



College of Humanities
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The Power of Possibilities

Undergraduate
Admissions Brochure





Introduction



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The College of Humanities and Sciences (CHS) offers an enhanced undergraduate experience for students of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) and the Faculty of Science (FOS), two of the largest and most established faculties in Singapore.

Why CHS



Scale of Impact

Taps and builds on the research expertise of two of the largest and most established faculties in Singapore.



Deliberate Curriculum Curation

An interdisciplinary approach that builds in you the ability to draw connections, discover links and connect insights across disciplines.



Unparalleled Flexibility

We offer greater choice and unparalleled flexibility, so that you can chart your own path.

Highlights

4-year honours degree

Gives you time and space to broaden your intellectual horizons and acquire deep skills.

Choose your own pathway

Pursue a variety of major and minor combinations offered by both FASS and FOS, and even other faculties in NUS, to decide how specialised or broad-based you want your learning to be.

Interdisciplinary courses at all levels

Learn how to draw connections, discover links and connect insights across multiple disciplines.

Distinctive common curriculum

Courses are designed to give you a strong foundation in learning capabilities and transferable 21st century skills.

Problem-based pedagogies

Helps cultivate interdisciplinary thinking that is reinforced with experiential learning.

Future-ready

Be equipped with new skills for a digital world by taking on subjects like Design Thinking, Digital Literacy and Artificial Intelligence.

CHS in Numbers



1 College **2** Faculties
13 Common Curriculum pillars
4 Cross-Disciplinary Programmes
29 primary and **33** second majors
Around **70** minors
Around **20** specialisations
Over **1,000** courses per academic year

Choose Your Own Pathway

In addition to
33%
common curriculum

Versatelist

37%
Primary major

30%
Unrestricted
electives (and minor)

