
FAQ for students offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

1. When can I apply for admission?

You may apply for admission from **15 October 2008 to 1 April 2009**.

2. Where can I obtain the application form?

The electronic application form will be available at: http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/apply/cate/IB_instru.htm

3. When will I know the outcome of my application?

Application outcome will be released from around late May 2009. Applications from both 'A' levels and IB students will be evaluated in the same queue, to ensure fairness to the applicants.

4. What are the admission requirements for IB Diploma?

Applicants who have been awarded an IB diploma will be considered for admission. Please note that this is only the minimum eligibility criteria. Entry to the various courses at NUS is very competitive and applicants who gain admission, typically, attain very good scores.

5. Do I need to meet the Mother Tongue Language (MTL) requirement like the 'A' level students?

Only students from the following two Singapore MOE schools are required to meet the Mother Tongue Language (MTL) requirement:

- Anglo Chinese School (Independent)
- Anglo Chinese School (International)
- SJI International School
- Hwa Chong International School

Students from these schools are required meet the Mother Tongue Language (MTL) requirement by having one of the following:

- 1) minimum of D7 for the higher MTL paper taken at the 'O' Level examination
- 2) minimum of 'S' grade for the H1 MTL paper or General Studies in Chinese
- 3) minimum of 'S' grade for the H2 MTL paper taken at the 'A' Level examination
- 4) pass in the MTL 'B' Syllabus paper at the 'A' Level examination

If you are a candidate who has been exempted from MTL as approved by MOE, the MOE-approved subject-in-lieu will be considered as your MTL subject.

If you are unable to fulfill the MTL requirement for admission but satisfy all other admission requirements, you will be admitted on a provisional basis. During your course of study, you will be required to attend the MTL course conducted by the University or attain the minimum requirement as listed above by retaking the MTL paper at the 'A' Level examination before you are allowed to graduate.

6. What are the subject pre-requisites for the undergraduate courses?

Please refer to Annex A.

7. Besides my IB grades, what other factors will be taken into consideration for admission to NUS?

Besides grades, candidates with exceptional achievements will be taken into consideration for admission to NUS. Examples of exceptional achievements would be:

- a. Medal recipients at the International Olympiads (Biology, Chemistry, Informatics, Mathematics and Physics)
- b. Recipient of the National Science & Talent Search award.
- c. Represented Singapore in Arts and/or Sports
- d. Actively participation in community service and volunteer programmes.
- e. Work experience relevant to the course applied for (supporting document/s is / are required)
- f. Involved in key leadership positions in community organisations, sports and athletic clubs etc (outside school)

In addition, applicants can provide information on awards / honours that they have won. If candidates wish to be considered under this scheme, they should provide the details in the 'Discretionary Admissions' section in the online application form. They should follow up by sending supporting documents to NUS.

Up to 10% of vacancies will be set aside for these candidates under discretionary admission.

8. When will I know if I am shortlisted for the faculty interview/ test?

Candidates will be notified by post by March/ April 2009 if they are shortlisted for the selection test / interview.

9. Do I need to attend interviews / tests for admission to the undergraduate courses?

You do not have to attend interviews/tests unless you are applying for Architecture, Dentistry, Industrial Design, Law, Nursing and Medicine courses. Some of the double/concurrent degree programmes may also require a selection interview. Only shortlisted candidates will be informed to attend the interview(s) for the double/concurrent degree programmes.

10. When will the faculty interviews/ tests take place?

Course	Test	Interview
Architecture Industrial Design	26 April 2009	26 – 28 April 2009
Dentistry	16 – 17 April 2009 20 – 22 April 2009	20 – 23 April 2009
Law Business Administration & Law Business Administration (Accountancy) & Law Economics & Law Law & Life Sciences Law & Master of Public Policy	19 April 2009	17 – 18 April 2009
Nursing	Not Applicable	16 – 20 April 2009
Medicine	8 April 2009	1 – 21 April 2009
Mature candidates	Not applicable	May 2009
Business Administration & Communications and New Media Business Administration (Accountancy) & Communications and New Media Business Administration & Master of Public Policy Business Administration (Accountancy) & Master of Public Policy Business Administration & Master of Science (Management) Business Administration (Accountancy) & Master of Science (Management) Computing (All Specialisations) & Master of Entertainment Technology (Carnegie Mellon University)	Not applicable	Late Apr / May 2009

11. I am offering my IB examinations in May 2009 and will receive my actual results in July 2009, can I apply? If so, what kind of supporting documents do I need to submit?

