

3.1 Admission

Students apply to join USP. Application is by academic and co-curricular transcripts, an essay, and an interview. Students are admitted based on their academic potential and co-curricular achievements, together with their passion, motivation, and curiosity. Students may refer to the <http://www.usp.nus.edu.sg/admissions> for more USP admission-related matters.

Prospective students complete and submit their USP application at the same time as their NUS application for admissions to any of USP's partner faculties or schools, namely, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), NUS Business School (BIZ), School of Computing (SOC), School of Design and Environment (SDE), Faculty of Engineering (FOE), Faculty of Law (LAW) and Faculty of Science (FOS). Each application will be processed separately. They can apply online through the USP admissions portal (usp.sg) by the closing date, which is typically 1 week after the closing date for NUS application each year. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Open to the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), NUS Business School (BIZ), School of Computing (SOC), School of Design and Environment (SDE), Faculty of Engineering (FOE) and Faculty of Science (FOS), NUS students in their first semester may also apply to join USP during USP's 2nd admissions exercise from 1 to 31 October each year.

Students who are interested to pursue one of the double degree programmes available in NUS may also apply to USP, provided the two degrees are offered by our partner faculties or schools, with the exception of NUS Law. In most cases, students who are admitted to both programmes will need to extend their candidature in NUS in order to complete all the necessary requirements.

USP students can apply to change their course of study up to the end of their second year. The application will be subject to the review and approval of the Admissions Selection Committee in NUS, and the relevant faculties or schools involved.

USP students also live in a residential college - [Cinnamon College \(USP\)](#) in the University Town - in year one and a second year of their choice, a key feature of USP since 2011. Only upon acceptance to USP, students will proceed to apply to live in the residential college (Cinnamon College) via the University Hostel Management System, administered by the NUS Office of Student Affairs.

USP is an academic programme and not a scholarship disbursement programme. USP students may however apply for NUS scholarships, or be recipients of other scholarships. For details, please visit <http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/scholarships> or <http://www.usp.nus.edu.sg/financial-aid-and-scholarships>.