

**Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Modular System for Cohort 2023**

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INTRODUCTION

1 COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

College of Humanities and Sciences (CHS) offers a new way of teaching, learning and thinking that breaks students out of disciplinary silos and emphasises the interface and interplay between disciplines. This is achieved through the Common Curriculum, designed to impart essential foundational skills and broaden intellectual foundations.

2 STRUCTURE OF FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AND USEFUL CONTACTS

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences offers an extensive range of degree options that spans multiple Departments and Majors. Its curriculum strikes a balance between breadth and depth, while maintaining a flexibility that empowers you to plan your own journey.

The FASS is organised into 3 divisions – Asian Studies, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

There is also a Faculty Centre for Language Studies, which offers language instruction.

PPE and Global Studies are cross-departmental programmes. They consist of courses housed in different departments.

You may wish to visit the Department websites listed below for more information and contact details.

Division	Department/Programme	Subjects Offered
Asian Studies Division	Department of Chinese Studies	Chinese Language
		Chinese Studies
	Department of Japanese Studies	Japanese Studies
	Department of Malay Studies	Malay Studies
	South Asian Studies Programme	South Asian Studies
	Department of Southeast Asian Studies	Southeast Asian Studies
Humanities Division	Department of English, Linguistics and Theatre Studies	English Language and Linguistics
		English Literature
		Theatre Studies and Performance studies
	Department of History	History
Department of Philosophy	Philosophy	
Social Sciences Division	Department of Communications and New Media	Communications and New Media
	Department of Economics	Economics
	Department of Geography	Geography
	Department of Political Science	Political Science
	Department of Psychology	Psychology
	Department of Social Work	Social Work
	Department of Sociology and Anthropology	Sociology
Anthropology		

Cross-Departmental Programmes	Administered By
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Note: PPE is a Cross-Disciplinary Programme and students should refer to the page for more information	Department of Philosophy, Department of Political Science and Department of Economics
Global Studies	Department of Political Science

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

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS		
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences (for CHS Common curriculum, Faculty requirement and general enquiries)	6516 6133	fashelp@nus.edu.sg
Student Support and Wellness	Refer to: https://fass.nus.edu.sg/support-wellness/	
University Counselling Services (for personal guidance & counselling service)	6516 2376	ucs@nus.edu.sg
University Health Centre (for general medical and psychiatric consultation)	6601 5035	uhc_health@nus.edu.sg

3 STAYING UP TO DATE WITH INFORMATION

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

Students are responsible for checking the Faculty website and their NUS mailboxes regularly for updates. They should also ensure that they are contactable via their NUS mailboxes.

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

This modular paper is intended for students admitted in academic year 2023-24. It is divided into two sections: Requirements For Graduation and Important Information For All Students.

SECTION 1.1: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

4 OVERVIEW OF THE MODULAR SYSTEM

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

5 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

FASS students are enrolled directly into the 4-year Honours programme and must accumulate a minimum of 160 UTs in order to graduate.

The requirements for graduation consist of the following 3 components:

a) Common Curriculum

This is a set of 13 courses (52 UTs) designed to impart essential foundational skills and broaden intellectual foundations. All CHS students are required to complete these courses. Students can refer to the [CHS website](#) for more information.

b) Major requirement

This is a set of 15 courses (60 UTs) designed for in-depth learning in the major of your choice. Each major will consist of a mix of compulsory courses and elective courses. Students should refer to the relevant department/programme websites for further details on requirements for their major.

For primary majors with courses that are eligible for double-counting with the Common Curriculum, please refer to this [page \(Part 2\)](#) for more information.

c) Unrestricted Electives (UE)

This is a set of 12 courses (48 UTs) to enable students to pursue courses which interest them. Students can choose to explore courses from other faculties/departments or pursue more courses from their Major department. Courses in UE space can also be used to fulfil the requirements of a minor or second major.

Limit on Level-1000 Courses

Each student is allowed to count a maximum of 60 units of level-1000 courses towards both the BA(Hons) and B.Soc.Sci(Hons) degree programmes. Please refer to this [page](#) for more information.

You may also refer to the following table for the general structure of the degree.

