

# NUS, NTU Coursera offerings taken up by over 620,000 learners globally

More than 620,000 people worldwide have taken courses from the National University of Singapore (NUS) and Nanyang Technological University (NTU) on Coursera's online platform.

Both universities have since 2014 offered several courses on the popular massive open online course provider. NUS has seven courses including effective communication, and reason and persuasion, and NTU offers four courses such as forensic science and exploring symmetry.

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era came mainly from the United States, India, Britain and China, said Mr Raghav Gupta, Coursera's managing director for Asia-Pacific.

Meanwhile, the top course on Coursera that participants in Singapore took up last year was First Step Korean by Yonsei University, a beginner-level course that covers reading, writing, listening and speaking in the Korean language.

The second most popular course was Machine Learning by Stanford University, which is a perennially popular choice for those seeking to adapt to a workplace increasingly defined by AI-driven

automation", said Mr Gupta.

The other three top choices for people here were The Science Of Well-Being by Yale University, Foundations: Data, Data, Everywhere by Google, and Programming For Everyone (Getting Started With Python) by University of Michigan.

Mr Gupta said: "The Coursera 2021 data shows that Singapore learners were particularly enthusiastic about courses that provide high-demand technology and data science skills, indicating a keen desire to gain the competencies needed to thrive in the modern, digital economy.

"There was also a rising uptake of courses related to professional certificates, which were designed to prepare learners without a university degree or technology experience for a wide range of high-demand digital jobs."

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