

Academic Matters Briefing

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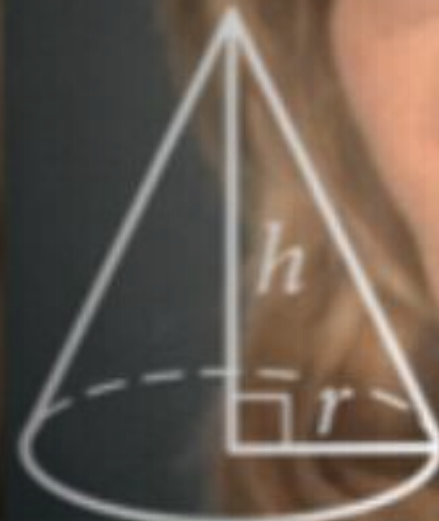
SSS Freshmen Welcome 2026

4 August 2026

Three key points

1. How to graduate
2. Navigating your journey
3. Staff to seek for help

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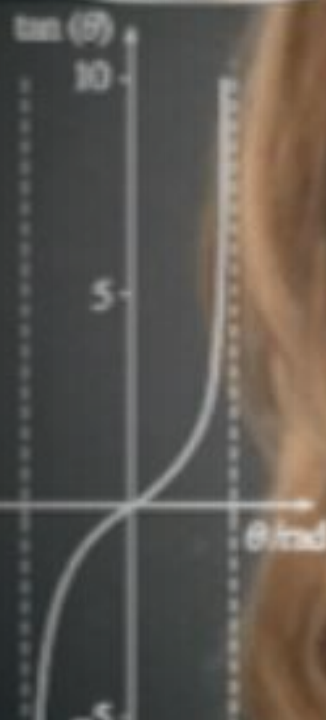
$$\int \frac{dx}{\cos^2 x} = \tan x + C$$

$$\int \tan x dx = -\ln|\cos x| + C$$

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$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2 - a^2} = \frac{1}{2a} \ln\left|\frac{x-a}{x+a}\right| + C$$



$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$a\left(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a}\right) = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2\frac{b}{2a}x + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}$$

1. How to graduate

Graduation Requirements



Obtain **total AUs** required for completion of the programme within a period between the min. and max. candidature period



Fulfil **course requirements** for the degree programme



Fulfil the **residential requirements** (i.e. minimum years of study at NTU)



Fulfil **minimum AUs** of **letter-graded courses** and minimum AU of letter-graded **Core & MPE** Courses



Fulfil the **minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average** (CGPA) for graduation

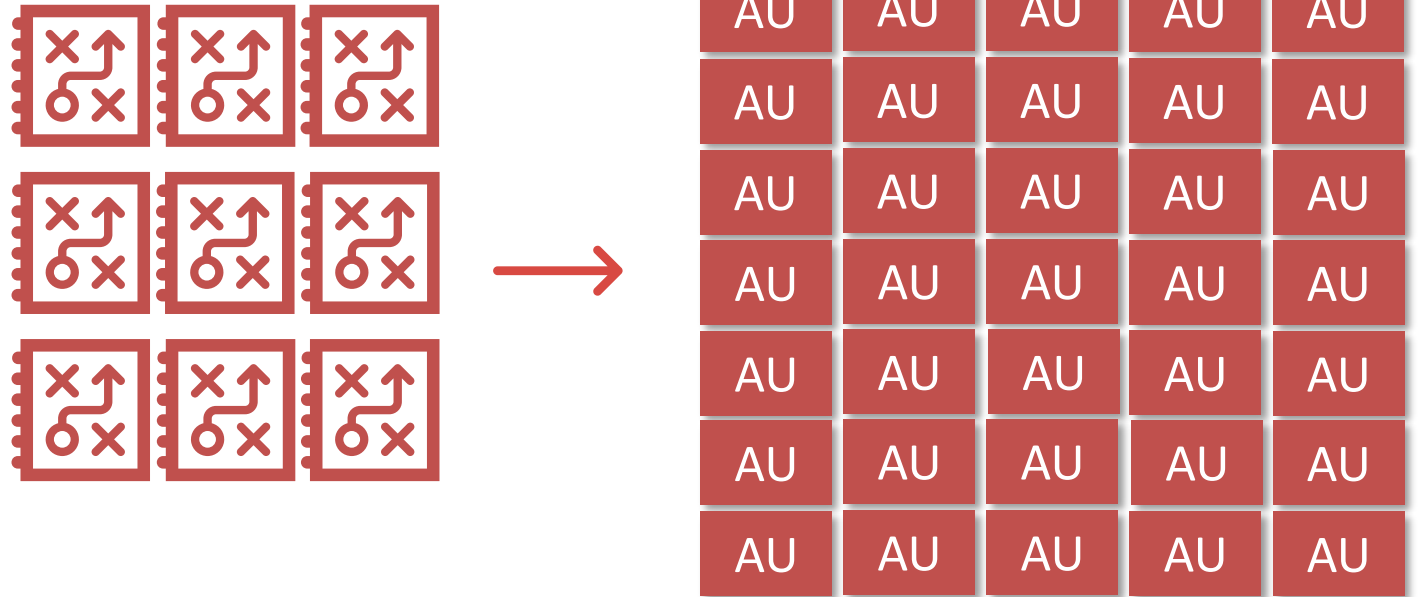
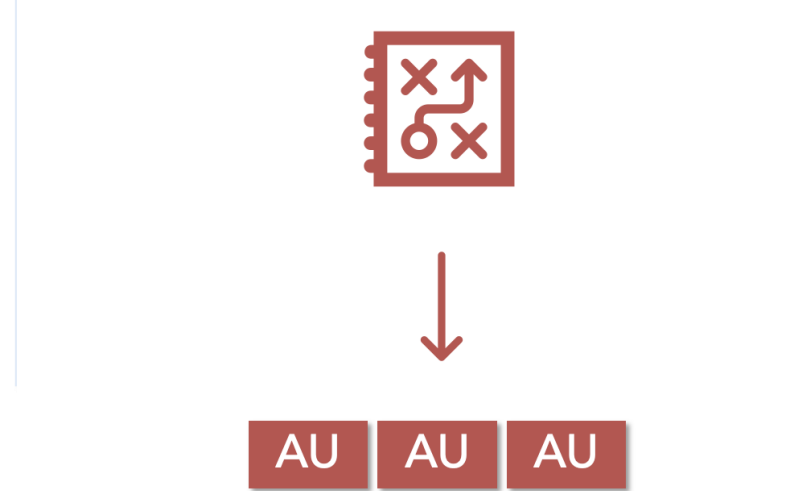


