

STUDENTS

# RELEASE OF 2023 A-LEVEL RESULTS

What's Next?



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**Success is not final,  
Failure is not fatal;  
It is the courage to  
continue that counts.**

Winston Churchill

# Which best describes your feeling now

**My grades are  
competitive for  
university  
admissions**

**I have a course in  
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**I am not sure if I  
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university course**

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# “My grades are competitive for university admissions”

## (a) I know my choices

- Explore **talent development** programmes at the local AUs (e.g. NUS College, NTU Premier Scholars Programmes)
- Explore **Scholarships, Financial assistance**
  - *Refer:* Brightsparks, Scholarship Guide, SgIS, Scholars' Choice
  - Apply together with university application
- Prepare for application

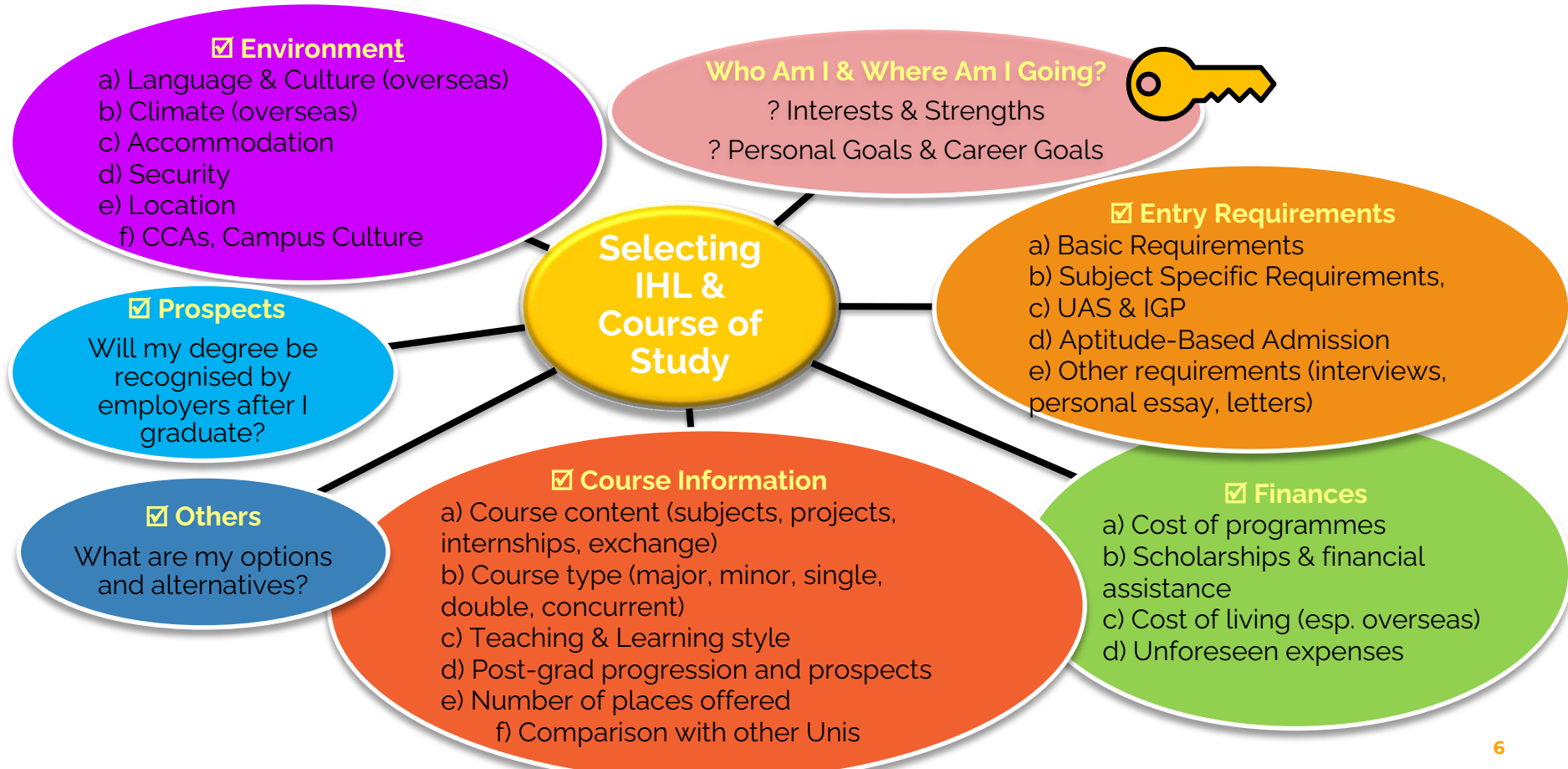
## b) I'm still unsure of my choices

- Visit University **Open Houses**
- Use “**Factors**” ([Guide 1](#)) to guide course exploration
  - What are the subjects or activities you enjoy and/or do well in? (Strengths/Interests)
  - What are your future career and educational aspirations?
- Discuss your options with your parents, teachers or [ECCG](#)

# Factors to consider when selecting a university/course

(applicable to overseas/private universities or similar)

Guide 1



## Comparing Universities:

1. What kinds of courses are available?
2. What is the learning environment and experience like?
3. How will the university prepare me for life beyond the university?
4. What are the professors and co-educators like?
5. Who are the alumni?
6. Does the university recognise my talents and needs?
7. What are the employment and postgraduate outcomes of the graduates?



# OPEN HOUSE

If you have missed the dates, you can still access the recorded talks via the open house websites

- NUS: [2-7 March 2024 \(Virtual\) | 9 March 2024 \(In-person\)](#)
- NTU: [17-24 February 2024 \(Virtual\) | 2 March 2024 \(In-person\)](#)
- SMU: [24 & 25 February 2024 \(In-person\)](#)
- SUTD: [24 & 25 February 2024 \(In-person\)](#)
- SUSS: [24 February 2024 \(In-person\)](#)
- SIT: [Website](#)