If you are taking IB examinations in May 2009 and will receive your actual results in July 2009, you are required to submit your high school results and forecast IB results as attested by your school. You could also submit SAT I and II scores by the application closing date if you are applying for Medicine and Dentistry courses, or wish to be considered for admission before the actual IB results are released. Please note that SAT I and II are not compulsory requirements for IB students taking the May examinations papers. It is necessary only if you wish to receive the outcome for your application before the actual IB results are released in early July 2009. If the university is of the view that the SAT results do not qualify you for admission, we will wait for the actual IB results to be released to decide on the outcome of your application.

When your actual IB results are available in early July 2009, please fax your results slip to the Office of Admissions at (65) 6778 7570, quoting your full name and application number on the document. Your actual results must reach us by **10 July 2009**, failing which your application will be deemed incomplete and withdrawn from consideration.

12. Do I need to indicate my National service status on the application form?

Male applicants who are or will be serving or had served full-time National Service in Singapore should indicate their full-time national service status on the online application form accordingly. If you are waiting to be enlisted for NS, please do not choose your NS status as "NOT APPLICABLE" in the online form. Please choose your NS status as "Registered/Waiting to be enlisted" instead.

13. I'm going to NS soon, but do not have my enlistment date yet. What should I indicate on the application form?

If you have registered but have not enlisted or have not yet been notified to enlist, you do not need to provide a date of enlistment in the application form. You should choose your NS status as "Registered/Waiting to be enlisted". However should you have registered at any point in time, you should inform Office of Admissions immediately.

14. If I am exempted from NS, do I need to indicate it on the application form?

If you are exempted from NS, please choose 'EXEMPTED' and you are required to send the necessary documents (endorsed by MINDEF) to Office of Admissions for our processing. Please refer to page 6 for more information on submission of supporting documents.

15. How much is the application fee?

The application fee is S\$10 and non- refundable.

16. When is the deadline for the payment of the application fee?

Payment for application fee must be made by 1 April 2009.

17. What are the modes of payment for the application fee?

The following modes are available for payment of application fee:

- 1) S\$10 by Visa or Mastercard via Electronic Payment. Kindly follow instructions listed at the E-Payment website to make the payment and then print a copy of the receipt for your reference.

OR

- 2) S\$10 by NETS at the Office of Admissions, NUS. A copy of the transaction receipt will be printed for you for your reference.

OR

- 3) S\$10 by cheque / bank draft made payable to 'National University of Singapore'. Write your name, address, telephone number and application number of the reverse side of the cheque. Please note that no payment receipt will be issued for payment made via cheque/bank draft.

Please note that the payment is only for application to NUS courses (except Music course). You will have to pay separate application fees to NTU and / or SMU if you would also want to apply to them.

17. Do you accept cash payment for the application fee?

We regret that we are unable to accept cash payment / internet payment.

18. If I have made payment for the application fee, how do I know if it is processed?

Depending on the mode of payment you have chosen, the time needed to process your application fee will be different. You can check if your payment has been received through the Online Application Status Facility (OASF):

- Payment by Credit Card - three working days after you have made the payment.
- Payment by NETS - five working days after you have made the payment.
- Payment by Cheque / Bank draft - five working days after you have submitted the cheque/bank draft via local post (ie. posting within Singapore) / personally at the counter.
- Payment by Cheque / Bank draft - minimum seven working days after you have submitted the cheque / bank draft via international post (ie. posting from outside Singapore), depending on the country of origin.

Please note that if you pay on the closing date of application, ie. 1 April 2009, the above processing time will still apply.

19. How do I apply for financial aid?

If you wish to apply for Financial Aid in support of your education at NUS, you should visit the Office of Financial Aid website at www.nus.edu.sg/financialaid for the latest information on application details and types of financial aid available. You may also wish to note that applications must be made after you have submitted your application for NUS admissions, and during the stipulated application period (i.e. 1 February to 1 April annually).

Prospective students may apply for Financial Aid only after you have submitted the application for NUS admissions and during the stipulated application period regardless of whether an admission offer has been given by the University or there is an intent to apply for other financial aid or scholarships. Students should also note that application for financing under the bank-administered Tuition Fee Loan (TFL) Scheme can be made immediately upon receipt of the admission offer from the University regardless of whether the student has applied for financial aid from the University.