Graduation Requirements for FASS BA (Hons) or BSocSci (Hons) degree with Single Major

Requirements	UTs
Common Curriculum (please refer to link for more information)	
1) Artificial Intelligence	4
2) Communities and Engagement	4
3) Digital Literacy	4
4) Design Thinking	4
5) Data Literacy	4
6) Writing	4
7) Asian Studies	4
8) Humanities	4

9) Social Sciences	4
10) Scientific Inquiry I	4
11) Scientific Inquiry II	4
12) Interdisciplinary Course I	4
13) Interdisciplinary Course II	4
Major requirements	60
Unrestricted Electives	48
Total	160

Note: PPE students should refer to the [PPE-XDP page](#) as PPE-XDP has alternative requirements.

6 PROMOTION OF DEGREE LEVEL

FASS students will be promoted to the next level, at the start of the regular semester, when they have accumulated the following Units:

ARS2/SOC2 – accumulated at least 40UT

ARS3/SOC3 – accumulated at least 80UT

ARS4/SOC4* – accumulated at least 120UT

*Note: SOC4 means Social Sciences 4th year student for students majoring in the subjects under the Social Sciences division.

7 AWARD OF HONOURS AND DEGREE CLASS

FASS students will be awarded Bachelor of Arts for Majors listed under the Asian Studies and Humanities Divisions as well as Global Studies and the PPE XDP. FASS students will be awarded Bachelor of Social Sciences for Majors listed under the Social Sciences Division. The Degree Classification awarded will depend on the criteria in the table below.

Degree Classification	GPA
Honours (Highest Distinction)	4.50 & above
Honours (Distinction)	4.00 – 4.49
Honours (Merit)	3.50 – 3.99
Honours	3.00 – 3.49
Pass	2.00 – 2.99

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

https://inetapps.nus.edu.sg/capcalc/avg_grd_simulator.aspx

8 TRACKING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students should make use of the Graduation Audit Report or What-If Report to track their fulfilment of graduation requirements.

More information on these systems can be found at:

<https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/academics/ug/aa-afg.html>

SECTION 1.2: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

9 DOUBLE MAJOR PROGRAMME

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

The main features of the second major are as follows:

- Students may read second majors from the Faculty/School of their primary major or from another Faculty/School.
- The second major will be a non-honours major.
- The second major will be recorded in the transcript but not on the degree scroll.

Structure of the Second Major

A second major will usually consist of at least 40 UTs of courses. Students should refer to this [page](#) for the general guidelines regarding Second Majors. For the specific requirements, student should refer to the website of the Department hosting the Second Major.

By and large, courses from the UE are used to fulfil the requirements of the Second Major. If a course from the Common Curriculum or First Major/another Minor is used to simultaneously fulfil the requirement of the Second Major, that course is considered double-counted. Students should take note not to exceed the double-counting limit stated [here](#). You may also refer to this [page](#) for more information regarding double-counting.

Please note that while a course may be double-counted for requirements, its UTs will only be counted once towards your total UT count. Students must still read a minimum of 160UTs in order to graduate.

10 MINORS

Students may plan their degree so that it includes a minor. A minor is a programme of study usually consisting of 20 UTs. A student may use, partially or wholly, the UTs under the Unrestricted Electives basket to satisfy the minor requirements. Minors are offered by FASS as well as by other faculties.

Students should refer to this [page](#) for the general guidelines regarding Minors. For the specific requirements, student should refer to the website of the Department hosting the Minor.

By and large, courses from the UE are used to fulfil the requirements of the Minor. If a course from the Common Curriculum or First Major/another Second Major/another Minor is used to simultaneously fulfil the requirement of the Minor, that course is considered double-counted. Students should take note not to exceed the double-counting limit stated [here](#). You may also refer to this [page](#) for more information regarding double-counting.

Please note that while a course may be double-counted for requirements, its units will only be counted once towards your total UT count. Students must still read a minimum of 160UTs in order to graduate.

11 MOTHER TONGUE BONUS POINT SCHEME

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

Students on the SEP should see *Section 2, 25 Student Exchange Programme, NUS Overseas College Programme And Other Overseas Education Programmes, p11*, for the maximum number of courses which can be used to fulfil MTBP requirements.