Satisfy **all other requirements** prescribed for the degree, incl. professional internship and English Proficiency

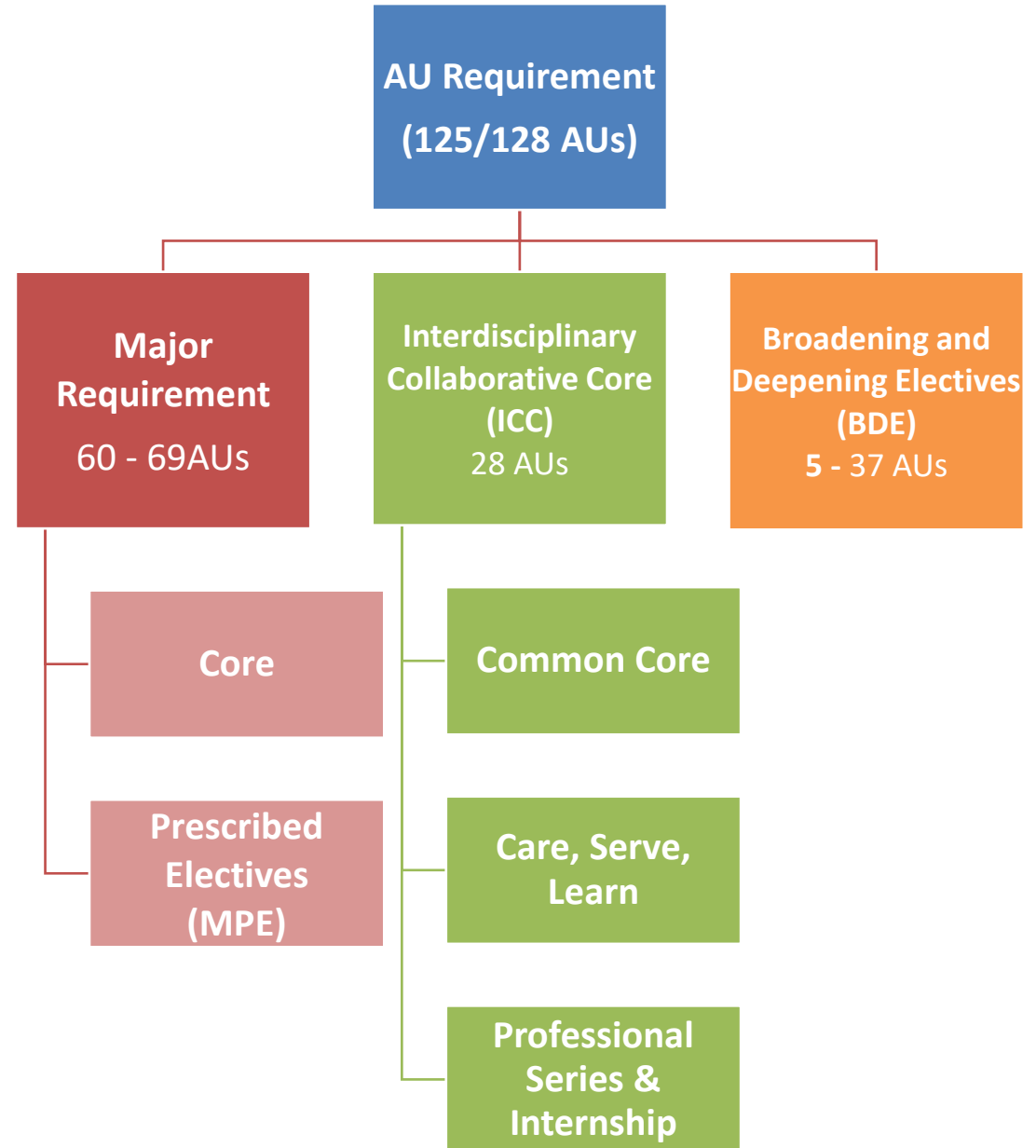
Total of 125 AUs or more depending on programme

