Additional Information

NUS Academic Calendar

Our academic calendar consists of two semesters and an accelerated special term. Each semester normally includes 13 weeks of instruction and 2 weeks of examinations. The accelerated special term takes place during the Semester 2 vacation period and each of its two parts is usually 6 weeks long, inclusive of an examination period.

NUS Modular System

The undergraduate and graduate curricula are based on a modular system, which combines the rigour and depth of the British system with the flexibility and breadth of the American system. Under this modular system, workloads are expressed in terms of Modular Credits (MCs), and academic performance is measured by grade points on a 5-point scale.

A modular credit (MC) is a unit of the effort, stated in terms of time, expected of a typical student in managing his/her workload. The MC-value of a module is derived by dividing the estimated total number of such workload hours per week for that module by the credit factor of 2.5 (i.e. one MC is equivalent to 2.5 hours of study and preparation per week). Most courses at NUS carry a weightage of 4 MCs, which require a student to devote 10 hours of work per week, including lectures, tutorials, laboratory sessions, homework, and independent or group study.

Workload

The workload of each module, carried in the full module description, is expressed as "A-B-C-D-E". Accordingly, the five components of student workload, on a weekly basis, are:

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<th>Component</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>No. of Lecture hours</td>
<td>Actual contact hours</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>No. of Tutorial hours</td>
<td>Actual contact hours</td>
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<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>No. of Laboratory hours</td>
<td>Actual contact hours</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>No. of hours for projects, assignments, fieldwork, etc.</td>
<td>This caters for assignments, independent studies, fieldwork, and other forms of continual assessment that contribute towards the final grade of the module</td>
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<td>E</td>
<td>No. of hours of preparatory work</td>
<td>A reasonable proportion of time spent for this component ranges between about 55% to about 75% of the total time of a module</td>
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Details of each module offered can be found at [http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/nusbulletin/modulesearch.html](http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/nusbulletin/modulesearch.html)