20. How and where do I submit my supporting documents?

When submitting paper supporting documents, please write your name and application number on the top right-hand corner of all documents and the envelope. Supporting documents which are not in English must be accompanied by an English translation. Please do not submit original certificates and documents as all supporting documents submitted will not be returned. To check if we have received your supporting documents, kindly access the Online Application Status Facility (OASF) at least three working days after mailing (ie. posting within Singapore) or submission.

Supporting documents and cheque (if applicable) must reach the following address by 1 April 2009:

Office of Admissions
National University of Singapore
University Hall, Tan Chin Tuan Wing
Level Lower Ground
21 Lower Kent Ridge Road
Singapore 119077

21. How do I know if my application has been successfully submitted?

An application number will be assigned to you if you had successfully submitted your application. A copy of the submitted online application will also be made available on the acknowledgement page. At the same time, an acknowledgement email will also be sent to the email address you have indicated on the online application. You should save and/or print a copy of the acknowledgement page/email for your own reference.

22. How do I check my application status?

Please log in with your application number and Admission PIN to track your application status at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/applicants.htm>. You may wish to check regularly for updates. This online facility will be made available three working days after you have submitted your online application.

The application number and the Admission PIN given to you in 2009 to check your online application status can only be used during the admission period between October 2008 to August 2009 if you have applied admissions to NUS in 2009. This online facility will close on 31 August 2009 and after which, it will no longer be available.

23. How do I update my contact information after submitting my application?

If there are changes to your contact information, please email the changes to Ms Molly Poh (oamplt@nus.edu.sg) or Ms Pauline Tan (oamtjmp@nus.edu.sg).

24. How do I change my choice of courses after submitting my application?

If you wish to alter your choice of NUS courses after submitting your online application, please email the changes to Ms Molly Poh (oamplt@nus.edu.sg) or Ms Pauline Tan (oamtjmp@nus.edu.sg). The closing date for revising your choices is 1 April 2009. No revisions will be entertained after the due date.

25. How do I know if my application is successful? When will I receive a reply?

You will be informed of the outcome of your application in writing, by post from late May 2009. Please note that you will only be offered one course of study from NUS if you are successful. Together with your letter of offer, you will also receive an admissions package containing enrolment and student accommodation information.

If you have applied for courses which require you to appear for interviews / tests in your application, and that you have been selected for the interviews/tests, please note that you are most likely to receive an outcome by May 2009.

Please note that inaccurate or false information or omission of material information will render your application invalid. NUS reserves the right to reject applications that are incomplete or inaccurate. Persons admitted on the basis of inaccurate or false information may be expelled from NUS.

26. How do I appeal after receiving my application outcome?

Online appeal will be available after the release of application outcome from late May to early June 2009. Please login with your application number and Admission PIN if you wish to appeal against the admission decision. You may submit multiple appeals but only the last appeal received will be CONSIDERED. The outcome of your appeal will be released by end June / early July 2009.

Annex A - Course and Subject Requirements for IB

SINGLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Degree Course	Subject Prerequisites	Selection test/ Interview
Architecture	Pass in SL Mathematics or Chemistry or Physics	Yes
Arts and Social Sciences *	Please refer to http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg for respective subjects	No
Bioengineering	Pass in HL Mathematics and either HL Physics # or Chemistry Candidates who do not have a HL pass in Biology will have to read the Biology Bridging Module (LSM1301) in the 1st year. Those without a HL pass in Chemistry will have to read the Chemistry Bridging Module (CM1417) in the 1st year.	No
Business Administration	Pass in SL Mathematics	No
Business Administration (Accountancy)	Pass in SL Mathematics	No
Chemical Engineering	Pass in HL Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics #	No
Civil Engineering	Pass in HL Mathematics and either HL Physics # or Chemistry	No
Computer Engineering (Jointly offered by Faculty of Engineering and School of Computing)	Pass in HL Mathematics and either HL Physics # or Chemistry	No
Computing	Pass in SL Mathematics	No
Dentistry	Pass in HL Chemistry and either HL Biology or Physics	Yes
Electrical Engineering	Pass in HL Mathematics and either HL Physics # or Chemistry	No
Engineering (Common)	Pass in HL Mathematics and either HL Physics # or Chemistry	No
Engineering Science	Good grades in HL Mathematics and Physics	No
Environmental Engineering	Pass in HL Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics #	No
Industrial Design	Pass in SL Mathematics or Chemistry or Physics	Yes
Industrial & Systems Engineering	Pass in HL Mathematics and either HL Physics # or Chemistry	No