Integrator

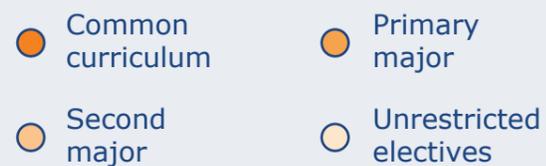
37%
Primary major

25%
Second major

5%
Unrestricted electives

Deep Specialist

67%
Primary major



Where We Can Take You

Internships
/ career
opportunities
in close to
40
industries

87%
of students
do at least one
internship

Life @ CHS



Over **340** partner universities
in **40** countries

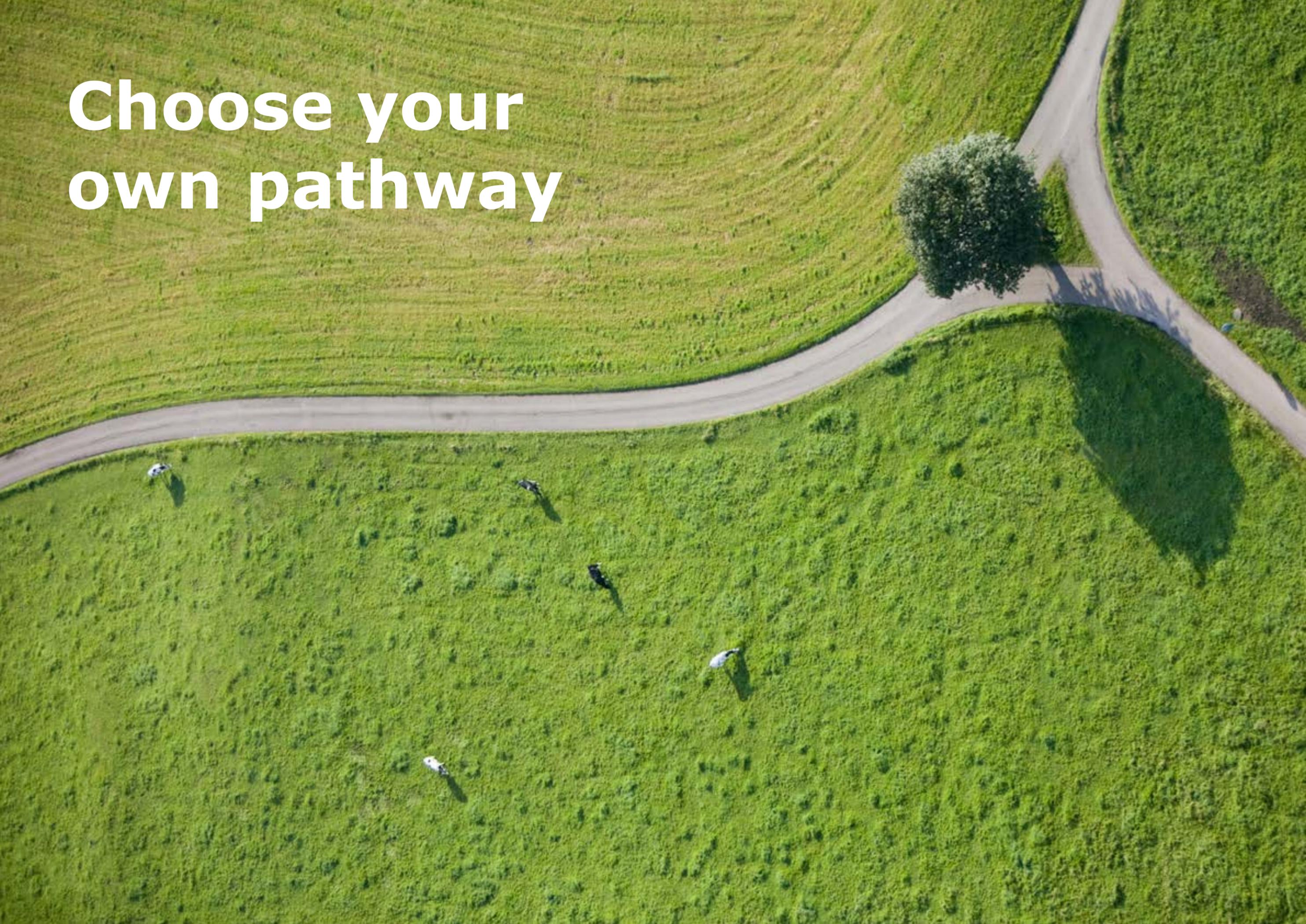


30 student clubs
and societies



5 Residential
colleges

**Choose your
own pathway**





Your Learning Journey

A vast array of academic choices

Within CHS, you can take double major pairings, major-minor pairings, and major with double minor combinations from FASS and FOS, and even from other faculties / schools / colleges in NUS. You can customise your learning and build depth and breadth in skills and knowledge. At the end of four years, you will graduate with an honours degree of Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BSc) or Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSocSci), depending on your primary major.

Cross Disciplinary Programmes

Our specially curated programmes – Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Bachelor of Environmental Studies (Honours), Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Data Science and Economics, and Geospatial Intelligence (Honours) – tightly integrate knowledge across different disciplines.

More exposure to multiple disciplines

You also have greater flexibility to explore disciplines within, CHS and beyond. These include Double Degree Programmes with the College of Design and Engineering, Computing, Law, Business and more, double majors and / or minors with other.

Common Curriculum

Your journey at CHS begins with our common curriculum that comprises 13 pillars, making up one-third of the total curriculum. It is designed to give you essential foundational skills and broaden your intellectual foundations.

Common Core Pillars

These courses are designed to help students build strong foundations in reading, writing, critical thinking and numeracy, as well as develop the traits of adaptability, resilience and empathy.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Understand the role of AI in our society and how data can revolutionise society.

Communities and Engagement *

Understand societal issues and contribute to advancing community building.

** Can be taken from Years 2 to 4*

Data Literacy

Apply data science techniques to unlock insights from Big Data for informed decision-making.

Design Thinking

Use design principles to navigate ambiguity in the creative process.

Digital Literacy

Apply computational tools to identify and solve real-world problems.

Writing

Learn the basics of academic writing and enhance information literacy and communication skills.

Integrated Pillars

These courses introduce students to diverse perspectives and challenges. Students will be challenged to analyse and engage with real-world complexities and global problems, with a special lens on Asia and its regions.