- UAS : [2 March 2024 \(In-person\)](#)










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# Ready to apply!

## Take ownership of your application

TIP: You should save and/or print a copy of the acknowledgement page/email for your own reference.

Institution		6 Autonomous Universities		
		<b>Comprehensive</b>		
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		Accountancy   Info Systems	Business   Social Science	Economics   Law Integrative Studies
		Design   Architecture   Engineering   Technology (Computer Science & AI)		
		Engineering   Food, Chemical & BioTech   IT Business, Communication & Design   Health & Social Science		
		(Flagship for Adult Learners) Humanities & Behavioural Sciences   Accountancy & Business Human Development   Law (Criminal & Family) Science & Technology		
		Art Therapy   Arts & Cultural Leadership   Arts Management Arts Pedagogy   Creative Writing   Design   Fine Arts Media Arts   Music   Performing Arts		

Up to **2.5** bonus points for first choice

 Specialised universities

E.g. Game Design, Allied Health courses.

E.g. Early Childhood Education, Public Safety & Security, etc.

**Law**  
NUS, SMU,  
SUSS

**Art, Design  
& Media**  
NUS, NTU,  
SIT, UAS

**Humanities  
& Social  
Sciences**  
NUS, NTU,  
SUSS, SMU

**Business**  
NTU, SMU,  
NUS, SUSS,  
SIT

## Similar Offerings

**Music**  
NUS, UAS

**Engineering**  
SUTD, NUS,  
NTU, SIT

**Build  
Environment**  
NUS, NTU,  
SUTD, SIT

**Science**  
NUS, NTU

## Across Local Uni

**Health  
Sciences**  
SIT, NUS,  
NTU

**InfoComm  
Technology**  
NUS, SIT, NTU,  
SMU, SUTD,  
SUSS

## Institutions

More aptitude-based varsity admissions to shift emphasis away from academic grades

THE STRAITS TIMES



**Aptitude-Based**  
(must **opt-in** and write personal statement)



### Holistic / Aptitude-Based



**ACT/ SAT scores can bolster your application. see SUSS website for details**

<sup>^</sup> For SAT, we require a minimum total score of 1,260 with at least 630 each for Reading and Math. You may submit your SAT scores directly to SUSS (recommended) or through SAT. Our Institution Code for SUSS is 7382. All scores must be submitted to SUSS by 31 March of the admission year. For more information on SAT, please visit <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>.