Law	At least a grading of 5 points in SL English or SAT Critical Reading score of 700 accompanied by a minimum grading of 4 points for SL English.	Yes
Materials Science & Engineering	Pass in HL Mathematics and either HL Physics # or Chemistry	No
Mechanical Engineering	Pass in HL Mathematics and either HL Physics # or Chemistry	No
Medicine	Pass in HL Chemistry and either HL Biology or Physics	Yes
Music	Application for the Music course has to be filled directly to the Conservatory. Please refer to http://music.nus.edu.sg for more information	Yes
Nursing	Pass in any two of the following HL subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Physics, and Mathematics	Yes
Pharmacy	HL pass in Biology and Chemistry	No
Project & Facilities Management	SL pass in Chemistry or Mathematics or Physics	No
Real Estate	SL pass in Chemistry or Mathematics or Physics	No
Science *	Pass in any two of the following HL subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Physics and Mathematics Please refer to http://www.science.nus.edu.sg for respective subjects	No

* The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Faculty of Science offer many subjects which may require further subject prerequisites. Please refer to their respective website at <http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg> and <http://www.science.nus.edu.sg> for more information.

Students without HL Physics are required to take specified Physics bridging modules offered by the Faculty of Science

DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Double / Concurrent Degree Programmes	Subject prerequisites	Selection test / interview
Business Administration & Communications and New Media	Minimum prevailing admission criteria of both courses.* ¹	Yes
Business Administration (Accountancy) & Communications and New Media	Minimum prevailing admission criteria of both courses.* ¹	Yes
Business Administration & Computing	Pass in HL Mathematics * ²	No
Business Administration (Accountancy) & Computing	Pass in HL Mathematics * ²	No
Business Administration & Law	Pass in SL Mathematics OR pass in 'O' Level Additional Mathematics, AND at least a grading of 5 points in SL English; or SAT Critical Reading score of 700 accompanied by a minimum grading of 4 points for SL English.	Yes
Business Administration (Accountancy) & Law	Pass in SL Mathematics OR pass in 'O' Level Additional Mathematics, AND at least a grading of 5 points in SL English; or SAT Critical Reading score of 700 accompanied by a minimum grading of 4 points for SL English.	Yes
Business Administration & Master of Public Policy	Pass in SL Mathematics or pass in 'O' Level Additional Mathematics.	Yes
Business Administration (Accountancy) & Master of Public Policy	Pass in SL Mathematics or pass in 'O' Level Additional Mathematics.	Yes
Business Administration & Master of Science (Management)	Pass in SL Mathematics or pass in 'O' Level Additional Mathematics.	Yes
Business Administration (Accountancy) & Master of Science (Management)	Pass in SL Mathematics or pass in 'O' Level Additional Mathematics.	Yes
Computing (Communications and Media) & Master of Entertainment Technology (Carnegie Mellon University)	Pass in HL Mathematics. * ²	Yes
Economics & Law	Pass in HL Mathematics AND at least a grading of 5 points in SL English; or SAT Critical Reading score of 700 accompanied by a minimum grading of 4 points for SL English.	Yes

Engineering & Business Administration	Minimum prevailing admission criteria of both courses.* ³	No
Engineering & Business Administration (Accountancy)	Minimum prevailing admission criteria of both courses.* ³	No
Engineering & Economics	Minimum prevailing admission criteria of both courses.* ³	No
Law & Life Sciences	At least a grading of 5 points in SL English; or SAT Critical Reading score of 700 accompanied by a minimum grading of 4 points for SL English AND Pass in HL Biology, HL Chemistry and either HL Mathematics or HL Physics.	Yes
Law & Master of Public Policy	At least a grading of 5 points in SL English; or SAT Critical Reading score of 700 accompanied by a minimum grading of 4 points for SL English	Yes
Computing (Computer Science) & Science (Mathematics) / Science (Applied Mathematics)	A good grade in HL Mathematics AND a good grade in HL Computing or Physics or Chemistry or Biology.	No

*¹ Minimum admission criteria for Business Administration or Business Administration (Accountancy) is pass in SL Mathematics or pass in 'O' Level Additional Mathematics.

*² Please refer to http://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/multidisciplinary/bcomp_met.htm for more information.

*³ Minimum admission criteria for Chemical Engineering and Environmental Engineering courses is pass in HL Mathematics, HL Chemistry and HL Physics. Students without HL or SL Physics need to have an 'O' Level pass in Physics or its equivalent and they are required to take specified Physics bridging modules offered by the Faculty of Science. Engineering Double Degree Programmes are open to all Engineering courses except for Engineering Science.