Asian Studies

Gain deeper appreciation of social, political and cultural diversity in Asian societies.

Humanities

Engage critically with concerns about what it means to be human.

Scientific Inquiry

Gain scientific literacy and apply scientific methods to differentiate between science and pseudoscience.

Social Sciences

Understand social complexity in relation to pertinent issues affecting contemporary societies in Singapore and beyond.

Interdisciplinary Pillars *

Discover how to integrate knowledge and insights across disciplines – an integral part of solving complex problems. Choose from a basket of interdisciplinary courses!

** Can be taken in Years 3 and 4*

Student Pathways

You can decide if you want a more broad-based or specialised experience. Whether you choose to be a versatelist, integrator or deep specialist, CHS will provide the foundations and exposure to support your personal and professional aspirations.

Versatelist

Always eager to explore something new, you can count on a versatelist to lend a fresh perspective to any topic.



Chua Richelle Aubrey Ang
Major in Chemistry
Minor in English Language and Linguistics
Minor in English Studies

"I find myself deeply fascinated by the process of construction which lies at the intersection of Chemistry and Linguistics / English Studies. With each functional group and affix attached, the compound and morpheme chains slowly grow to a heftier unit of meaning. It is only with understanding the process of synthesis that drug research, commercial products and *lingua franca* can meaningfully make the lives that we lead easier and safer."

Richelle decided to venture into her course combinations out of pure interest. In the process, she picked up the ability to synthesise data - whether quantitative, linguistic or textual - strengthening her adaptability and readiness to navigate both scientific inquiry and global discourse.

Integrator

Integrators are great connectors, who believe in finding links between even the most seemingly disparate subjects.



Timothy Aw Bang Hao
Double Majors in Psychology and Life Sciences

"The complementary perspectives of psychology and the life sciences converge in the study of behavioural neuroscience, which explores the neural underpinnings of behaviour and cognition, including psychological processes such as learning and memory. In the future, I aspire to further build upon my diversified knowledge in the field of neuropsychology through graduate training."

Timothy chose to pursue a Double Major in Psychology and Life Sciences, to leverage the perspectives of both disciplines to better understand human behaviour - one of his learning passions. With his second major, he intends to gain knowledge of the biological foundations of human behaviour and the various mechanisms behind how the brain is influenced by behaviour.

Deep Specialist

Deep specialists may be focused and passionate about their craft, but this doesn't mean they're narrow-minded!



Brendan Kuok
Major in Statistics
Specialisation in Finance and Business Statistics

"I selected my specialisation to develop a strong analytical foundation that can be applied to real-world business challenges. This combination aligns with my interest in data-driven decision-making and prepares me for a career in financial analytics. It also allows me to explore my passion for working with numbers while discovering broader applications in the business world."

Brendan decided to specialise in finance and business to enhance his problem-solving skills and ability to think critically through data analysis. He has mastered statistical tools for analysing business performance, developed financial models to evaluate market trends and improved his ability to communicate complex data findings effectively. These skills have strengthened his academic foundation by deepening his understanding of both quantitative methods and financial systems.

Your CHS Journey



Common Curriculum

Your journey begins with our common curriculum. Everyone must complete these courses, regardless of their major.



Student Life

Join any of our student clubs and societies and discover the vibrant student life experience at CHS!



Chart Your Path

Even before you complete our common curriculum, you can decide if you want a more broad-based or specialised experience.

Career Compass

Get a headstart towards skill development and career guidance.



Versatilist

One Major + Unrestricted Electives (and Minor)



Integrator

Two Majors + Unrestricted Electives



Deep Specialist

One Major



Research Projects

Access to expertise, top facilities and resources in FASS and FOS to ace your research projects and coursework.



Internships

Gain real-world work experience through our internship programmes.



Global Programmes

Head off on an international adventure!



What's Next?

A CHS education provides you with knowledge and skills across fields that will never go out of demand, no matter what path you choose.



Land your dream job?



