Yale-NUS College Majors

Anthropology  Arts & Humanities  Economics  Environmental Studies  Global Affairs

History  Life Sciences  Literature  Mathematical, Computational & Statistical Sciences  Philosophy

Philosophy, Politics & Economics  Physical Sciences  Psychology  Urban Studies

If you have any queries about the Yale-NUS College experience, we want to hear from you.

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Yale-NUS College offers a different perspective than most. A liberal arts and sciences education at Yale-NUS is more than just paper, more than mere academics and certainly more than convention. That's because Yale-NUS puts thinking, intellectual inquiry and problem-solving skills at the forefront. Skills that enable you not only to become a thoughtful member of your community, but also help you thrive as an individual. As a result, you will be able to develop fresh, international perspectives that will last long after your formal education is done. What sets Yale-NUS students apart is their ability to find real-world relevance and application to what is learned in the classroom.

After all, education should open your eyes to new perspectives and empower you to discover bold solutions in an ever-changing global world.
EXCEPTIONAL CURRICULUM
Our curriculum grounds you in the principles of academic inquiry, then leads you to discover and pursue your passions.

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE
Take intellectual journeys of discovery and self-actualisation both locally and overseas.

IMMERSIVE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES
Engage in a community of rich diversity, with opportunities for peer interaction and shared experiences.

CURIOSITY ABOVE CUT-OFF POINTS
We go beyond grades to consider interests, accomplishments and curiosity.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL
A variety of funding possibilities to make Yale-NUS accessible to all.

Meet Halcyon, the blue-eared kingfisher, who embodies Yale-NUS’s youthfulness, creativity, curiosity and adventurous spirit.
A CURRICULUM THAT IS TRULY EXCEPTIONAL

It begins with the Common Curriculum, which highlights interdisciplinary thought and study. This gives you the foundation for further inquiry and exploration across academic disciplines.

To gain a broader knowledge in a specific area, you will select a major at the end of your second year. To top things off, you will be the driver behind an individually designed research project through your Capstone.

You will also have the opportunity to satisfy your curiosities through a selection of electives across all majors.

31% Common Curriculum

34% Major

35% Electives

Keystones of a Complete Education

Curriculum as of May 2019
The Common Curriculum is anything but ordinary. It is the unique start to your Yale-NUS education and showcases the strengths and traditions of the East and the West.

Over a two-year period, you will explore a range of multidisciplinary courses across various fields; ranging from literature and history to modern social thought, philosophy, quantitative reasoning and scientific inquiry.

In short, you will be exploring disciplines that may have already piqued your interest, as well as disciplines you may never have imagined studying.

You will join classmates in seminars, where you will have the opportunity to explore topics and ideas through discussion and collaboration with your peers. With a limit of 18 students per seminar, learning at Yale-NUS is an active experience. You will engage with classmates and professors to explore new forms of inquiry and discovery.
The Common Curriculum strengthens ideation and encourages academic inquiry. It channels your energies towards problem solving - an essential prerequisite in today's ever-evolving world.

"My favourite class from the Common Curriculum was Scientific Inquiry. Despite having done mostly humanities subjects before my studies at Yale-NUS, I really enjoyed the class. I liked that the lectures included a variety of case studies and links to real world events. I also liked that the seminars featured lots of hands-on activities that built upon the concepts from the lectures."

Vanessa Koh, Singapore

"What surprised me most about the Common Curriculum was the depth and purposefulness of it. Beforehand, I had thought of these courses as tedious, but being immersed in the nuance, variety and insightfulness of the Common Curriculum taught me otherwise. I particularly enjoyed Literature & Humanities 2. This class enabled me to discover and explore texts, histories and people usually hidden by Eurocentric teachings. This discovery was the most rewarding part for me."

Brian Bohme, United States of America

"The liberal arts makes you discover more about yourself and also pushes you to challenge yourself. You may think you already know what you want to study but the liberal arts makes you think outside of what you've decided is academically comfortable and it makes you discover yourself even more. That's important."

