

BRIEFING ON EARLY MATRICULATION FOR RNSMEN

**National University of Singapore
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A SPECIAL WELCOME

- **New Rankings**

- Ranked 30th among the world's top 200 universities
- Top 4 in Asia

- **New Computer Engineering Programme**

- With effect from 2009, it's jointly offered by Departments of Electrical & Computer Engineering (FOE) and Computer Science (SOC).
- Aims to equip graduates good foundation to work in the critical layer of technology that interfaces hardware with software.
- Applicable to all RNSmen with a reserved course in Computer Engineering (FOE / SOC).
- Details on the new programme can be found on the website at:
<http://www.ceg.nus.edu.sg/>.

A SPECIAL WELCOME

■ New Computing Programmes

- With effect from 2010, applicants have to choose the specific discipline right from the start of the application.
- The new programmes offered by School of Computing are as follows:
 - Computing (Computer Science Courses)
 - Computing (Information Systems Courses)
- Applicable to all RNSmen with a reserved course in Computing.
- More details on the new programmes will be released soon.

BACKGROUND

- From 2005 onwards, national service training was reduced from two and a half years to two years.
- NUS, NTU and SMU have agreed to allow students to matriculate early through enrollment for the Special Term starting in May.
- NUS Special Term is offered in two parts of six weeks each:
 - Part I: May to June
 - Part 2: June to July



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HOW SHOULD I MAKE MY DECISION?



NUS CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

Three parts:

- **University-level requirements**
 - General Education
 - Singapore Studies
 - Breadth
- **Programme requirements**
 - Faculty requirements
 - Major requirements
- **Unrestricted electives**

NUS Online Bulletin:

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/nusbulletin>



ORDINARY WORKLOAD

- 20 MCs per semester (usually five modules of 4 MCs each)
- Usually six or eight semesters to graduate

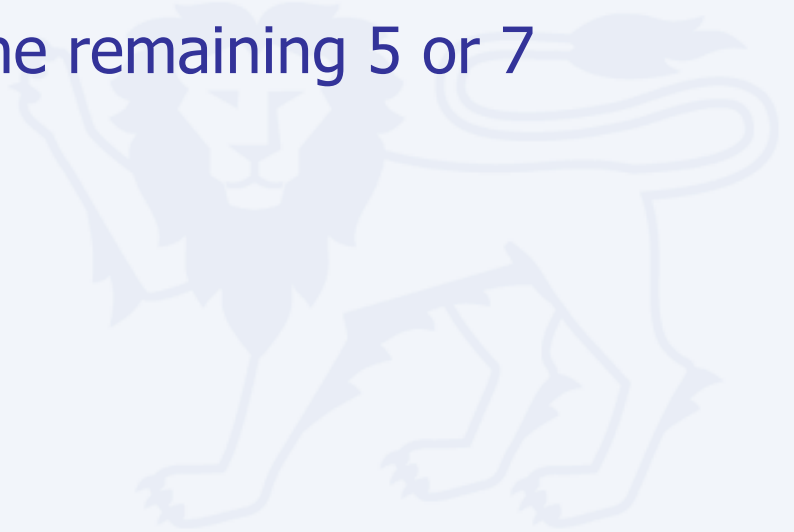


PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL TERM

- On offer – mainly modules for university-level and breadth requirements.
- Some departments may offer limited number of core modules.
- **Two options:**
 - Option 1 – to take enough modules (4) in order to finish a semester earlier
 - Option 2 – to use Special Term as adjustment period

OPTION 1

- Take 4 modules (mainly university-level or breadth requirements) in Special Term (2 in Part 1 and another 2 in Part 2)
- Take a heavier load of 6 modules (instead of 5) in one of the regular semesters
- Complete the degree course in the remaining 5 or 7 semesters (3- or 4-year course)



OPTION 1

Advantage

- Can complete one semester earlier with guidance

Disadvantages

- Hectic pace during Special Term – complete a 13-week module in 6 weeks
- Will need to take more program (discipline-based) modules in subsequent semesters
- Some difficulties to pursue enhancement programs such as the Student Exchange Program or the NUS Overseas College program due to need to take program modules
- Limited choice of modules during special terms – resource issue

OPTION 2

- Take 1-2 modules (preferably for satisfying university-level or breadth requirements) during Special Term
- Pursue a full normal 6 or 8 semesters (three- or four-year course respectively)

Advantages

- RNSmen will have an opportunity to ease into university education, to adjust in a measured way before embarking on a full load during the regular semesters.
- Greater flexibility when planning for enhancement programs like Student Exchange Program, NUS Overseas Colleges.
- Able to join the main cohort throughout entire course of study

Disadvantage

- Will not graduate a semester earlier.

NUS PROVISIONS

- Adequate numbers of modules will be provided for students to take up to 2 modules per part of the Special Term (totalling 4), should you choose to do so.
- For more details on Special Term, you can refer to Registrar's Office (RO) website at: <http://nus.edu.sg/registrar/event/specialterm.html>

FEES

For students registered in the Faculties of:	Per module amount (S\$) (Singapore Citizens)	
Year of Acceptance of Offer	AY07/08	AY08/09
Arts and Social Sciences Computing Design and Environment Engineering Science	611	636
Business	611	654

Fees are correct as at October 2009 and will be subjected to change.

IMPORTANT DATES

- End Nov 09 – Sending of RNS package
(Online Confirmation Exercise)
- Mid Dec 09 – Online Confirmation Deadline
- Second week of Mar 10 – Sending of registration letter by RO
- 15-17 Mar 10 – Special Term Part 1 Modules Registration
- 10 May 10 – Start of Special Term Part 1
- 31 May-2 Jun 10 – Special Term Part 2 Modules Registration
- 21 June 10 – Start of Special Term Part 2

CHANGE OF COURSE

- Still able to enroll in Special Term for those wanting to apply for a change of course in early March 2010
- Encouraged to choose university level or breadth modules, as these modules can be used to fulfill the requirements of the new course (if new application is successful)



What we need from you

- To facilitate our planning, we need to have an idea of your plan.
- **Key points:**
 - ❖ Are you planning to matriculate in May?
 - ❖ If yes, how many modules do you plan to take?

Please fill in questionnaire and return to us.