Each course you read will earn you 2 to 4 academic units:

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Curriculum Structure of Single Majors



Interdisciplinary Collaborative Core (ICC) - 28 AUs:

Enrich learning from interdisciplinary interactions

(a) ICC Common Core (14 AUs)

- CC0001 Inquiry and Communication in an Interdisciplinary World (2 AUs)
- CC0003 Ethics and Civics in a Multicultural World (2 AUs)
- ML0004 Career Design and Workplace Readiness in a Dynamic World (2 AUs)
- CC0015 Health and Wellbeing (2 AUs)
- CC0006 Sustainability: Society, Economy & Environment (3 AUs)
- CC0007 Science & Technology for Humanity (3 AUs)

(b) Care, Serve and Learn (CSL) (3 AUs)

(c) ICC Professional Series (11 AUs)

- Professional Communication Course (2 AUs)
- Digital Proficiency course (3 AUs)
- Professional Internship (5 AUs)
- Profession Preparation course (1 AU)

Care, Serve, Learn

A world-class education builds not just intellect, but character



Learn with Empathy

Go beyond theory. Understand complex societal challenges by working alongside our community partners



Serve with Purpose

Apply your knowledge and skills to create positive, sustainable change where it's needed most



Lead with Impact

Develop the heart of a leader through service, inspiring others and building a future as a force for good

7 COMMUNITY PILLARS

CL0103



Children

CL0104



Youth

CL0105



Seniors

CL0106



PwDs

CL0107



Ex-offenders

CL0108



Migrant Workers

CL0109



Homeless

7 ACADEMIC SPECIALISATIONS — *trainings are done by our collaborators*

Offered from AY26/27 Sem 2 (Jan) onwards

Career
Exploration

STEM Literacy

Technology
Literacy

Self-Awareness &
Mastery

Financial Literacy

Project
Management

Healthcare,
Community &
Population
Health

1 Choose Your Focus

Select a **Community Pillar** and an **Academic Specialisation** to align your passion with your skills

3 Serve the Community

Complete a minimum of **40 hours of direct service**, including executing a hands-on group project

2 Engage & Learn

Attend foundational classes and training workshops early to fully prepare for your service project

4 Reflect on Your Growth

Solidify your learning journey through a quiz, a group proposal, and an individual reflection



For detailed timelines and options, visit the **CSL portal on the student intranet** or contact AskCSLoffice@ntu.edu.sg

Internship:

Learning from people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives

Course Code/Title	Description
Professional Attachment 10 weeks (5 AUs)	Students who choose this option will complete a compulsory internship during one of the below windows: • End of Year 2 Semester 2 (May to July) • End of Year 3 Semester 2 (May to July) Eligibility: At least 57 AUs and 2nd year student at the end of Year 2 Sem 2
Professional Internship 24 weeks (12 AUs) **Students are not allowed to take any courses/GP in NTU while on semester internship	Students who choose this option will complete a compulsory internship during one of the below windows: • Year 3 Semester 1 (Aug to Dec) • Year 3 Semester 2 (Jan to July) Eligibility: At least Year 3 standing
Overseas Entrepreneurship Programme (OEP) 24 weeks (12 AUs) **Students are not allowed to take any courses/GP in NTU while on OEP	Students who choose this option will complete a compulsory internship during one of the below windows: • Year 3 Semester 1 (Aug to Dec) • Year 3 Semester 2 (Jan to July) Eligibility: At least Year 3 standing

Explore career services with
Careers and Attachment Office
(CAO)

Broadening and Deepening Electives (BDE):

Explorations in learning and research

- Any courses offered in NTU
- NTU-approved MOOCs (Massive Open Online Course)
- 2nd Major, Minor
- Overseas / Local Exchange
- Undergraduate Research Experience on Campus (URECA)



Overseas Exchange:

Enrich learning from international interactions



Some guidelines below for a single major student:

- Core courses and ICC courses **MUST** be taken in NTU
- You can transfer back up to 20 AUs from exchange
- You are only allowed to transfer **a maximum of 3 MPE courses during exchange** (max two 4000-level MPE) and apply them toward the Major Electives requirement. The rest can be credited over as BDE
- [Refer to guidelines](#)