Faith Agili, Kenya

"After finishing the first semester of the Common Curriculum, I realised that all our courses are inter-connected and relevant to each other. For instance, there are concepts in Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning which can be applied to Humanities and Social Science courses such as Modern Social Thought and Comparative Social Inquiry."

Khang Huynh, Vietnam

"The Common Curriculum is like nothing I've studied before. The syllabus doesn't shy away from discussing the controversial, thought-provoking or simply mind-blowing theories of history's greatest thinkers. The course Philosophy and Political Thought has challenged me to reconsider my own intuitions regarding our ethical obligations to a complex and constantly-changing society."

Michael Kuzminski, Australia
MORE THAN FINDING A MAJOR, FIND YOUR PASSION

As you journey through the Common Curriculum and explore your interests through electives, you may discover areas of unexpected academic intrigue.

At the end of your second year at Yale-NUS, you will be able to zoom in on one of 14 majors. Have multiple interests? You can also select a minor to further broaden your perspectives. In your final year, you will delve deeper into your intellectual exploration through a Capstone Project. This will enable you to develop and design a self-directed research project, specific to your major, under the guidance of a faculty member.

For more information, visit: yale-nus.edu.sg/curriculum/majors
AS YOU HONE IN ON YOUR MAJOR, DISCOVER MORE OF YOURSELF

Yale-NUS students use their Common Curriculum experience to launch into majors, both new and familiar. With 14 majors to choose from, you will have the opportunity to follow your academic passions at Yale-NUS College.

“When I came to Yale-NUS, I had an interest in engineering, but I also wanted to give myself a chance to try subjects that I hadn’t tried before. My Quantitative Reasoning class, in the Common Curriculum, was my first introduction to data science. I thought that data science was something that I wasn’t necessarily good at, but I genuinely enjoyed spending hours on it. The Quantitative Reasoning class also helped me decide to take an internship in data science and now I have declared MCS (Mathematical, Computational and Statistical Sciences) as my major.”

Haroun Chahed, Tunisia

“When I started at Yale-NUS, I thought that I would major in either Anthropology or Arts and Humanities. However, I took one introductory Urban Studies class, and knew that this was the major for me! Urbanisation is an inevitable and unavoidable process happening all over the world. It has been an exciting topic for me to explore because I have lived in a city for almost my entire life.”

Chan Kah Mun, Singapore

“I am extremely interested in public policy. I chose to major in Anthropology with a minor in History (after changing majors 3 times) because it allows me to interact with people and work to understand their realities as they see it. I had never taken an Anthropology class until I came to Yale-NUS and I don’t think I ever would have if I hadn’t done liberal arts. I was so sure I would major in Economics but I fell in love with social sciences and now I can’t even imagine majoring in anything else.”

Rebeca Salazar, El Salvador

“When I was deliberating about which major I would select, the faculty and upperclassmen at Yale-NUS College were always willing to share their experiences and give honest advice. This support helped me make an educated and confident choice of major and I am now a Mathematical, Computational and Statistical Sciences (MCS) major. Throughout my studies as a MCS major, I have really enjoyed working with Professor Matthew Stamps. I have taken one of his courses and worked as one of his Research Assistants as part of a CIPE Summer Research Programme. Professor Stamps is very approachable and I am appreciative of the time he has taken to help me better understand complex concepts.”

Geoffrey Martin, Singapore
MORE THAN TEACHING, ENGAGEMENT

Yale-NUS faculty, some of the most brilliant minds in their fields, have joined the College because of a shared passion for innovation and exploration.

Teaching and learning at Yale-NUS isn’t limited to just the classroom. Faculty engage with students through intellectual discourse in the classroom, dining halls and shared space on campus. From research in the field to conversations in the butteries, Yale-NUS faculty go above and beyond to understand your individual academic goals and passions.

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**FOUR YEARS, EIGHT SEMESTERS. ONE INTERDISCIPLINARY CURRICULUM.**

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*Students are required to participate in the Week 7 programme during Semester 1.