# SOME HIGHLIGHTS

Institution	Highlights
<b>NUS</b>	<p><a href="#">New common curriculum for incoming NUS Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy students</a> <sup>NEW</sup></p> <p><a href="#">New Business Admin Programme</a>: 4-year direct honours, with 9 majors including accountancy and real estate <sup>NEW AY2024</sup></p> <p><a href="#">2<sup>nd</sup> Major &amp; Minor in Computing (Design &amp; Engineering)</a> <sup>NEW AY2024</sup></p>
<b>NTU</b>	<p><a href="#">NTU Talent Scholarship : New to nurture students' non-academic talent</a> <sup>NEW</sup></p> <p><a href="#">Accountancy for Future Leaders : Bachelor of Accountancy in Sustainability Management and Analytics</a> <sup>NEW AY2024</sup></p> <p><a href="#">Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Society</a> <sup>NEW AY2024</sup></p> <p><a href="#">Bachelor of Social Science in Philosophy, Politics and Economics</a> <sup>NEW AY2024</sup></p> <p><a href="#">Bachelor of Applied Computing in Finance</a> <sup>NEW AY2024</sup></p> <p><a href="#">Bachelor of Chinese Medicine</a> <sup>NEW AY2024</sup></p>

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Institution	Highlights
<b>SUTD</b>	<a href="#">42 Singapore</a> : a <a href="#">new</a> innovative and inclusive ICT school that offers tuition-free free training to equip learners with the most-in-demand tech skills for jobs, accessible to all. Instead of teachers and lectures, it uses a unique peer-learning approach and offers 100% hands-on project-based learning in a gamified environment to develop technical and soft skills needed for the industry <b>NEW</b>
<b>SMU</b>	<a href="#">Newly Introduced Specialisation Tracks for Law students - Corporate Transaction, Law and Technology, or Dispute Resolution</a> <b>NEW</b>  <a href="#">New CCA transcript (including skills learnt)</a> <b>NEW</b>  School of Social Sciences: <a href="#">New Second Major in Sustainable Societies</a> <b>NEW AY2024</b>

# SOME HIGHLIGHTS

Institution	Highlights
<b>SIT</b>	<p><a href="#">Integrated Through-Train Bachelor's to Master's programme in Nursing</a>: with Term-In-Term-Out and Work-Study approaches in partnership with SingHealth <small>NEW AY2024</small></p> <p><a href="#">Agritech and Aquaculture Specialisation</a> introduced in Bachelor of Engineering in Sustainable Built Environment (SBE) programme <small>NEW AY2024</small></p> <p><a href="#">New Punggol Campus</a> anticipated to operational in second half of 2024</p>
<b>SUSS</b>	<p><a href="#">Revamp University Curriculum (Core, Major, Minors)</a> for students to be relevant, progressive and agile learners <small>NEW</small></p> <p><a href="#">Bachelor of Science in Psychology</a> <small>NEW AY2024</small></p> <p><a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Studies</a> <small>NEW AY2024</small></p>

# SOME HIGHLIGHTS

Institution	Highlights
<b>UAS</b>	Singapore first Art University welcome students from Aug 2024 (formed by NAFA & Lasalle Alliance)  <a href="#">New Common Curriculum (including internships)</a> <b>NEW</b>

\* The MOE Tuition Grant is a grant provided by the Government of Singapore to help students manage the costs of full-time tertiary education in Singapore. Eligible Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and international students enrolled in full-time undergraduate courses at the autonomous universities may receive it. Singapore Citizens will receive the grant automatically when they commence their studies, while Permanent Residents and international students need to apply for it. Visit <https://tgonline.moe.gov.sg> for FAQ and details



