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General

1. Do all returning NSmen have to register for and attend classes during the Special Term prior to matriculation of undergraduate studies?

No, Special Term classes are purely optional. The arrangements are put in place to reduce the waiting time for returning NSmen to begin their classes earlier. The registration period for Returning NSmen for Special Term courses is from 1 February to 1 March yearly.

2. Will returning NSmen who attend Special Term classes be able to graduate one semester earlier?

Returning NSmen will be able to graduate one semester earlier should he take as many courses during the Special Term as he would in a regular semester (or offset any shortfall by taking more courses in other semesters). Students must however be cognisant that overstretching themselves over a short period of time during the Special Term, right after National Service, may not suit everyone. They should seek academic advice from their respective faculties before they decide to take on as many courses as they would in a regular semester for the Special Term.

Students who are enrolled in degree courses that are not on a modular curriculum structure (i.e. NUS Medicine, Dentistry and Law) will not be able to graduate earlier.

3. What should a returning NSman do if he wishes to drop any Special Term courses for which he has registered for?

The returning NSman has to submit a request via the [Academic Profile Updates \(APU\) Form](#) (access requires your NUS email and password). Students who decide to drop all courses will be deemed to have withdrawn from the programme. Please note the fee policy that will be applicable for dropping courses within the stipulated timeline stated [here](#).

Eligibility

4. Will full-time national servicemen who are expected to complete NS after the start of the Special Term be allowed to disrupt NS to register early?

No, the early registration for Special Term is intended for those who are enlisted in the December and March National Service intakes and would otherwise have to wait for a long time to enter university as they would be matriculating as undergraduate students only in the coming July/August.

5. Will returning NSmen who wish to re-apply to NUS for another course be able to register early to attend Special Term classes?

Yes, Returning NSmen can register early to attend Special Term classes if they wish to re-apply to NUS for another course. However, they should register for courses that meet the University Level Requirements and not the core courses, so that these courses they register for can satisfy their new course requirements if their application for the new course is successful.

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Course Selection & Application

6. Is there a limit to the number of Special Term courses that a student can register?

Generally, students are well advised to take not more than two courses per part of the Special Term.

7. Can returning NSmen choose to register for courses for only one part instead of both parts of the Special Term (i.e. either Part 1 or Part 2)?

Yes, but students should make this decision with the understanding that they may not be able to graduate a semester earlier if they have not completed the requisite academic requirements.

8. What are the courses that returning NSmen can register?

The list of courses is available on this [website](#).

Returning NSmen, however, are to check the pre-requisites for the courses they would like to take before registering for the courses. They can refer to [NUSMods](#) for information on the courses. For further enquiries on curriculum matters, returning NSmen should approach their undergraduate home faculty to clarify.

Please refer to [NUSMods](#) for details on the class and examination timetable (lecture, tutorial and laboratories if any).

9. How can returning NSmen apply for the courses?

Returning NSmen can register for the courses that they wish to read through the [NUS Online Application Portal](#). Please read this set of [application instructions](#) before applying.

Fees

10. What are the Special Term fees for returning NSmen?

Please refer to the applicable fees [here](#).

11. What are the available financial aid schemes for returning NSmen?

Eligible students can apply for the Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA) Scheme, Higher Education Student Loan (HESL) and NUS Financial Aid Package for payment of tuition fees. Further details will be provided in the offer letter from Office of the University Registrar. (Note: The PSEA can also be used for payment of Miscellaneous Student Fees.)

12. If a returning NSman has been awarded scholarship for his NUS Undergraduate Programme, can it be used to pay the Special Term fees?

Returning NSmen should contact their scholarship provider coordinator for their advice.

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