



2026 - 2027 SEMESTER 1 & 2

GEM-TRAILBLAZER 3+1+1 INTEGRATED PROGRAMME

INFORMATION SHEET

NTU, the ideal 'soft landing' in the vibrant heart of a booming Asia-Pacific.

Explore a diverse range of learning experiences, including world-class pedagogy and thrilling student activities, all set on our expansive garden campus! Immerse yourself in the academic excellence of one of the world's leading universities, coupled with the excitement of a distinctly Asian adventure. International students from partner universities are invited to join our GEM Trailblazer 3+1+1 Integrated Programme for a rewarding study opportunity.



The GEM Trailblazer 3+1+1 Integrated Programme welcomes undergraduate students to study at NTU and experience student life at a vibrant and world-class institution.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

SEMESTER 1 & 2

AUGUST 2026 - MAY 2027

NOMINATION WINDOW

Now to 15 March 2026

APPLICATION DEADLINE

30 March 2026

What makes NTU a great choice?



RANKED 12TH
IN THE WORLD*



VIBRANT AND
DIVERSE, YET
UNIQUELY ASIAN



WIDE RANGE OF
STUDENT AND
RECREATIONAL
ACTIVITIES



A SAFE AND
FRIENDLY
DESTINATION



ONE OF THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL
CAMPUSES IN THE
WORLD



ACCESS TO STATE-
OF-THE-ART
FACILITIES



GATEWAY TO
SOUTHEAST ASIA
AND BEYOND

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

PROGRAMME DATES

SEMESTER 1

11 August - 4 Dec 2026

WELCOME WEEK

5 - 7 August 2026**

RECESS WEEK

28 September - 2 October 2026

REVISION + EXAM PERIOD

16 November - 4 December 2026*

SEMESTER 2

11 January - 7 May 2027

RECESS WEEK

1 - 5 March 2027

REVISION + EXAM PERIOD

19 April - 7 May 2027*

* Includes exam dates.

** Dates are tentative; students will be notified of the confirmed dates in the E-Welcome Package.

 ACADEMIC CALENDARS

PROGRAMME FEES

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S\$42,290.80 (indicative rates only and subject to changes)

Students are billed for the fees one month prior to the semester commencing and must settle payment by the second week of the semester.

Note:

* Fees shown are indicative and based on AY 25/26 rates

* Fees shown are mandatory and non-refundable, include GST at the prevailing rate, and may be subject to revision at any time.

STUDY LEVEL

The GEM Trailblazer 3+1+1 Integrated Programme is open to Undergraduate (UG) students nominated by NTU's partner universities.

MODE OF STUDY

You may read courses during the programme. A list of approved courses will be given to you to select from. You may only select courses from the pre-approved courselist provided with your application guide. Students are strictly not be permitted to audit nor take any courses outside of the pre-approved list.

PROGRAMME DURATION

The duration of study is specific to your programme.

MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

All courses, except language courses, are conducted in English.

SEMESTER WORKLOAD

The number of AUs you are required to fulfil is stipulated in your programme requirements. Please check with your Home University on this.

COURSE REGISTRATION

You may obtain information about course registration and view your approved courses through the **GEM Trailblazer Study Abroad Portal**.

ACADEMIC UNITS AND GRADING SYSTEM

NTU's courses are assigned credits based on academic units (AUs). Most courses offered in NTU are worth three to four AUs.

The AU is a measure of the student's workload associated with both class attendance and preparation. For a typical one-semester course, the number of AU is calculated as follows:

- 1 hour of lecture/tutorial per week : 1 AU
- 3 hours laboratory/fieldwork per week : 1 AU

NTU uses the Grade Point Average (GPA) system in awarding grades. The Pass/Fail option is not applicable to exchange students.

ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Two hardcopies of the official NTU transcript will be mailed to your home university's exchange office within two months of completing the Programme. One copy is for your personal records, while the other will be retained by your home university. There is no need for you to request these transcripts. **NTU does not issue electronic transcripts to exchange students.**

WITHDRAWING FROM THE PROGRAMME

Before arriving at NTU

You must inform your home university in writing of your decision to withdraw, with NTU's Office of Global Education and Mobility (OGEM) in copy.

After arriving at NTU

You must inform your home university in writing of your decision to withdraw, with NTU's Office of Global Education and Mobility (OGEM) in copy, before firming up your departure travel plans.



WHEN SHOULD YOU ARRIVE AT AND DEPART FROM NTU?

All inbound students are expected to attend classes from the first day of the semester. The best time to arrive is early in the week preceding the start of classes. This provides an opportunity to acclimate to your new environment and participate in the Welcome Week Activities for Inbound Students. The inbound team will provide more precise information regarding the recommended arrival date in due course. Arriving after the semester has begun is ***strongly discouraged.***

Requests to modify registered courses after the add/drop period ends (Teaching Weeks 1 and 2) ***will not be accommodated*** under any circumstances. Additionally, remote learning options are not available. If you cannot arrive by the recommended time, please contact OGEM with valid reasons to seek further advice.

