester. The academic rigor will remain equivalent with or without exam.

#### **Q: In NUS modules, some modules have descriptions such as e-learning weeks 3, 5, 7... Does this mean that odd weeks are e-learning and even weeks are physical lessons? Or does it mean that tutorials only happen on odd weeks via online platforms?**

A: The tutorials are held on odd weeks online. There are no tutorials on the even weeks.

#### **Q: Is it possible to take all the CHS Common Curriculum Modules online?**

A: Please check NUSMods to see which modules are offered online.

#### **Q: Are there any updates on how classes/exams are like? (E.g. e-learning classes); If all of our courses are online, do we have to come to campus?**

A: You would have been sent an online welcome letter. For AY2021/2022 Semester 1, most CHS Common Curriculum and Gateway modules will be conducted online and can be taken from home. The venues will be indicated on NUSMODs. If they are conducted online, the venue listed will show "E-learning". However, if they are held on campus, the venue will show the classroom where the class is conducted.

### Section K(iv) Miscellaneous

#### **Q: Will the contents of the slides be available elsewhere for reference later?**

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A: This event is also on FB live <https://www.facebook.com/nuschs>.

### **Q: Where do I log in to check my student email?**

A: Please refer to the NUS IT website here:

<https://exchange.nus.edu.sg/owa/auth/logon.aspx?url=https://exchange.nus.edu.sg/owa/&reason=0>.

### **Q: How do we complete APD if we don't have a NUSNET account yet?**

A: You would only be able to do so when you have completed Registration and received your login details. APD can still be done during ModReg but it is best if you can get it done before ModReg starts, by Round 0 - 21 July. If you have trouble securing modules due to access issues, please write to [askchs@nus.edu.sg](mailto:askchs@nus.edu.sg).

### **Q: Who should I contact for course planning queries?**

A: You may refer to the respective major department's website for the sample study plan. Please email to [askchs@nus.edu.sg](mailto:askchs@nus.edu.sg) if you still require clarification.

### **Q: If I fail a pre-requisite module will I be allowed to repeat the module?**

A: Yes, students can read any module that they have failed previously. However, do note that the previous failed modules will still appear on your transcript and be computed into your CAP.

### **Q: Are all majors and minors in CHS unrestricted?**

A: No, the following are restricted: Minor in Pharmaceutical Science, Minor in Medical Physics and Minor in Forensic Science. For Second Major, it will be Chemistry, Data Analytics, Physics and Statistics.

### **Q: Where do we find the list of modules needed to fulfil our primary major requirements?**

A: Please refer to the department website of your primary major.

### **Q: Is there any way I can see the Yale-NUS modules available for NUS students, and how can I bid for those modules?**

A: If the Yale-NUS modules are configured (by Yale-NUS administrators) to be opened to NUS students, then you will be able to see them in the ModReg system.

### **Q: Certain majors are popular, such as Data Science and Psychology. Is there a limit for students for each major to ensure a more balanced learning environment?**

### **Q: If there is a major which is oversubscribed, will CHS try to reduce the amount of people who declare this major? In other words, is there a possibility that we do not get the major that we declare?**

A: There is no quota for any of the CHS unrestricted majors. However, for restricted programmes, an application is required for entry into the programme. However, class sizes are capped to ensure a balanced learning environment.

### **Q: For Economics major, will we miss out important knowledge related to Economics if we take ST1131 instead of EC2303?**

A: Unlikely.

### **Q: I want to clarify is Psychology major a BA or BSocSci?**

A: BSocSci.

### **Q: Is Psychology very competitive? Do they always resort to balloting due to high demand?**

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A: The department would have planned for sufficient places for all major students.

**Q: What are the common combinations student take if they are majoring in Psychology?**

A: Many Psychology majors do a second major in Social Work or Life Sciences, but you shouldn't feel constrained by what others have done. The choice is yours.

**Q: I read on the website for information on Psych graduation requirements and one of it is "A minimum of 4 MCs at levels-2000 or 3000 (excluding the modules above), with a maximum of 1 PL-recognised module." Does this mean I can only double count 1 module from another major, say social work?**

A: Yes, this is correct. The Psychology website contains such a list of recognized modules.

**Q: I don't get what is meant by Nutrition is considered as a second major only. It is to my understanding that contrasting majors in CHS will be considered as double degree.**

A: Nutrition is only offered as a second major but not a primary major.

**Q: Will reducing 100MC major requirement to 60MC make CHS students less competitive in their professional fields?**

A: If the job you are applying to really needs you to have that much training in the particular major, then, don't be shy to max out your UE with that major. However, many jobs do not actually need that kind of specialization. On the other hand, having some additional contrasting skillsets can be a big advantage.

**Q: Will I be at a disadvantage if I want to pursue PhD but I don't take the deep specialist track?**

A: This depends on the particular subject. You are advised to do more research about the particular subject(s) you have in mind and speak to your professors with PhDs in that subject.

**Q: Is it possible to read a PhD directly in NUS after getting the BA degree?**

A: It is possible; however, please seek the advice of professors teaching the relevant programs/subjects.

**Q: If I plan to take a Master's in Clinical Psychology, would it be more beneficial if I'm a deep specialist compared to a versatilist?**

A: There is no one correct answer here. You should have a good honours degree, but what is really important is evidence of research skills and experience, as well as work/research experience that is relevant to clinical Psychology. You should also have strong interpersonal and communication skills.

**Q: What if I want to take modules or an internship during the December break, will I get an exemption from ICT?**

A: This is not permissible.

**Q: Can we do internships not linked to the majors through the NUS portal?**

A: Yes.

**Q: What is the weightage of each component "A", "B", "C" since it is multiplicative? For example, a year 3 student selecting a minor module vs year 1 having selecting it as part of their major.**

A: This is an algorithm not made known to students.