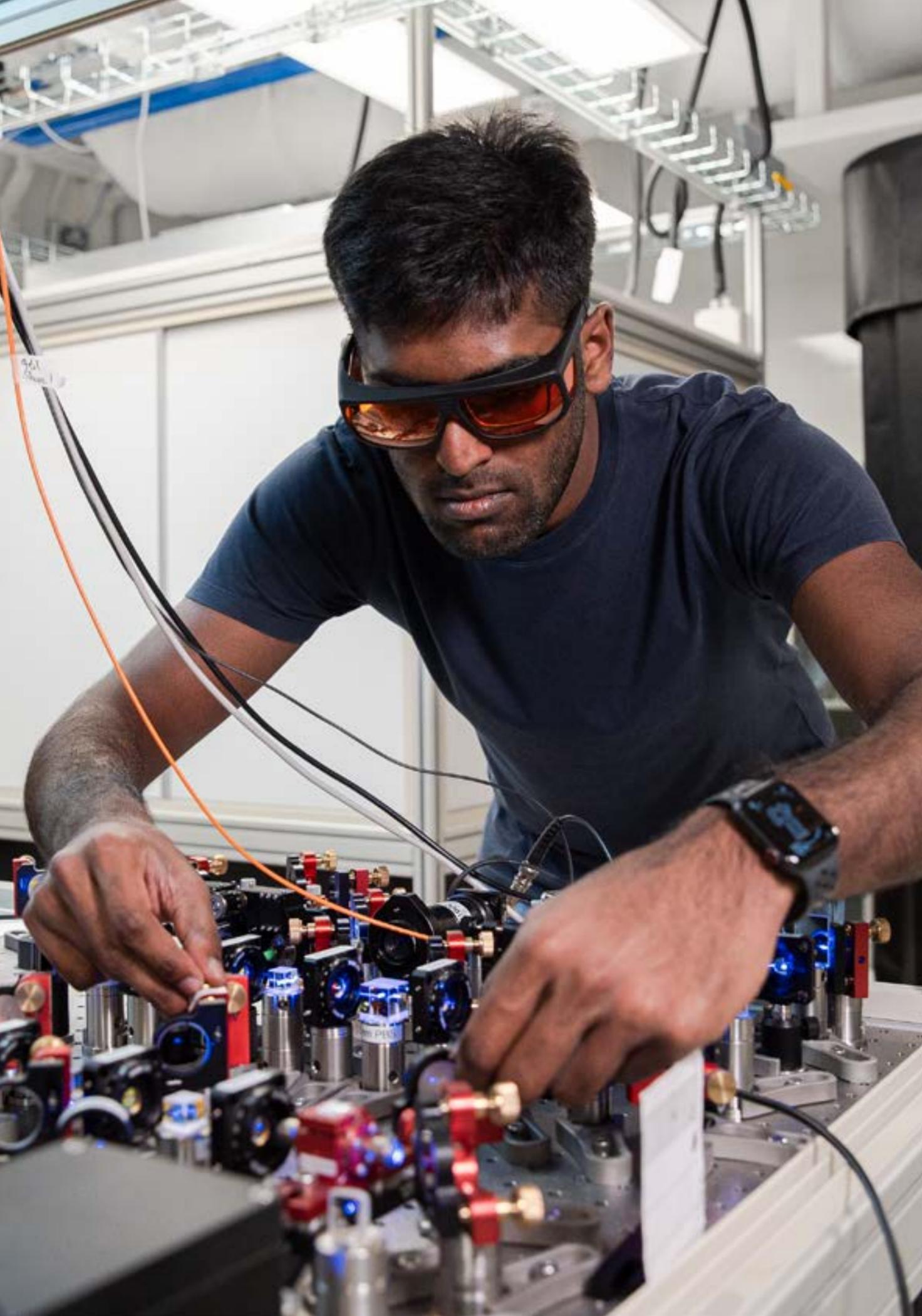
Pursue a postgraduate degree? Take up short courses?



Start your own business?



**A one of a kind
student experience**



Beyond the Classroom

Learning doesn't just happen in the classroom. Apart from exploring a wide range of subjects, you can also join other enriching opportunities in NUS, such as the various residential programmes and the Special Programme in Science (SPS). You'll be part of a vibrant and thriving local community that promotes close bonding and student welfare too!