**SEMESTER 2**

| Literature & Humanities 2 | Elective | Major | Capstone Project in Major |
| Philosophy & Political Thought 2 | Elective | Major | Major |
| Scientific Inquiry 1 | Elective | Major | Major |
| Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective |

Curriculum as of May 2019

Photo by Jeff Goldberg
Yale-NUS College’s Centre for International and Professional Experience (CIPE) creates global opportunities that will enhance your academic learning, broaden your perspectives and hone the skills and character you need to succeed as a student today and a leader tomorrow.

CIPE understands the value of global exposure as connectivity across international boundaries grows. For our students, the ability to understand and experience different cultures—whether globally or in multicultural Singapore—is crucial in developing a deeper understanding of people and the intricacies of diversity within a society.

Among its many activities, CIPE organises a Social Impact Bootcamp, Learning Across Boundaries (LABS), overseas study-abroad semesters and internships. CIPE offers a wealth of professional expertise and support for students preparing for life after Yale-NUS. Whether you’re considering employment or postgraduate studies, CIPE staff are there to support you.
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING. GLOBAL INSIGHTS.

CIPE takes you beyond the confines of a classroom for the experiences of a lifetime. Work with an individual advisor to build a portfolio of experiences that suit your personal and academic goals. From research positions to internships, CIPE enables students to apply their skills and expertise in diverse global settings.
Fancy studying art history in London? Philosophy in Japan? Or honing your Spanish language skills through a semester in Chile? At Yale-NUS College, you have the opportunity to spend a semester abroad to enrich your studies or gain a new perspective on your chosen major.

SEMESTER STUDY ABROAD

We will introduce you to some of the biggest names in industries relevant to your interests, locally and internationally. You can gain invaluable experience and global exposure during your internship. There’s also the exciting prospect of a Mystery Internship: we will inform you of your workplace and location just days before the programme starts!

YALE-NUS ALUMNI

Yale-NUS graduates can be found around the globe expanding upon their intellectual curiosity and global interests. Whether pursuing further education, contributing to non-profits or experiencing corporate culture, Yale-NUS graduates bring their unique problem-solving skills to all that they do.

Mollie Saltskog, Sweden
Yale-NUS Class of 2017, Schwarzman Scholar

Mollie majored in Global Affairs at Yale-NUS. She is currently pursuing a Masters degree at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China through the highly selective Schwarzman Scholars programme.

"I want to better understand how I can empower and inspire other people. To live and learn in a global environment has broadened my perspectives and changed how I view the world. Pursuing a liberal arts education made me discover what I am truly passionate about."

Nicholas Carverhill, Canada
Yale-NUS Class of 2017, Rhodes Scholar

Nicholas majored in Urban Studies and minored in Global Affairs at Yale-NUS. He will be pursuing a Masters of Philosophy in Development Studies at Oxford University through the prestigious Rhodes Scholarships programme.

"I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to further my studies in a programme dedicated to service-oriented education. After my fieldwork experiences from courses taken at Yale-NUS, I feel called to work with vulnerable communities on issues related to urban politics."
At Yale-NUS College, you’ll be immersed in a global community. International students hail from over 60 countries and represent more than 40% of the student body. You will experience a range of cultures, languages and thoughts which will not only enhance your academic life, but also broaden your understanding of the world.

Your Residential College will become your home away from home. The classrooms, cafes, creative spaces and common lounges are more than just physical spaces; they are places where our community comes together.

By living and learning in an intercultural community, you will develop the skills needed to navigate an increasingly interconnected and globalised world.
THE CAMPUS IS OUR KAMPUNG*

Our residential model, where every student stays on campus for 4 years, creates ‘nested communities’ in the Yale-NUS tradition of supporting lifelong learning in liberal arts and sciences by combining academic, intellectual, social, cultural, athletic and artistic life.

* Malay for village or community

FEEL RIGHT AT HOME

Yale-NUS has three Residential Colleges: Saga, Elm and Cendana. You will have a single room within a suite, with suitemates and neighbours from diverse and international backgrounds. Each Residential College has faculty members and staff who live in the College to provide guidance and support to students and coordinate community bonding at social, cultural and educational events.

