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**1) When can I apply for admission?**

You may apply for admission from 18 October 2011 to 21 February 2012.

**2) Where can I obtain the International Baccalaureate application form?**

The electronic application form will be available at

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/apply/local/applications/WYA-applications.html>.

**3) When will I know the outcome of my application?**

Application outcome will be released from around late May 2012. 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 Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'A' Level students?**

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

- Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)
- School of the Arts
- ACS (International) ^
- SJI International ^
- Hwa Chong International School ^

^ Only applicable to Singapore Citizens/ Singapore Permanent Residents taking IB in the school.

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

- a) Pass in SL/ HL Mother Tongue Language (MTL) A1/ A2/ B paper taken at IB examination
- b) Minimum of D7 for the higher MTL paper taken at the 'O' Level examination
- c) Minimum of 'S' grade for the H1 MTL paper or General Studies in Chinese
- d) Minimum of 'S' grade for the H2 MTLL paper taken at the 'A' Level examination
- e) 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.

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**6) What are the subject prerequisites for the undergraduate courses?**

Please refer to <http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/apply/local/prerequisites/BYA-prerequisites.html> for the list of subject prerequisites.

**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, etc.)
- b) Recipient of the National Science & Talent Search award.
- c) Represented Singapore in Arts and/or Sports
- d) Active participation in community service and volunteer programmes.
- e) Work experience relevant to the course applied for (supporting document(s) is/are required)
- f) Involvement in key leadership positions in community organizations, sports and athletic clubs etc (outside school)

In addition, applicants can provide information on other 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 2012 if they are shortlisted for the selection test/ interview.

**9) Do I need to attend interview/ 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 programme.

**10) When will the faculty interview/ tests take place?**

The details of the faculty interview/ tests will be available at

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/apply/local/interviews/BYA-interviews.html#top>

**11) How and where do I submit my supporting documents?**

The details of the submission of supporting documents will be available at  
<http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/apply/local/applications/WYA-applications.html>

Please note that supporting documents (with Application Checklist) and cheque (if applicable) must reach Office of Admission by 21 February 2012. For students who are taking May 2012 IB examination, you should submit your IB transcript upon receiving the results in early July.

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University Hall, Tan Chin Tuan Wing  
Level Lower Ground  
21 Lower Kent Ridge Road  
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**12) Can I apply if I am offering my International Baccalaureate examinations in May 2012, and will receive my actual results in July 2012? If so, what kind of supporting documents do I need to submit?**

If you are taking IB examinations in May 2012 and will receive your actual results in July 2012, you are required to submit your high school results and forecast IB results as attested by your school. Please note that SAT I and II scores are not compulsory requirements for IB students taking the May examinations papers, unless you are applying for Medicine and/or Dentistry courses, or wish to be considered for admission before the actual IB results are released. 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 2012, 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 2012, failing which your application will be deemed incomplete and withdrawn from consideration.

**13) Do I need to indicate my National service status 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.

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**14) If I am exempted from National Service, 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 Question 11 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 payment of application fee?**

Payment for application fee must be made by 21 February 2012.

**17) What are the modes of payment and processing for application fee?**

The following modes of payment and details on processing of application fee will be available at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/apply/local/payments/WYA-payments.html>

**18) Do you accept cash payment for application fee?**

We regret that we are unable to accept cash payment.

**19) How do I apply for financial aid?**

If you wish to apply for NUS-administered Financial Aid in support of your education at NUS, you should visit the Office of Financial Aid website at [www.nus.edu.sg/financialaid](http://www.nus.edu.sg/financialaid) for the latest information on application procedures and types of financial aid available. Applications for Financial Aid must be made after you have submitted your admission application to NUS, and by the closing date for admission applications. In addition, please note that such Financial Aid applications should be made (1) as soon as possible after your application for admission and regardless of whether you have been offered admission to NUS, and (2) regardless of whether you intend to apply for scholarships and/or other forms of financial assistance offered or administered by sources other than the NUS Office of Financial Aid.

You may also wish to note that the Financial Aid website publishes information on other sources of financial assistance administered by external organizations (e.g. bank-administered Tuition Fee Loan (TFL) Scheme; CPF Education Scheme; Mendaki Tertiary Tuition Fee Subsidy). In many instances, the respective administrators of such schemes require that applications be made immediately upon receipt of the admission offer from the University and within their stipulated deadlines. This is regardless of whether you have applied for NUS-administered Financial Aid.

*~Applicable to Singapore Citizens only*

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**20) 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.

**21) How do I check my application status?**

Please log in with your application number and 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.

Your application number and the PIN created by you for AY2012-2013 admission can only be used during the admission period from October 2011 to August 2012 to check your online application status. This online facility will close on 31 August 2012 and after which, it will no longer be available.

**22) How do I update my contact information after submitting my application?**

If there are changes your contact information, please log in with your application number and PIN at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/applicants.htm> to update the details. This will ensure prompt delivery of any message or documents to you. You may submit multiple updates but only the last update received will be CONSIDERED. Each time you make a change, an acknowledgement email will be sent to the email address you have indicated on the online application form. The closing date for updating of contact information is 21 February 2012.

**23) How do I amend my choice of courses after submission of online application?**

If you wish to alter your choice of NUS courses after submitting your online application, please log in with your application number and PIN at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/applicants.htm> to do so. You may submit multiple changes but only the last change received will be CONSIDERED. Each time you make a change, an acknowledgement email will be sent to the email address you have indicated on the online application. The closing date for revising your choices is 21 February 2012. No revisions will be entertained after the due date.

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**24) 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 2012. 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 2012.

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.

**25) 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 2012. 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 2012.