## HOW TO APPLY

### □ Online application: Visit respective University website

- Consider ALL local universities
- Consider options and alternatives, mix of desired and “safe” courses (“Follow your heart but take your brain with you”)
- Rank your choices carefully (Ranking matters in some university)
- Apply for scholarships/financial assistance at the same time
- Make use of **Aptitude Based-Admissions** to share who you are as a person and why you deserve a place
  - <http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/undergraduate-programmes/aptitude-based-admission> (NUS)
  - [https://www3.ntu.edu.sg/oad2/website\\_files/DA.pdf](https://www3.ntu.edu.sg/oad2/website_files/DA.pdf) (NTU)
  - <https://admissions.smu.edu.sg/fags/admissions-and-applications> (SMU)
- Universities have detailed step-by-step instructions. Pls refer. **Incomplete submission will delay processing.**

## TAKE OWNERSHIP

- **Attend University Open Houses and Course talks**
  - University websites have recorded sessions if you missed
  - Use “Factors” ([Guide 1](#)) to guide course exploration
- **Talk to seniors in the Universities and courses**
- **Take stock of your non-academic experiences:**  
**Temp/part-time/community service/voluntary work/CCA/ leadership**
  - What have you learnt through these experiences?  
(e.g. About your interest, strengths, skills, preferred career options, etc?)
- **Research on handling interviews and personal statements**
  - Proofread your essay(s)/application
- **FAQ is rich source of info. Read the fine prints.**
- **Clarify with universities office of admission, if needed**

## TAKE OWNERSHIP

- **Save/Print a copy of your application. Submit early.**
- **App deadline: 19 March 2024** via respective University website
- **Interviews/Tests**
  - Usually **Mar to May** (Be available!)
- **Common Acceptance Window Dates**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> window\*: **May** (last day: 24 May 2024)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> window: **June** (last day: 18 June 2024)
- **Appeals**
  - **May to June** via University website
- **Additional resources to explore**
  - <http://blog.smu.edu.sg/undergraduate/5-tips-ace-your-admissions-interview/>
  - [https://brightsparks.com.sg/getahead\\_archives.php?type=tips](https://brightsparks.com.sg/getahead_archives.php?type=tips)
  - <http://gradsingapore.com/graduate-careers-advice>

**\*Applicants who receive local university offers in the 1st window must decide on their choice of university by 24 May 2024. They cannot delay their acceptance of the offers to the 2nd window.**

# TYPICAL TIMELINE

## 3<sup>rd</sup> week Feb

Release A-level results  
Open houses  
Apply direct to University

## March to May

Interviews\*  
Selection Tests\*  
Offer & Acceptance (Common portal)

## June to August

Matriculation  
Orientation  
Commencement of  
Studies

Application  
opens

Check application status

## Mid March

Application closes  
**19 March 2024**

## May to June

#Appeal direct to University  
Offer & Acceptance (Common portal)

# Consider: Do you have any academic and/or personal information that was not present at the time of application and which brings merit for reconsideration?)

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*I have a course in mind, but I'm  
not sure if I can get in*

“I have a course in mind, but I’m not sure if I can get in”

## What you can do

### ☐ **Applying with a course in mind:**

- ☐ Consider applying using **Aptitude-Based Admissions**
- ☐ Consider *similar* programs offered by OTHER local universities
- ☐ Consider SUSS Part Time degree programmes (2 A-level passes)
- ☐ Explore other less competitive university courses to enter desired industry/career

### ☐ **Consider similar courses/careers:** Research on other careers within same industry or a different industry with similar values, traits, skills; Find out what are their education requirements.