Higher MT subject or MT subject at G.C.E. 'A' levels	MT-related subject in FASS	MT Requirements
Chinese	Chinese Language	Any 7 (28 UTs) CL, CH, TRA and or INT courses <u>taught in Chinese</u>
	Chinese Studies	
Malay	Malay Studies	Any 7 (28 UTs) MS courses <i>including</i> at least 2 (8 UTs) MS courses <u>taught in Malay</u>
Tamil	South Asian Studies	Any 7 (28 UTs) SN courses <i>including</i> SN2275 Tamil Studies I and SN3275 Tamil Studies II. Both courses are <u>taught in Tamil</u>

More information is available at

http://www.askadmissions.nus.edu.sg/app/answers/detail/a_id/21/kw/mother%20tongue

SECTION 1.3: SPECIAL DEGREES

12 DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMME

Programme Outline

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

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

- Communications & New Media and Business
- Economics and Business
- Economics and Business Analytics
- Economics and Engineering
- Economics and Information Systems
- Economics and Law

Students who wish to devise their own DDPs must apply in writing to the Vice-Deans of both Faculties when they have completed between 60 and 80 UTs and attained a GPA of at least 4.00. Please refer to the respective DDP webpages for other eligibility requirements. Students must fulfil the honours requirements of both degrees.

Similarly, CHS students who wish to pursue a DDP within CHS are eligible to do so. However, the major combination has to be from two different degrees offered within CHS.

Award of Degree

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

Fee Implications

Students reading a double degree should note the fee implications as set out in

<https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/special-programmes/faqs-for-ddp-cdp-and-dmp>

Further details may be found at <https://fass.nus.edu.sg/special-degree-programmes/>.

13 DEGREE PROGRAMMES WITH OTHER UNIVERSITIES

FASS has established several joint and double degree programmes with overseas Universities. The degrees currently available are:

Joint Degree Programmes

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

Double Degree Programmes

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

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

<https://fass.nus.edu.sg/joint-degrees/>

Period of Candidature

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

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/continuation-and-graduation-requirements#ResidencyRequirement>

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

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/undergraduate/undergraduate-fees>

14 CONCURRENT DEGREE PROGRAMME

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

- Concurrent Programme in Bachelor of Arts with Honours / Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours and Master in Public Policy. For more information, please refer to:
<https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/fas/ug/currentstd/concurrent-degree-programme-2021.html>
- Concurrent Programme in Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours and Master of Social Sciences (Psychology by Research) For more information and application details, please refer to:
<https://fass.nus.edu.sg/psy/concurrent-degree-programme/>

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SECTION 2: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

15 DECLARATION OF MAJOR/MINOR

Students may declare their major/minor(s) from the first semester of study, through the Academic Plan Declaration (APD) exercise. Although students may change their major/minor(s) easily through the APD exercise, they are advised that any such change may have an impact on the duration of their candidature.

Students are not allowed to opt for a new major, minor, second major or second degree programme beyond the end of their 5th semester of study. This means that students must finalise the declaration of their major, minor, second major or second degree programme, **by their 5th Academic Plan Declaration (APD) exercise**. As a second major should be a non-honours major, students pursuing a second major should indicate their first major clearly during the APD exercise.

More information on the Academic Plan Declaration system can be found at <https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/fas/ug/currentstd/declaration-change.html>.

Admission to the following programmes:

- Restricted minors;
- Certain second majors offered by other Faculties;
- Double degree programmes;
- Joint degree programmes;
- Concurrent degree programmes.
- Cross-disciplinary programmes

is by selection and online declaration is not possible. Students should look out for the application periods and submit their applications, before the end of their 5th semester of study.

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

16 REGISTERING AND/OR DROPPING COURSES

In accordance with the Course Registration (CourseReg) system mechanism, students will register for courses when the registration window is opened each semester. They will be permitted to drop courses through CourseReg as well. Students should note that dropping courses beyond a certain time-frame will result in a 'W' (Withdrawal) or 'F' (Fail) grade on the transcript. Students should refer to the "[List of Important Events](#)" at the Faculty Homepage at the start of each semester for the time-frame to register and/or drop courses, and the penalty periods for dropping courses.

Further details about CourseReg can be found at <https://nus.edu.sg/coursereg/index.html>

The University requires students to read a minimum of 18 UTs per semester. The Faculty recommends that students read 20 UTs per semester. This is to ensure students graduate within the normal candidature period. Details of the normal candidature may be found at [here](#).