Explore exchange opportunities with
Office of Global Education and
Mobility (OGEM)

Minors:

Pursuing your chosen field/s of study

SSS	SOH	WKWSC	ADM
All Majors	• All Majors • Chinese Creative Writing • Creative Writing	Communication Studies	• Art History • Photography
	• Modern Languages • Translation		
 Interdisciplinary Minors offered by HASS		• Archaeology • Art History • Creative Writing • Design and Systems Thinking • Environmental Humanities • Film • Gender & Diversity Studies • Geography & Urban Studies • Global Asia • Health & Society • Science, Technology & Society, and many more	

There are also other Minors offered by other Schools and Colleges (e.g., Drama & Performance, Sports Science, Entrepreneurship, etc.)



Second Majors:

Pursuing your chosen field/s of study

- **Eligibility:** A minimum CGPA of 4.0 or otherwise stated at the end of the first year
- Available Second Major programmes:
 - Art History
 - Chinese
 - Chinese Culture and Society
 - Communication Studies
 - Economics
 - English
 - History
 - Linguistics and Multilingual Studies
 - Modern Languages
 - Philosophy
 - Psychology
 - Public Policy and Global Affairs
 - Sociology
 - Entrepreneurship (*only applicable to ECON & PSY Students*)
 - Drama and Theatre (≥ 3.5 CGPA)

2. Navigating your journey

Course planning: choose wisely!

- Familiarize yourself with a long term view of the full **curriculum** and your **suggested study plan**
- Curriculum, suggested study plans, and the list of courses are found on your **NTU SSS Programme website**
- Deviations from recommended study plan risks non-approval of exceptions/appeals or other complications and/or delay in graduation - check with UG Office



Year 1		Year 2			Year 3			Year 4	
Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 1	Sem 2	ST	Sem 1	Sem 2	ST	Sem 1	Sem 2
HE1001–Core (3 AUs)	HE2001–Core (3 AUs)	HE2003–Core (3 AUs)	HE3003–Core (3 AUs)	Internship (5 AUs)	HE3xxx–MPE (3 AUs)	HE3xxx–MPE (3 AUs)	Internship (5 AUs)	GP (4 AUs)	GP (4 AUs)
HE1002–Core (3 AUs)	HE2002–Core (3 AUs)	HE3001–Core (3 AUs)	HE3xxx–MPE (3 AUs)		HE3xxx–MPE (3 AUs)	HE4xxx–MPE (4 AUs)		HE4xxx–MPE (4 AUs)	HE4xxx– MPE (4 AUs)
HE1004–Core (3 AUs)	MH1820–MPE (3 AUs) <i>Compulsory MPE</i>	HE3002–Core (3 AUs)	HE3xxx–MPE (3 AUs)		HE3xxx–MPE (3 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)		BDE (3 AUs)	BDE (2 AUs)
Digital Proficiency (3 AUs)	CC0001 (2 AUs)	HW0208 (2 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)		BDE (3 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)		*Professional Preparation (1 AU)	
CC0015 (2 AUs)	CC0003 (2 AUs)	CC0006 (3 AUs)	ML0004 (2 AUs)		BDE (3 AUs)	BDE (3 AUs)			
	BDE (3 AUs)	CSL (3 AUs)	CC0007 (3 AUs)		BDE (3 AUs)				
5 Courses (14 AUs)	5 Courses (16 AUs)	6 Courses (17 AUs)	6 Courses (17 AUs)		6 Courses (18 AUs)	5 Courses (16 AUs)		3 Courses + GP (12 AUs)	2 Courses + GP (10 AUs)
30 AUs		34 AUs			34 AUs			22 AUs	
TOTAL = 125 AUs									



Course Registration

- All Core courses and most ICC courses will be **pre-registered** for you
 - Most courses in your 1st and 2nd year
- Course registration will be done through **STARS**
- In the earlier example of Economics, freshmen will have to self-register for one BDE in Year 1 Sem 1
- You may appeal if you don't get a course – be eager but patient
- You can add or drop courses during the first 2 weeks of semester, known as the “add-drop period”
- **Have contingent plans, as courses have limited places and might not be allocated in a particular year of your choice**

Assessment:

Fulfilling your learning objectives



Examinable Course

Continuous Assessment (CA) + Final Exam



Non-examinable Course

Continuous Assessment (CA) components only



CA components include quizzes, tests, assignments, research projects, presentations, reflection essays, class participation, etc.