SKY GARDENS

The Residential Colleges’ towers include communal Sky Gardens and outdoor spaces to provide opportunities for outdoor fun and engagement within your residential community.

PLAY, STUDY, RELAX

Whether you’re at the Multi Purpose Hall shooting hoops, enjoying round-the-clock digital connectivity in the library, entertaining with the Improv Comedy Conglomerate or just enjoying Singapore’s tropical weather, there is plenty to indulge in, both in and around campus.

STUDENT-RUN BUTTERIES

Yale-NUS butteries are student-run cafés catering to all your late-night cravings. Join friends, classmates and professors over snacks, conversations and fun.

ARTS & PERFORMANCE SPACES

You will find a variety of spaces to enhance your creative expression; including the dance studio, musical practice rooms, recording studio, visual arts studio, a black-box theatre and a performance hall.


dining halls
fabrication lab
black box theatre; studios
amphitheatre
performance hall; practice rooms
laboratories
multi purpose hall; fitness centre
library; café agora
LIFE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The Yale-NUS community offers diverse opportunities for engagement. Relax in the Elm Courtyard with a cup of Brewhouse coffee or be a leading voice for the student government. You may decide to join voices with the Singers’ Guild, dance to the beat of Bhangra, pen an intriguing story for Yale-NUS Filmmakers or explore new heights with the Astronomy Club. And the list goes on!
**SUITE LIFE**

Each student at Yale-NUS will live in a shared 4- or 6-bedroom suite. You will have the privacy of an individual bedroom with the fun of a shared living space. Suites are the hub for late-night study sessions, movie nights and cultural exchange.

"My first introduction to the extensive diversity at Yale-NUS was simply meeting my suite-mates. Just between the four of us, we represent four nationalities, three religions, six languages and so much more. I couldn't pronounce their names when we first met. Now, my suite-mates have become my family here on campus and hanging out at “home” with them is a reinvigorating complement to academic life."

Madi Lommen, United States of America

"Yale-NUS feels like home. It gives us a unique community environment that you cannot actually get at another educational institution."

Siddharth Chatterjee, India

"The best part of being at Yale-NUS is Residential College life. At the end of each day, I get to go back to my suite and talk to my suite-mates about everything from academics, to our unfinished essays, to personal events and triumphs. It’s also a very homely space and I really enjoy it."

Rachel Juay, Singapore
SINGAPORE: YOUR PASSPORT TO THE WORLD

Nestled in the heart of Southeast Asia, this tiny but mighty nation of 5.5 million people is a microcosm of the diversity, energy and innovation of Asia Pacific. Historically, Singapore has attracted the world’s best and brightest and continues to do so with the liberal arts and sciences offerings of Yale-NUS College.

A rich multicultural tapestry, Singapore is where a mixture of cultures, religions and ideas meet. Singapore combines the bright lights and innovation of thriving modernity with the timelessness and pride of its diverse heritage. New York City may be the city that never sleeps, but Singapore is the city that never stops eating! Whether it is delectable fish head curry, crispy roti prata or the classic chicken rice, food in Singapore is legendary!

With a reputation for educational excellence, a business-friendly economy and a safe and colourfully cosmopolitan environment, the Little Red Dot has cemented itself as a global education hub and world-class country.
WHERE STUDENTS ARE MORE THAN NUMBERS

Yale-NUS College believes knowledge is just one factor in assessing fit for our unique educational experience. When we review applications, we view you as a multifaceted individual through your academic performance, interests, curiosity, aptitude and enthusiasm. This holistic admission process ensures we understand the depth of your experiences and the breadth of your interests.

You may notice that our application is a bit different from others. That’s because Yale-NUS is not your typical place and you are more than a typical student. Let us learn more about you!

HOLISTIC ADMISSIONS

1 Application Form  2 Writing Samples  3 Recommendations  4 Interview*  

*Only shortlisted applicants will be interviewed.