“I have a course in mind, but I’m not sure if I can get in”

## What you can do

- **Consider other Education Pathways** – refer to “What’s Next” slide ([Guide 2](#))
  - **Arts Institutions** (Able to demonstrate Artistic Potential and creativity)
  - **Polytechnic** (With relevant A-level subjects may get “advance standing”)
  - **SUSS part-time degree**

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university course*



## “I am not sure if I can get into any university course”

**If you:**

- ☐ **Fail a subject:** Confirm requirements of each University
  - ☐ **Fail 1 H2:** Some universities require only 2 H2 passes
  - ☐ **Fail GP:** Can apply, but will not qualify for certain courses (e.g. Law)
  - ☐ **Fail MTL:** Can apply, need to fulfil MTL requirement before graduation
- ☐ **have non-competitive UAS:** Consider the options under “I have a course in mind, but I’m not sure if I can get in” & refer to “What’s Next” slide ([Guide 2](#))

Speak with your teachers and [ECG Counsellor](#) in school, besides your parents, on the possible pathways

# What's Next after A-Level

## 1. Six Local Publicly funded universities

- Which courses can lead me to my career goal?
- Do I have an **interest/strength** in this university course?
- Do I know the progression pathways and prospects?
- Can I use Aptitude-based admissions to bolster my application?
- If I don't qualify for full-time, can I take part-time degree? E.g. SUSS

## 2. Five Polytechnics NYP, NP, RP, SP, TP

- Which courses can lead me to my career goal?
- Do I have **interest/strength** in these courses?
- What are my options and alternatives?
- Can I use my A-level results to get advance standing/module exemptions?
- What are the progression and prospects?
- What are the fees? Entry requirements?
- Application: JAE or DAE?
- Have I visited the poly to:
  - Understand poly life
  - Meet the poly ECGC
  - Get course advisement?

## 3. Two Arts institutions LASALLE, NAFA

- Which courses can lead me to my career goal?
- Do I have an **interest/strength** in these areas?
- Are the courses available at any of the 5 polys?
- What are the progression pathways and prospects?
- What are the fees?
- Application dates? Entry requirements?
- Have I visited the schools in person?
- Can I get course advisement?
- Should I consider diploma or degree programme?

## 4. Entering the Workforce

- Am I ready and able to enter the workforce?
- Which industry sectors do I want to work in?
- Do I have an **interest/strength** in this area?
- What are the training programmes to upgrade my knowledge and skills?

## 5. Continuing Education & Training CET

- Examples: Polys, BCA Academy, SEED, SSI ([www.ssg.gov.sg/wsqa/cet-centres.html](http://www.ssg.gov.sg/wsqa/cet-centres.html))
- Do I have an **interest/strength** in this area?
- Which course will lead me to my career goal?
- What are the fees?
- Am I able to juggle between work & studies?

Book an appointment with an ECG counsellor for a discussion on these options

## 6. Private Education (local/overseas)

- Which courses can lead me to my career goal?
- Do I have an **interest/strength** in these courses?
- Are the qualifications well recognized by employers?
- Which courses can lead me to my career goal?
- Are these courses available at any of the 5 polys?
- What are the fees?
- Application dates?
- Have I visited <https://www.ssg-wsq.gov.sg/> → click "PTE EDU INSTITUTIONS" to fully understand the concerns?
- Have I visited the school to see the facilities?

# SHOULD I CONSIDER POLY?

New through-train route for poly students to get university degree and find work in shorter time



Temasek Polytechnic students Cecilia Soh and Kenneth Lim will be taking up the through-train work-study programme.



Amelia Teng  
Education Correspondent

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Source: ST, 12 July 2019



Polytechnic graduates have benefited from the expansion in the number of university places. The Ministry of Education said there were a record 17,000 spots last year at the six local universities, with the cohort participation rate reaching almost 40 per cent. ST FILE PHOTO

## Nearly 1 in 3 poly grads makes it to a local uni

New programmes enable grads to upgrade themselves in many fields

Sandra Davie  
Senior Education  
Correspondent

20, who is hoping to study law at Singapore Management University (SMU), said: "When I chose to go to poly despite qualifying for junior college, my parents were really worried. But seeing the increasing number of poly students making it to SMU's competitive courses, I think I stand a fairly good chance."