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

17 MODES OF ASSESSMENT

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

Unless otherwise stated, examinations take place at the end of the semester. Students will be given an examination result notification at the end of each semester. Students should refer to the [Exam Directory](#) for more information related to examinations, such as Special Consideration and Review of Exam Results.

A transcript with a complete record of all examinations will be provided by the Registrar’s Office (RO) upon graduation. Students may obtain additional copies from RO by submitting an application and upon payment of a fee. Students may refer to this [page](#) for more information.

18 GRADING SYSTEM

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

GRADE POINT FOR COURSES

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

* Acceptable for graduation on the condition that GPA \geq 2.00

CALCULATION OF GPA

The formula for calculating the GPA is as follows:

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\text{sum (course grade point x Units assigned to course)}}{\text{sum (Units assigned to all courses used in calculating the numerator)}}$$

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

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

Caution: Students are advised that although most courses carry 4 UTs, some carry a different number of UTs.

The GPA reflected in the result slip at the end of every semester is the cumulative average for ALL the contributing **graded** courses that the student has read throughout his candidature, and not the average for courses read in that semester. All courses read will be factored into GPA regardless of how they are used for requirements.

Please also note that students may only retake courses with CU, U or F grades.

FASS students may use the GPA Calculator calculate their GPA to-date. This application can be found at the FASS homepage at: https://inetapps.nus.edu.sg/capcalc/cap_calculator.aspx

19 GRADE-FREE SCHEME AND SATISFACTORY/UNSATISFACTORY OPTION

Some courses may be read on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) basis. Courses graded S/U are excluded from the computation of GPA.

A 'Satisfactory' (S) grade is assigned if a student receives a 'D' grade or above for the course. Conversely, students will receive an 'Unsatisfactory' (U) grade if the grade obtained is an 'F' grade. Students will receive UTs towards the degree only if they attain a 'S' grade. A course with 'U' grade will carry no UTs and cannot count towards any requirements.

More details on the S/U option can be found in the Student Portal:

<https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/academics/ug/su-homepage.html>. The S/U FAQs for the cohort provides detailed information on the S/U option, including which courses are eligible for S/U.

Please note that some courses are taken on CS/CU (Completed Satisfactorily/Completed Unsatisfactorily) basis. These courses will not count towards GPA and it is not an option like S/U.

20 FASS INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

This programme gives FASS students the opportunity to pursue an internship as part of their undergraduate study. Units earned can be used to fulfil the Unrestricted Elective requirement. Interested students will need to secure a position and perform an internship in a company or organization during a stipulated period. Details can be found at <https://fass.nus.edu.sg/career-preparation/internship/fass-internship/>

21 FASS 2.0 INDUSTRY TRACKS

Enhance your major with five industry tracks, specially designed to give you a head start in your career! The FASS 2.0 Industry Tracks offer students the option to complement their Arts and Social Sciences education with industry-relevant training and experiences. Each industry track consists of a curated list of hard skills courses to impart skills and knowledge that are valuable to the chosen industry. Students will also attend seminars, receive mentorship from industry professionals, and gain real-world experience by performing an industry-specific internship. In addition to earning UTs, those who meet all the requirements will receive a track-specific certificate from the Faculty. Details can be found at:

<https://fass.nus.edu.sg/industry-tracks-fass-2-0/>

22 CAREER COMPASS SERIES

A new career preparation initiative for College of Humanities and Sciences (CHS) students, the Career Compass Series comprises four courses to be completed over four years of studies. These courses constitute the main structure of our 4-year Career Readiness Roadmap, which aims to provide a formal framework to help students with their career planning across the whole duration of their undergraduate career.

With effect from Semester 1 of AY2021-22, the courses will be allocated to CHS undergraduates, one course for each year, and delivered by the Centre for Future-ready Graduates (CFG). These courses will apply to all CHS undergraduates Cohort 2021 onwards, including students in special programmes (DDP, JDP, CDP and XDP). The courses will not apply to students from Pharmacy, or DDP students whose first degree (home course) is not in CHS. Details can be found at:

<https://fass.nus.edu.sg/career-compass-series/>

23 PERIOD OF CANDIDATURE

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

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/continuation-and-graduation-requirements#ResidencyRequirement>

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

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/undergraduate/undergraduate-fees>

In general, students are strongly advised to complete their Honours degree within 8 semesters of Normal Candidature. Taking up to the 9th and 10th semester will not require approval but it will bring about an increase in fees. Extending beyond the 10th semester requires approval and you will incur unsubsidised fees which may be a significant financial burden.