Arrange return flights ***after*** the semester ends, as exams may occur on the final day. Rescheduling exams is not possible, and requests for it will not be entertained. Students who miss exams without valid proof shall be considered to have failed the course, resulting in an "F" grade on their transcript.

APPLYING TO THE PROGRAMME

APPLICATION DEADLINES

AY 26/27 SEMESTER 1 & 2

Apply by: 30 March 2026

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

- My home university is NTU's partner institution
- I am a full-time, matriculated student at my home university
- I have been nominated by my home university
- I have completed 3 years of my degree at my home university
- I have a CGPA of at least 3.3/5 or equivalent
- I am proficient in the English language



IMPORTANT

Your completed application must be received within the stipulated deadline. Late applications will not be processed. Incomplete applications will cause delays, affecting subsequent processes.

Students interested in applying to the GEM Trailblazer programme must be nominated by their home institution.

We do not accept direct applications. Once your nomination is submitted, you will receive the application link, together with information to help you begin your application.

DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT

PASSPORT-SIZED ID PHOTO (.JPG, <100KB)

- Clear, coloured passport-sized ID photo taken recently
- **Photo guidelines** must be **strictly adhered to**
- Photos or scans taken of photographic images will be **rejected**

PASSPORT BIO-DATA PAGE (.JPG, <200KB)

- Clear, coloured, scan of your passport bio-data page
- Showing all details on the bio-data page of the passport
- Machine-readable zone must be clearly visible
- Valid for **at least 6 months** from the start of exchange at NTU (August for Sem 2 applicants)

TRANSCRIPTS (.PDF, COMBINED INTO A SINGLE FILE)

- Official transcript **in English (signed by the Registrar and stamped with the home university's seal)**, reflecting all courses taken to-date
- List of courses registered in current semester (if not shown in transcript)

PROOF OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Required only where English is *not* the medium of instruction in the home institution. Refer to page 8 for accepted English tests/indicative grades. If you do not have any of the tests listed, you may request for a letter from your home university, confirming your language proficiency.

HOW TO APPLY

- Click 'Start your application' below
- Click 'For New Applicants' to create an application number and select 'Undergraduate Student'
- Complete the 'Online Application for Admission'

Please take note of the following:

- 'Student Category': select '**School-based**'
- 'Home University': select your home university

If your home university name is not found in the list, please write to GEM-Trailblazer@ntu.edu.sg for assistance.

START YOUR APPLICATION 

OTHER MATTERS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Inbound travellers to Singapore must ensure they fulfil the prevailing entry requirements.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

ENTRY VISAS

Students who need a visa to enter Singapore do not need to apply separately for one. Once the Student's Pass (STP) is approved, the In-Principle Approval (IPA) letter issued will include a single-entry visa for entry to Singapore.

STUDENT'S PASS (STP)

You must hold a valid Student's Pass (STP) from Singapore's Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) for the duration of your programme. Application guidance will be provided after you accept the offer. Travel should only be arranged after your STP is approved.

Fees (subject to changes):

- Processing fee: S\$45
- Issuance fee: S\$60
- Multiple-journey fee (if applicable): S\$30

Note:

- If your NTU programme exceeds six months, you must undergo a health screening as per the STP requirements.
- Exchange students holding the STP are **not allowed** to engage in work activities, whether paid or unpaid, for the duration of their stay.

STUDENT'S PASS

LIVING EXPENSES

You should set aside sufficient funds to cover your living costs while studying abroad. Expenses include accommodation, meals, transport, textbooks and stationery, recreation, and other personal needs.

PROGRAMME FEES

Total Programme fees*: S\$42,290.80 (indicative rates and subject to changes)

Programme fees consists of the following:

- Tuition fee
- Registration and Administrative fee
- Miscellaneous fees. These cover the costs of providing health insurance, student programmes and amenities, IT services, and other academic-related services.

Students are billed for the fees one month prior to the semester commencing and payment must be completed by the second week of the semester.

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ACCOMMODATION (NOT OFFERED)

Accommodation is not offered. Students are advised to source and secure their own accommodation in advance before arriving in Singapore.

NTU is located in the western end of Singapore. Depending on your needs and preferences, you will be able to find various housing options offered by private operators as well as homeowners close to campus. We recommend focusing on areas near NTU, such as Boon Lay, Jurong West, and Jurong East.

ALTERNATIVE HOUSING OPTIONS

VAPING IS PROHIBITED

NTU is a 100% Vape-Free Campus. The use or possession of vapes, e-vaporisers, or substances such as etomidate is strictly prohibited. Offenders will face **immediate termination** from their programme, further penalties under NTU and Singapore law, and a permanent ban from future Exchange or Visiting opportunities at NTU.