Traditionally, the junior college is seen as the most secure route to a degree. Previous years' figures show that more than 70 per cent of A-level holders enter the local universities each year. Ms Doreen Tan, 20, who wants to become a physiotherapist, is glad that SIT now offers the degree pro-

gramme. "I don't have to worry about having to go overseas and going into debt," said Ms Tan, whose widowed mother works as a hotel housekeeper. Asked about the future university prospects of polytechnic graduates, Education Minister Ng Yee Kung, in an interview with The Straits Times, revealed that the Government needs to rethink how it plans for university places. He said the cohort participation rate will be increased to 50 per cent but, going forward, it may not make sense to plan using hard numbers as the Government wants all Singaporeans to reach their full potential. sandra@sph.com.sg

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Source: ST, 28 Jan 2020

Singapore

## More polytechnic students found jobs within 6 months of graduation with recovery of Singapore's economy



More than 92 per cent of polytechnic graduates found jobs within six months of graduation or completing National Service in 2021, a higher proportion compared to the 87.4 per cent in 2020. Clara Lee with more.



Ang Hwee Min  
@hwee-min

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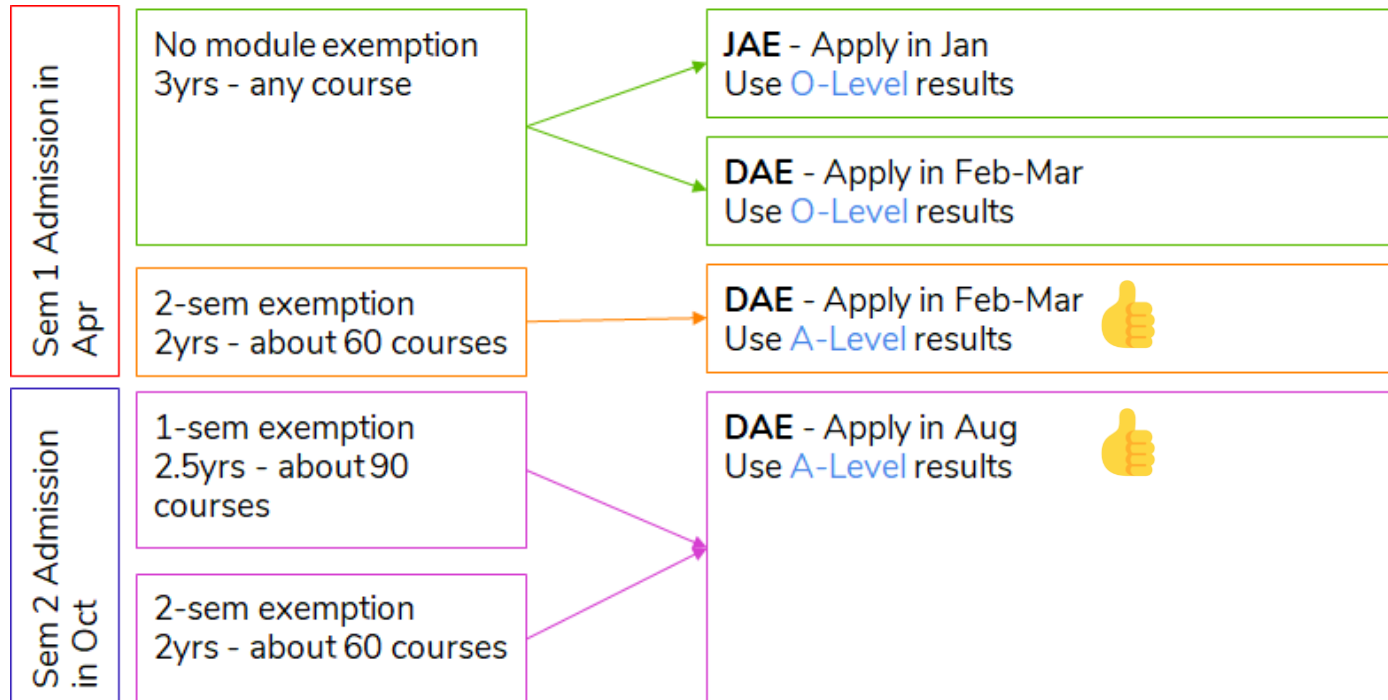