24 ADVANCED PLACEMENT CREDITS, EXEMPTIONS AND WAIVERS

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

APCs and exemptions will count towards the fulfilment of the graduation requirements, but they will not be factored into the GPA.

For Polytechnic diploma holders admitted to FASS, all 20 units of APCs will NOT be counted against the 60-UT limit on level-1000 courses. These APCs will count towards the Unrestricted Electives.

Students who have been granted 20 units of APCs towards Unrestricted Elective Courses, with a total of 20 to 39 units of APCs altogether are eligible for the APC Option exercise. This exercise allows students the option to give up the 20 units of APCs granted towards UE Courses in return for an additional 12 units of Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) option that can be exercised on courses read and completed in the first year of study. For more information, please visit the Registrar's Office (RO) website on [Advanced Placement Credits and Exemption](#).

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

25 STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME, NUS OVERSEAS COLLEGE PROGRAMME AND OTHER OVERSEAS EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

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

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

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

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

- a) [Minimum Unit Requirements for Programme/Major/Second Major and Minor](#)
- b) If the maximum UTs to be excluded from GPA has been exceeded, students will have to make up by reading graded courses required for graduation.
- c) Students admitted under the Mother Tongue Bonus Point Scheme (MTBP) may read courses while on SEP/NOC/OEP to fulfil MTBP requirements, under the following conditions:
 - (i) The SEP/NOC/OEP must be recognised by FASS and NUS, which means that the courses **MUST** have been approved by FASS for credit transfer;
 - (ii) The course(s) read on SEP/NOC/OEP must be taught in the relevant mother tongue;
 - (iii) Course(s) read on SEP/NOC/OEP must be on **graded basis** and not on a pass/fail basis at the partner university. If the course is not offered on a graded basis, credits will not be transferred and cannot be

- used to fulfil the MTBP requirements; and
(iv) A maximum of 16 UTs of courses read on SEP may be used to fulfil the MTBP requirements.

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

<https://fass.nus.edu.sg/the-global-experience/>

26 NUS COLLEGE

NUS College (NUSC) offers a unique and flexible educational model with exciting pathways for students to carve their own learning aspirations. A natural evolution from a partnership between the University Scholars Programme (USP) and Yale-NUS College, NUS College blends the distinctive qualities of its predecessors with a commitment to broaden access to exceptional educational experiences. Their curriculum empowers students to be globally-minded problem solvers who are ready to learn across boundaries and collaborate with others to make an impact on the world. More details can be found at:

<https://nuscollege.nus.edu.sg/>

27 RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

Students who have been granted a place in a residential college (RC) will read a separate Residential Learning Programme to fulfil part of the Common core requirements. Please refer to the Residential college websites for more details on the components of the Residential Learning Programme (Tembusu: <http://tembusu.nus.edu.sg/education/index.php>, College of Alice & Peter Tan:

<http://capt.nus.edu.sg/current-students/utcp> and Residential College 4: <http://rc4.nus.edu.sg/academic-programme/>) and Ridge View Residential College: <https://rvrc.nus.edu.sg/>

28 PLAGIARISM WARNING

Generally defined as “the practice of taking someone else’s work or ideas and passing them off as one’s own”, plagiarism is a very serious academic offence. For a detailed description of examples of plagiarism and how students can avoid it, please refer to:

<https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/fas/ug/policies/plagiarism/index.html>.

Students are required to complete an e-course on plagiarism (on CANVAS). Further details will be made known to students.

Students who have committed plagiarism will not be allowed to exercise the S/U option on the affected course.

29 ACADEMIC PROBATION AND DISMISSAL

A student is placed on academic probation when their scholastic record is unsatisfactory. The student is advised that failure to improve academic performance thereafter will lead to dismissal from the University. More details on academic probation and dismissal can be found at the Registrar’s Office website:

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/continuation-and-graduation-requirements#CapContinuationGraduation>

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