3.3.4 Concurrent Degree Programme with Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

The Five-Year Concurrent Degree Programme (CDP) offered by Yale-NUS College and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP) is designed for students who want a broad liberal arts education followed by careers in the field of public policy. The programme will accept applications from students during the first semester of their junior year. Students will enrol in courses at LKYSPP during the first semester of their senior year.

Students enrolled in the concurrent degree programme will attend classes at both Yale-NUS and LKYSPP and will graduate with two degrees - the Yale-NUS Bachelor of Arts (Honours) or Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree and the Master of Public Policy following completion of a minimum of 140 modular credits (MCs) at Yale-NUS College and 56 MCs at the LKYSPP. It is expected that students will be able to complete these requirements in five academic years.

This programme is designed for students who are interested in applying their broad academic and intellectual background from the liberal arts and sciences curriculum to thinking and acting in the global dimensions of national policies. Students will be selected not only on the basis of academic and professional accomplishments, but also on their leadership and teamwork skills, as well as public-spirited initiatives such as creating or participating in civil society organisations, non-profit organisations, and think-tanks.

At LKYSPP, students will focus on Master of Public Policy modules such as Economic Policy and Analysis, Politics and International Relations, and Policy Analysis Exercise (PAE). The PAE is a public policy or management study for a client in the public, private, or not-for-profit sector.

Established in 2004, the LKYSPP enrols some 400 students yearly and has trained over 2,000 graduates from over 80 countries in its Masters and PhD programmes. In 2007, LKYSPP became the first Asian school to join the prestigious Global Public Policy Network (GPPN) established by the Columbia School of International and Public Affairs in the United States, the London School of Economics in Britain and France’s Sciences Po.