Academic Integrity

Acts of Academic Dishonesty:

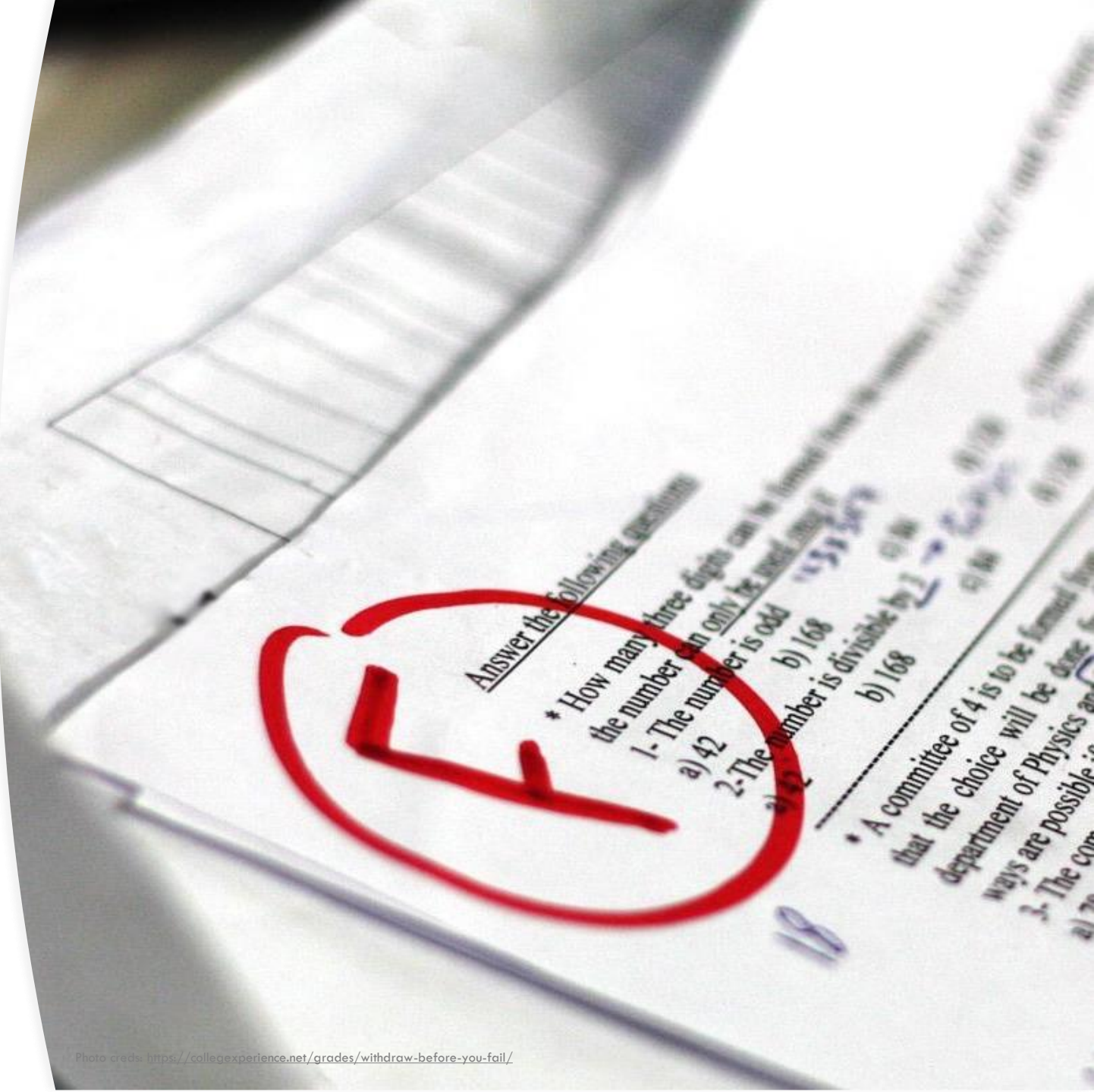
- **PLAGIARISM.** Using others' writings or ideas to pass off as one's own work without acknowledgement or crediting the source of ideas
- **ACADEMIC FRAUD.** Cheating, lying and stealing
- **FACILITATING ACADEMIC DISHONESTY.** Allowing another student to copy an assignment/ answers that is meant to be done individually during examination/ assessment or doing an assignment for another student
- **AI POLICY.** Refer to course outline and instructor's advice



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Academic Integrity Policy & Processes: Penalties

- Expulsion
- Suspension
- Zero mark/Fail grade
- Marking down
- Re-doing/Re-submitting of assignment or reports



Grades

- Students will be awarded **letter grades** (for letter-graded courses) for the final result of their courses
- Each letter grade corresponds to a grade point (GP)
- Your academic performance for each semester is represented by your **grade point average (GPA)**

Letter grade	Grade Point
A+	5.0
A	5.0
A-	4.5
B+	4.0
B	3.5
B-	3.0
C+	2.5
C	2.0
D+	1.5
D	1.0
F	0