In Singapore

Find your tribe both inside and outside the classroom! Apart from making friends in lectures, tutorials and project groups, you can also join any of our 30 student clubs and societies and discover the vibrant student life experience at CHS.

Around the World

CHS' Study Abroad Programmes open the door to a global learning experience. You can gain exposure to different academic environments and cultures, and broaden your intellectual and global outlook!

Student Exchange Programme (SEP)

Spend a semester at one of our partner universities overseas, where you'll gain exposure to new opportunities and cultures.



"My SEP at Wageningen University allowed me to grow in a different academic and cultural environment. I had the unique opportunity to participate in a research project supervised by an expert from a food startup in Italy and I gained exposure to cutting-edge developments in the food technology industry."

Tricia Chong

Major in Food Science and Technology

NUS Overseas Colleges (NOC)

Students will get the chance to work at startups across the globe, while taking classes at renowned universities.



"The Artificial Intelligence industry is flourishing in Paris and I had opportunities to attend networking events, talks and conferences. The experience changed my perspective on many things, particularly in understanding the effort and dedication needed to achieve entrepreneurial success - and reinforced my determination to become an entrepreneur."

Clement Ling[#]

Major in Data Science and Analytics
Minor in Information Systems

[#] Clement participated in NOC Paris

Summer Research Programmes

Make the most of your term breaks by taking your NUS courses, or conducting research, in an overseas setting.



"The courses I took broadened my understanding of how economic theories apply to real-world scenarios. Engaging with Berkeley's world-class faculty and exploring practical applications inspired me and deepened my passion for the field."

Colin Chow^{##}

Major in Economics
Minor in Data Analytics

^{##} Colin went to University of California, Berkeley

Global Classrooms

These programmes allow students to integrate classroom learning with immersive learning overseas that connect to real-world contexts.



"The experience of hands-on fieldwork in Malaysia across diverse ecosystems allowed me to explore how varying contexts influence the complexity of environmental issues and challenge myself to think critically for solutions. These lessons have profoundly shaped how I view environmental challenges and the process of addressing them."

Shaylie Yu

Cross-Disciplinary Programme in
Environmental Studies

Future-ready



Future-ready

A CHS education provides you with knowledge and skills across fields that will never go out of demand, no matter what path you choose. You'll be trained to be lifelong learners and effective problem-solvers, who can pivot towards new opportunities even during disruptive times.

Here are some of the types of jobs our curriculum will prepare you for.

 Data Analyst and Scientist	 Digital Marketing and Strategy Specialist	 Educator
 Environmental Consultant	 Food Technologist	 Forensic Scientist
 Health Policy Analyst	 Journalist	 Researcher
	 Risk Management Specialist	

In addition to equipping you with the skills needed for these jobs, we also offer extensive career preparation, guidance and internship opportunities to ensure you are future-ready.

Career Compass Series

This initiative formalises the relationship between career advisors and students and provides a structured framework to help you with career planning throughout your undergraduate journey. This initiative is jointly undertaken by FOS, FASS and NUS' Centre for Future-ready Graduates (CFG).

"My career advisor provides one-on-one guidance to help me keep my career readiness plan on track. I now have a better understanding of what I would like to do after graduation."



Dvhiti Shah
Major in Food Science and Technology

Internships

You will have opportunities to put what you learn into practice and gain hands-on experience at the workplace.

"Through my internship, I realised that the soft skills and critical thinking that we gain from our studies are not only just applicable to jobs directly related to our course of study - they are attributes valued by all employers."



Nicholas Loke
Double Majors in Physics and Economics

Mentorship

FOS' and FASS' mentorship programmes provide our students industry-relevant insights and career guidance.

"The mentorship journey has been instrumental in my professional and personal self-development. Under the guidance of a mentor, I gained firsthand perspectives that supplemented my understanding of the industry of interest, beyond information from online resources."



