Yale-NUS College was founded on the principle of providing a liberal arts & science education that combines living and learning through its residential programme. In addition to major & modular credit (MC) requirements, graduation requirements include successful completion of the Common Curriculum and eight semesters of residency on campus. In order to satisfy these requirements, all students must be in residence at the College for a four-year period (inclusive of approved study abroad programmes).

In support of these requirements, a transfer admission policy does not exist at Yale-NUS College. However, the following factors will be considered for any applicants to Yale-NUS who have begun tertiary education elsewhere:

1. The College welcomes applications from all interested applicants. There are no restrictions based on age, nationality, educational background, etc.
2. All applicants, regardless of academic history, must apply through the standard application process, and may apply in either Round 1 or Round 2.
3. If a student has begun tertiary education prior to applying to Yale-NUS College, those academic and personal experiences will be evaluated as part of our holistic admission process.
4. Transfer credit will not be awarded for any courses completed prior to matriculation at Yale-NUS. This includes courses taken in bachelor’s degree programmes, associate or technical degree programmes, Polytechnic programmes, or high school courses sometimes eligible for college credit (e.g. International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP), French Baccalaureate, etc.).
5. Students receiving Tuition Grant subsidy, both Singapore and international citizens, are eligible for eight semesters of subsidy only. If a student has completed a minimum of one semester of study at an Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) in Singapore, that benefit will be deducted from the semesters of eligibility at Yale-NUS. Additional semesters of study at Yale-NUS will be charged at full-fee rates.