

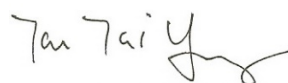
Yale-NUS College Context and Merger Announcement with University Scholars Programme

Yale-NUS College (Yale-NUS) is Singapore's first fully residential liberal arts and sciences college. Founded by Yale University and the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 2011, Yale-NUS delivers a distinctive liberal arts education, emphasizing multidisciplinary learning with a research focus. All students pursue the Common Curriculum, which highlights interdisciplinary thought and study over a two-year period; ranging from literature and history to modern social thought, philosophy, quantitative reasoning, and scientific inquiry. Students engage with thinkers and materials from a wide variety of intellectual traditions and time periods from classical antiquity to the present day. Their intellectual passions are further explored through a chosen major and optional minor at the end of their second year. The four-year residential experience immerses students in a stimulating intellectual and intercultural community. Learning is characterised by small classes, with a limit of 18 students per seminar, and close interaction amongst students and faculty from around the world. International students represent almost 50% of the student body representing over 65 different nationalities. The low student to faculty ratio, unparalleled international opportunities and avenues to self-directed learning prepare our graduates for a changing world. A robust co-curricular programme prepares students to become leaders while developing the skills necessary to solve complex problems in the 21st Century.

On 27th August 2021, NUS announced the launch of the New College, which will be created by combining Yale-NUS and the University Scholars Programme (USP) into a single programme from 2022. With the creation of this New College, NUS also announced that the Yale-NUS Class of 2025, who matriculated in Academic Year 2021/2022, will form the final cohort of Yale-NUS students. Yale-NUS will continue through Graduation 2025 allowing this final cohort to graduate with the full four-year Yale-NUS experience. Yale-NUS will not be accepting applications for the Academic Year 2022/2023 and beyond, and Yale-NUS will not continue after 2025.

Since its inception, Yale-NUS has adopted a holistic admissions process when evaluating applicants through a committee process. Admission into Yale-NUS College is rigorous and highly selective. Applicants were required to submit their high school transcripts, co-curricular activity records, personal essays, teacher recommendations, and shortlisted candidates were invited for an admissions interview. In the 2021 admissions cycle that matriculated students into the final cohort, the Admissions and Financial Aid Office received over 14,000 applications to form a cohort of 250 students. The acceptance rate for this final cohort of Yale-NUS students is 4.2%.

Sincerely,



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