Ting Mei Ting
Double Majors in Psychology and Sociology
Minor in Community Development and Leadership

Overseas Industrial Exposure

The Global Industry Insights course brings students on overseas study trips to various countries for industry visits, employer networking sessions and cultural appreciation activities.

"Engaging with local professionals, visiting industrial sites and experiencing the seamless blend of tradition and modernity in Shanghai and Suzhou enabled me to see the world from a different lens."



Kwang Xin Ying*
Major in Chemistry
Minor in Forensic Science

**Xin Ying participated in Global Industry Insights, China*

Our interdisciplinary family





Tung Soo Hua

Presenter / Executive Editor
Mediacorp Pte Ltd

BSc (Hons) in Mathematics (1997)
MSocSci in International Studies (2007)*

“My science education gave me resilience to manage change. Now, I live the change daily as a journalist.”

Soo Hua is an award-winning news and current affairs presenter with Mediacorp and the executive editor of news-infotainment programme, *Morning Express*. She has produced and presented several current affairs programmes and interviewed over 100 chief executives and captains of industries. She has hosted programmes for Singapore’s General Elections coverage and served as the Mandarin commentator for live coverage of Singapore’s National Day Parade.

Soo Hua was named the Best News / Current Affairs Presenter for eight times at Mediacorp’s Star Awards.



Lan Yingjie

Special Assistant
School Operations Policy Branch
Ministry of Education (MOE)

Double Majors in Life Sciences and English Language (2016)

“My science degree trained me to be very precise, while my arts degree taught me how to embrace a broader picture and communicate ideas to others.”

Yingjie, who taught General Paper (GP) until December 2022, credits his educational training for enabling him to make a difference as an effective GP educator to his students, who came from arts and science backgrounds. To him, teaching GP, which covers a wide range of topics across both disciplines, has been a true test of the synthesis of his learning at NUS.

He was recently posted to MOE’s School Operations Policy Branch, where he works on systems and policy work to meaningfully advance our education systems.



Adam Rahman

Managing Director
Head of Corporate Affairs
Citi Singapore and ASEAN

Double Majors in Political Science and Philosophy (1984)

“A multidimensional approach is important to leadership, management and decision-making. It’s great that the College of Humanities and Sciences is now providing the opportunity for our young undergraduates to get a headstart to their career development.”

In his role as Head of Corporate Affairs for Citi Singapore, Adam oversees all internal and external communications, reputational risk management and government relations functions.

Outside of Citi, Adam serves as a District Councillor of the South East Community Development Council of Singapore, which aims to assist the needy and enable greater understanding amongst various communities.



Tang Chilin

Associate Director (Data & Analytics)
Digitas Asia-Pacific

Double Majors in Economics and History (1997)

“In history, I learnt that the present is shaped by past events. And what’s happening today would hold the key to the future.”

For more than 20 years, Chilin has been in the business of readiness and he applies data science and his deep knowledge of the automotive, industrial and energy-related industries to prepare clients to adapt and thrive in the industries of tomorrow. As an NUS alumnus, Chilin peeks into the past to gain insights into the future.

*Previously offered by FASS

Admissions





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Inspired to explore an interdisciplinary education? We accept students from a range of qualifications, including A-Levels, polytechnic diplomas, NUS High School, International Baccalaureate and international applicants! There are [specific requirements](#) for each category of applicants, and you'll be considered based on the strength of your academic achievements and additional interviews / assessments, if required.

Tuition Fees

The fees for all NUS undergraduate programmes for the coming academic year will be published on the Registrar's Office website [here](#) around May to June each year. Whether you choose to take up a second major or minor(s), your tuition fees will be the same as if you were to choose a single major.

Financial Aid

NUS has several financial aid schemes to support financially needy students, including bursaries, loans and work study assistance.

Find out if you're eligible [here](#).

Subject Prerequisites

Some of our courses require subject prerequisites. If you already have an idea of the specific course you'd like to apply for, find out if you're eligible [here](#).

Scholarships

For students with outstanding academic achievements, leadership qualities and special talents, NUS offers a variety of undergraduate scholarships and awards.

Check out [our website](#) for more information and how you can apply for them.

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