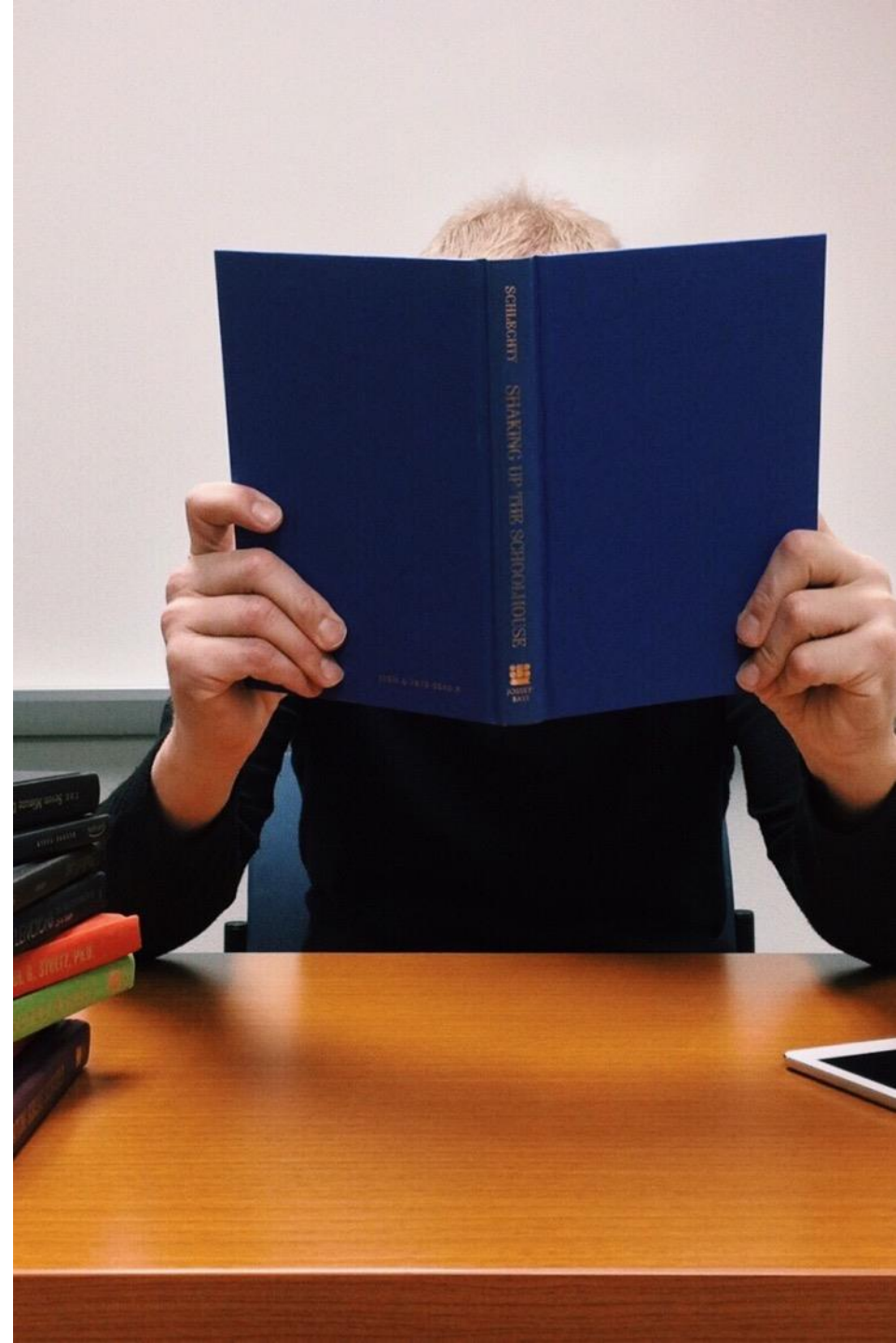
NTU Degree Classification

- Your academic performance over all semesters is represented by your **cumulative grade point average (CGPA)**
- Your final CGPA determines your **degree classification**

Degree Classification	CGPA Cut-off
Honours (Highest Distinction)	4.50 – 5.00
Honours (Distinction)	4.00 – 4.49
Honours (Merit)	3.50 – 3.99
Honours	3.00 – 3.49
Pass	2.00 – 2.99