Source: CNA, 13 Jan 2022

# Possible Poly Admission Routes



Apply with your A-Level results and obtain a polytechnic diploma in **2 years** or **2.5 years** instead of 3 years



# Poly Admission

## Polytechnic

## DAE Application dates

Semester 1 admissions commencing 15 April 2024

Nanyang Polytechnic

23 Feb to 7 Mar 2024

[https://www.nyp.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-diploma/admission-exercise/application/gce-a-level\\_main.html](https://www.nyp.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-diploma/admission-exercise/application/gce-a-level_main.html)

Ngee Ann Polytechnic

Late Feb 2024

<https://www.np.edu.sg/admissions-enrolment/guide-for-prospective-students/a-level-students>

Republic Polytechnic

23 Feb to 7 Mar 2024

<https://www.rp.edu.sg/admissions/admission-guides/a-level-students>

Singapore Polytechnic

Mid to End February 2024

[https://www.sp.edu.sg/sp/admissions/admissions-exercises/direct-admissions-exercise-\(dae\)/entry-requirements-and-application-period](https://www.sp.edu.sg/sp/admissions/admissions-exercises/direct-admissions-exercise-(dae)/entry-requirements-and-application-period)

Temasek Polytechnic

23 Feb to 7 Mar 2024

<https://www.tp.edu.sg/admissions-and-finance/application-guide-for-prospective-students/a-level-graduates-jae-dae.html#When-and-How-to-Apply>

# FAQ

- ❑ **Is choice ranking important?**
  - For most universities, yes. (check university's FAQ)
- ❑ **Repeat JC2?**
  - Reflect on the motivation to repeat. College's decision is on a case-by-case basis
- ❑ **Retake A-levels as private candidate?**
  - Male students with NS obligation: Will NS employer release you for your exams?
  - Will the syllabus change?
- ❑ **Private Education?**
  - Have you considered other options first?
  - [3Rs for you to think about](#)
  - Visit <https://www.ssg-wsg.gov.sg/> → click "COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS" for

[Guide for Choosing a Private School](#) and [8 Things You Should Know Before You Enrol In A Private School](#).



# E.g. NUS

## “Ask Admissions”

Source: <https://www.askadmissions.nus.edu.sg/>

### Ranking of course *choices* (single degree)

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I can select several courses in the application form for admission. How do I *rank* the *choice* of courses I wish to be considered?

Applicants will be considered for admission based on their preferred course *choices ranked* from first to last *choice*, i.e. if an applicant does not meet the admission criteria for his first *choice*, he will be considered for his second *choice* and so on. However, this excludes the following courses:-

1) Medicine, Dentistry and Law - besides meeting course prerequisites, applicants are required to *rank* these courses within the first and second *choice* to be considered for shortlisting for test/interview. (the only exception granted is when applicants place Law as their third *choice* with Medicine and Dentistry as their first two *choices*.)

2) Architecture, Industrial Design, Landscape Architecture and Nursing - besides satisfying course prerequisites, applicants are required to *rank* these courses within the top 3 *choices* in order to be considered.

3) Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Programme - Applicants are required to submit their application essay to PPE Direct Entry Portal (<https://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/ppe.html>) by the stipulated deadline

Under the first *choice* bonus points scheme, no bonus points will be awarded to interview-based courses if they are *ranked* as first *choice*. Admissions to these courses are dependent on the outcome of interviews and/or aptitude tests.

*Tip: Visit the FAQ page of each university (if available) for the latest updates relevant to their admissions*

# What Now?

## Get help to explore your options after JC

Book a Zoom session with the college's **ECG counsellor**

- <https://go.gov.sg/ing>



Ms Irene Ng  
ECG Counsellor  
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