APPLY, APPLY, APPLY

Applications to Yale-NUS can be submitted through our website: admissions.yale-nus.edu.sg/apply

You can also apply through the Common Application or even through an application to Yale College. The choice is yours!

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Valeria Gonzalez
Paraguay
APPLYING TO YALE-NUS IS ABOUT YOU

Our admissions process is really about you. We look at multiple dimensions of your interests, personality and accomplishments — not just your grades. We read every application we receive and commit to a truly holistic admissions philosophy. No minimum grades, no cut-offs.

1. Create an account on our website or on the Common Application.
2. Tell us about your passion and life experiences in two pieces of writing.
3. Nominate two teachers who can write about your personal and academic motivations, curiosities and successes.
4. Upload three years of your academic records.
5. We want to hear straight from you! Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview with an Admissions representative. Interviews are held on campus and by Skype to capture students all around the world.
6. Sit back and we’ll be in touch!
Yale-NUS College is committed to making our unique living and learning experience financially accessible to all of our students. This means that all students admitted to Yale-NUS, regardless of nationality or background, will have their full demonstrated need met by the College, as assessed by Yale-NUS’ financial need model.

Yale-NUS applicants who are Singapore citizens will be considered for admission without regard to financial need. Due to a deep applicant pool, a select yet significant portion of international and Singapore Permanent Resident students will receive financial aid based on demonstrated need. International and Singapore Permanent Resident students must apply for, and receive, financial aid at the time of admission in order to be considered for financial aid in subsequent years. Need-based study awards are valid for one academic year and annual re-applications are necessary for continued financial support.

Yale-NUS financial aid packages do not include a required loan component. Some students may opt for the Tuition Fee Loan (TFL) or other student loans, in order to meet their Family Contribution to the Cost of Attendance.
Fees are cohort-based and are fixed for each cohort from the year of enrollment until graduation. Those serving National Service in Singapore will pay the fees relevant to the year they accept Yale-NUS College’s offer of admission.

**Funding for your Yale-NUS experience can come from various resources. We are here to help provide assistance and guidance throughout the process.**

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

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#### MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit Scholarships are awarded in recognition of exceptional qualities and achievements presented in a student’s application. The Admissions Committee selects recipients based on a holistic review of academic, extracurricular and leadership achievements. Merit Scholarships are awarded for all four years of a student’s enrollment at Yale-NUS. The best part? There are no separate application requirements for Merit Scholarships. Simply apply to Yale-NUS and you will be considered for a scholarship.

#### STUDY AWARDS

The Need-Based Study Award is a grant provided by Yale-NUS College to assist students who require financial assistance to realise their desire to attend Yale-NUS College. This award may be used to defray the cost of both tuition and Residential College fees. The amount of this award will vary and is dependent on the financial circumstances of the student’s immediate family. In order to qualify for a Study Award, be sure to submit a Financial Aid application before the end of 14 days after submitting your admissions application. All students are encouraged to share responsibility for the cost of a Yale-NUS education through the Student Contribution. More details on the Student Contribution can be found here: admissions.yale-nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/SC-FAQ.pdf

#### TUITION GRANT

The Tuition Grant (TG) Scheme is offered by the Government of Singapore to international students and Singapore Permanent Residents who are pursuing a course of study at Yale-NUS. The TG Scheme offers a subsidised tuition rate and comes with a three-year work obligation upon graduation. In order to satisfy the work obligation, students must work for a Singapore entity or an overseas affiliate while remaining on the Singapore payroll. All earnings within the three-year work period, after Singapore Income Tax, will be kept by the student and, provided the work obligation is fulfilled, no form of repayment will be due. Students who opt not to take the TG Scheme will be required to pay unsubsidised fees, which includes the $19,650 Supplementary Fee, and will not have a work obligation upon graduation.

#### LOANS & FUNDING SCHEMES

Several additional funding schemes and optional loans are available to Yale-NUS students. Loan repayment starts only after graduation and some of these funding schemes do not require repayment at all. For a more comprehensive listing, please visit: admissions.yale-nus.edu.sg/new-students/