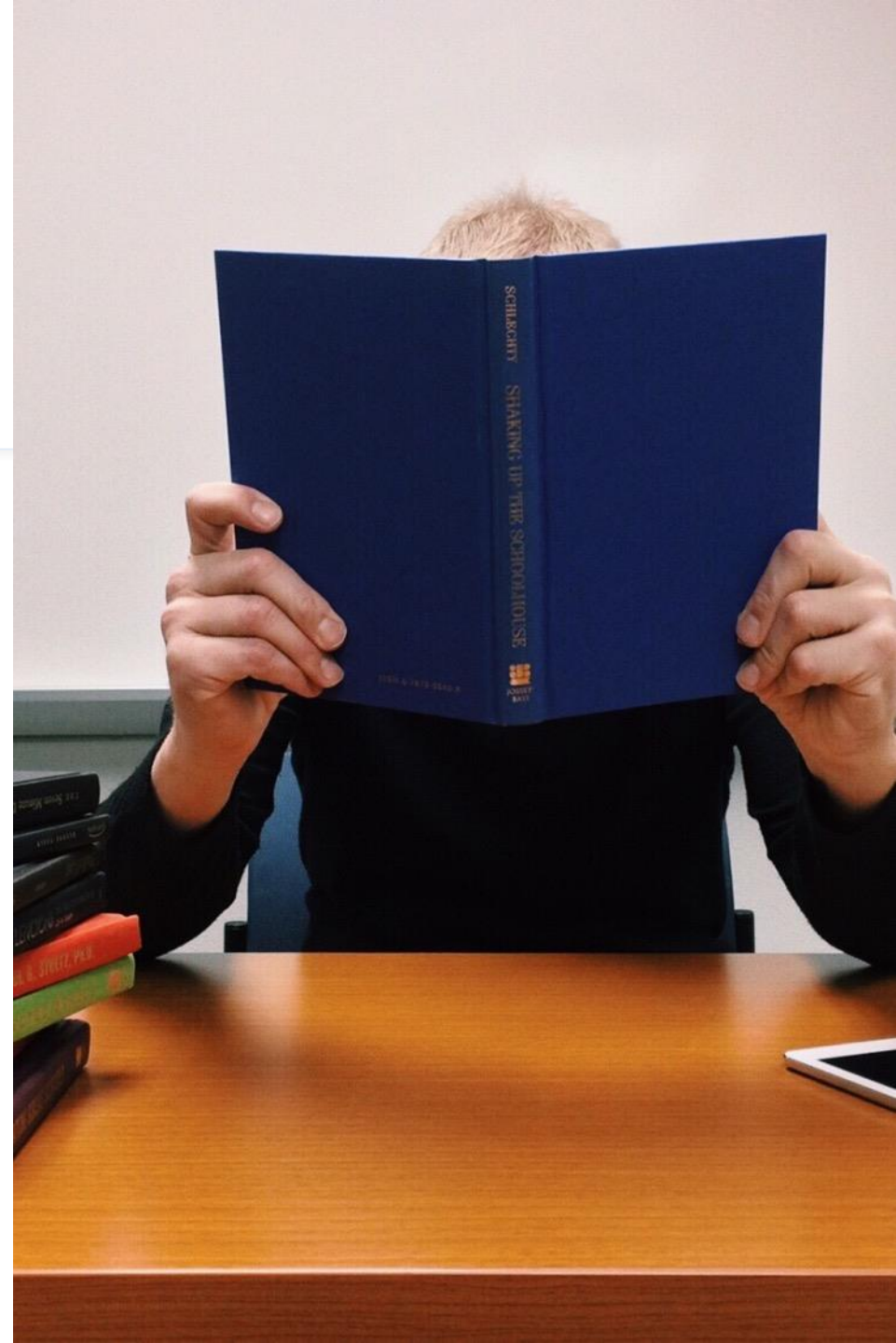
Flexible Grading Option (FGO)

- Freshmen will be covered by the expanded FGO, which also ensures that you are well-supported as you adjust to University life and gives you greater flexibility across all years of study, not just the first year
- Details of the Expanded Flexible Grading Option (FGO) can be found on Student Intranet
- [Refer to guidelines](#)