ADVISORY ON VAPING & E-VAPORISERS

HEALTH/MEDICAL DECLARATIONS

To ensure that your wellbeing is addressed, declare all existing conditions (medical, physical/mobility, sensory, neurological, learning disabilities, etc.) in your application. You may be asked to provide medical records or specialist reports for evaluation.

MEDICAL AND WELLBEING SERVICES

Medical, dental, and counselling services are available on campus to support your wellbeing. For after-hours care, visit a nearby clinic, or in emergencies, go to Ng Teng Fong General Hospital.

GETTING TO CAMPUS

NTU is located in the western part of Singapore and is accessible from Changi Airport via MRT, taxi, or ride-hailing (Grab, Gojek, TADA). Our pre-arrival guide will provide more information.

PERSONAL INSURANCE

Enrolment in NTU's compulsory student insurance schemes, including Group Personal Accident Insurance (GPAI), Group Hospitalisation & Surgical Insurance (GHSI), and Medical Scheme, is included in the fees payable by exchange students, regardless of existing coverage. You should also purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip to and from Singapore and any travel during the semester.

NTU STUDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE

BANKING FACILITIES ON CAMPUS

OCBC bank on campus offers banking services, with an early closure fee for accounts closed within six months. ATMs are available across campus for cash withdrawals.

OCBC PERSONAL BANKING SERVICES



WELCOME WEEK

Welcome Week kicks off in Week 0 each semester and is the perfect opportunity to meet fellow international students, make friends, and explore all that NTU offers.

Join the Orientation Briefing, enjoy the campus and city tours, and participate in engaging activities designed to help you settle in and start your NTU journey on the right foot!

HAVE A QUESTION?

If you have a specific query, reach out to the Inbound Mobility Team at the Office of Global Mobility (OGEM) at GEM-Trailblazer@ntu.edu.sg.

RESOURCES

-  FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
-  STUDENT LIFE
-  WELLBEING AND SUPPORT
-  CAMPUS HEALTH SERVICES



THE GEM TRAILBLAZER SUMMER PROGRAMME

The future is hot in Asia! The GEM Trailblazer Summer Programme offers many courses across five tracks—spend your summer at NTU, Singapore, and explore the vibrant cultures of neighbouring countries!

FROM APPLICATION TO ARRIVAL

PRE-APPLICATION

Your study abroad coordinator will nominate you. Once your nomination is submitted, you will receive an email with the application link and instructions to begin your application.

STEP 1: APPLY ONLINE

SEM 1 & 2: BY 30 MARCH 2026

Complete the application, ensuring that the **application instructions** are followed closely.

STEP 2: ACCEPT THE OFFER

SEM 1 & 2: MAY - JUNE

When your application is approved, you will receive the E-Welcome Package with login details for the **GEM Trailblazer Study Abroad Portal** to accept your offer and begin Step 3 tasks.

STEP 3A: APPLY FOR STUDENT'S PASS

Student's Pass (STP) applications must be submitted between two to three months before your intended arrival date.

The **GEM Trailblazer Study Abroad Portal** contains key pre-arrival enrolment formalities and information, including:

- Letter of Enrolment (LOE)
- Student's Pass (STP) application
- Course registration processes and deadlines
- Other essential arrival details

STEP 3B: COURSE REGISTRATION

Course registration is an ongoing process that extends into the start of the semester. Students must stay informed about all tasks, deadlines, requirements, and concerning course registration.

STEP 4: ATTEND PRE-ARRIVAL BRIEFING + Q&A

The briefing will go over course registration, STP application, and travel preparation details, with opportunities for additional questions during follow-up Q&A sessions.

STEP 5: MAKE TRAVEL PLANS

It is recommended to book your flights only *after* receiving the In-Principle Approval (IPA) letter, issued when the STP application (Step 3A) is approved. You should also purchase travel insurance.

STEP 3C: SOURCE FOR OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

Students are advised to make all housing arrangements prior to arrival in Singapore.

STEP 6: ARRIVE AT NTU

Plan to arrive the week before the semester starts. Join the Welcome Week Activities, and start classes while finalising courses in the add/drop period (Teaching weeks 1 and 2).

APPENDIX

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

Proof of English proficiency is required where English is **not** the medium of instruction in the home institution. These guidelines are in place to ensure that exchange students are suited to cope with the rigorous curriculum conducted in English.

We accept the following English proficiency tests and indicative grades:

- IELTS/IELTS Indicator: a minimum 6 (Overall) and 6 (Writing)
- TOEFL/TOEFL iBT® Special Home Edition : a minimum of 570 (paper) or 90 (internet) or 237 (computer)

For other English proficiency tests that are accepted by NTU, please refer to the **Office of Admissions' website**. Alternatively, if you do not have any of the tests above, you may provide a letter issued by your home university, confirming your English proficiency and ability to follow classes in English.

Note:

- TOEFL MyBest® scores are not accepted.
- For IELTS and TOEFL, only scores obtained in the 2 years leading up to the application deadline will be considered.