SPECIAL TOPICS JANUARY 2027 SEMESTER

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Timetable is subject to changes. Students are required to check the timetable again one week before the commencement of lessons.

Course Registration Period:
Current Students
21 Dec 2026 (9am) to 23 Dec 2026 (5pm)

New Students
22 Dec 2026 (9am) to 23 Dec 2026 (5pm)

Add/Drop Period:
08 Jan 2027 (9am) to 22 Jan 2027 (5pm)

^ Please refer to the "Jan 2027 Course Synopses" on the following page after the timetable.

Programme	Course Code	Course Title ^	Academic Unit	Lesson Group	Class Size	Start Date	Class Schedule	Venue	Course Coordinator & Teaching Staff	Online Course Registration Period Course is Offered To	Add/Drop Period Course is Offered To	Remarks
Special Topics	SA831	Academic Writing and Presentation Skills for PhD Students	2	Tutorial Group 1	**15**	12-Jan-27	Tuesday, 17:30 - 20:30	NIE7-01-TR721	(Coordinator) Dr Anitha Devi Pillai, anitha.pillai@nie.edu.sg/	PhD students	PhD students	
Special Topics	SA831	Academic Writing and Presentation Skills for PhD Students	2	Tutorial Group 2	**15**	14-Jan-27	Thursday, 18:30 - 21:30	NIE2-01-TR215	(Coordinator) Dr Anitha Devi Pillai, anitha.pillai@nie.edu.sg/ Assoc Prof Tang Siu Mei, Ramona, ramona.tang@nie.edu.sg	PhD students	PhD students	

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SA831	Academic Writing and Presentation Skills for PhD Students	This course aims to improve the academic writing and presentation skills of PhD students. Participants will learn about the concept of an "academic discourse community", learn to negotiate the expectations of this community, consider the discourse practices and linguistic conventions of academic writing and academic presentations in their own disciplines, and come to understand the thinking processes underlying those practices and conventions. A range of topics will be explored in the course, including writing different sections of a thesis/research paper (introduction, literature review, methodology, findings and discussion, conclusion, and abstract); conceptualising research writing as argument; avoiding plagiarism; using language and visual resources for effective communication; preparing for PhD confirmation seminars and oral examinations; and presenting research at academic conferences. In order for students to benefit most from this course, it is recommended that they enrol after having completed at least the first semester of their PhD candidature.	2