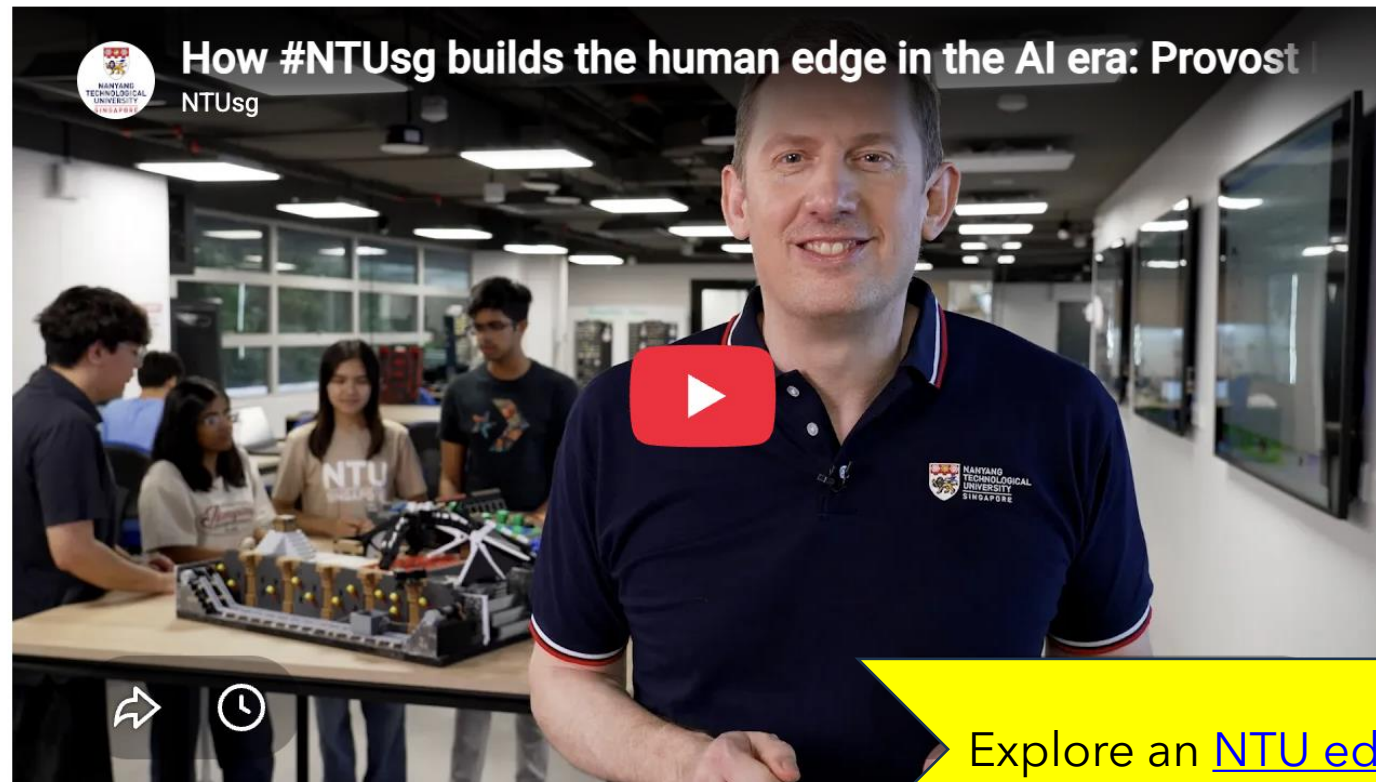


Course Exemption

- Eligible students will be invited to apply for course exemption via email **by the end of Teaching week 2**
- Up to 6 AUs of BDE
- Exemptions granted is irrevocable and any request to revoke the exemptions in future will not be considered
- [Refer to guidelines](#)



Empowering students to thrive in the age of AI



Explore an [NTU education with AI](#)

NTU Singapore is embarking on an ambitious effort to transform its undergraduate education with artificial intelligence (AI).

3. Staff to seek for support or help

School of Social Sciences Undergraduate Student Intranet

The screenshot displays the 'Student Intranet' website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, My Bookmarks, E-Services, NTULearn, Colleges & Schools, Clubs and Societies, Student Policies, and Contact Us. A dropdown menu for 'Colleges & Schools' is open, listing various institutions, with 'School of Social Sciences (SSS)' highlighted. Below the navigation bar, the 'My Bookmarks' section is visible, followed by a 'Business Library' banner. The 'Popular Links (Undergraduates)' section is also present, featuring a 'Curriculum by Programme' area with images for Economics and Economics with a 2nd Major in Business, and an 'Academic Options' sidebar with links to Course Offering, Course Exemptions, Interdisciplinary Major PEs, Flexible Grading Option (FGO), Compulsory Major PEs, Second Majors, Minors, and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).

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Items that you save for later will show here

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Important Resources

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College of Engineering (CoE)

College of Computing and Data Science (CCDS)

College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CoHASS)

College of Science (CoS)

Nanyang Business School (NBS)

Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (LKC Medicine)

S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)

National Institute of Education (NIE)

Graduate College

School of Art, Design and Media (ADM)

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School of Social Sciences (SSS)

Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information (WKWSCI)

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Economics with 2nd Major in Business

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Look out for emails from the SSS UG Office
We will look out for your emails too – or just pop by!



sss_ug@ntu.edu.sg or

your Programme
Coordinator



UG Office, SHHK-01-02

SSS UG Office will help with your needs, and progress it to CAO, CSL, OGEM, or other university central offices if need be
Alternatively, contact your **mentor or prof**

Staff I can reach out to for support or help

Student life and wellbeing



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Assistant Chair (Students)



Academic mentors and profs



Academic Mentors & Course Instructors

- Your **profs are there for you** - *even outside the classroom!*
- All freshmen are assigned an **academic mentor** – *they'll continually support you!*
- Check your email for your assigned mentor – *make contact!*
- **Seek** advice and support from your mentor – *at least once a semester!*
 - Review progress updates and plans
 - Curriculum or study advice
 - Adapting to university life/NTU
 - Other issues to share or discuss



A photograph of the School of Social Sciences building at NTU. The building is a modern, multi-story structure with a white facade and large glass windows. It features a prominent entrance with white columns and a covered walkway. The text "School of Social Sciences" is displayed in blue on the upper part of the building. In the foreground, there are green plants and a paved area. The sky is overcast.

School of Social Sciences

*Have a fruitful and joyful journey
ahead as part of SSS@NTU!*