

FAQ for Admission Cohort 2024 Students and RNSmen matriculating in August 2024 on the NUS BBA Common Admissions and its New BBA Curriculum

This set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) seeks to advise new Admission Cohort 2024 students and returning NS men (RNSmen) matriculating in August 2024 about the new NUS Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Curriculum that is implemented from AY2024/2025. For more information, please visit the [New BBA Curriculum website](#) or write to bba@nus.edu.sg.

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For RNSmen who accepted admissions into BBA, BBA (ACC) & BSc (RE) before 2024 and are matriculating to Business School in AY2024/25

1. [For RNSmen] What will happen if I am accepted in the BBA, BAC or BSc RE degree programme before 2024?

All RNSmen who are matriculating to Business School in August 2024 will commence their degree programme under the New BBA Curriculum structure. Students will be given the freedom to decide their primary major no later than the end of the fourth active semester.

2. [For RNSmen] Since all students will be admitted under the common BBA curriculum moving forward, are there any changes in the tuition fee that I will be liable to pay?

Given that the New BBA Curriculum has only been approved in late 2023, NUS will honour maintaining the tuition fees for affected RNSmen who accepted admissions offers from BBA, BAC and BSc RE before 2024.

RNSmen who had accepted admission to NUS before 2024 and originally planned to enrol into the BBA, BAC or BSc programme will be charged the tuition fees prevailing at the year they accepted their offer of admission based on the NUS Business School's degree programmes. For more information about NUS tuition fees, please click [here](#).

3. [For RNSmen] I graduated from a local polytechnic and previously accepted a place in BSc (RE). With the curriculum change, am I still eligible for the Advanced Placement Credits (APCs) and exemptions?

The curriculum change does not affect Advanced Placement Credits and Exemptions. Polytechnic diploma holders may be granted Advanced Placement Credits of up to 40 Units (equivalent to exemptions for 10 courses) as follows:

- 20 Units from Unrestricted Electives (UEs) - *automatically granted to all local polytechnic diploma holders*
- Up to 20 Units from BBA Programme Requirements may be granted based on good performance in the **Advanced Placement Tests** set by the NUS Business School after an applicant had accepted NUS' offer of admission.

For more information, please refer to <https://bba.nus.edu.sg/academic-programmes/course-registration-information/general/>

*Depending on your polytechnic diploma, RNSmen who have accepted a place in BSc (RE) before AY2024/25 admission exercise may be granted APCs for RE1701, RE1702, RE1703, RE1704, RE1705 & RE1706 under existing BSc (RE) curriculum as a one-time concession.

Advanced Placement Credits	Course Exemption
RE1701 (4 Units)	RE1707 (2 Units)
RE1702 (4 Units)	DAO1704 (4 Units)
RE1703 (4 Units)	BSP1702 (4 Units)
RE1704 (4 Units)	BSP1703 (4 Units)
RE1705 (4 Units)	ACC1701 (4 Units)
RE1706 (4 Units)	Unrestricted Elective (4 Units)

4. [For RNSmen] May I request for transfer of programme before matriculating in AY2024/25 if I no longer want to pursue a Bachelor of Business Administration programme?

If you are seeking to change from the programme you have accepted to another undergraduate programme offered by another school/faculty, please refer to [the Information for Returning National Servicemen \(RNS\)](#).

There is no need to apply for a change of programme if you are seeking a change in majors within Business School as you will be entering into a common curriculum and will have the opportunity to choose your primary major no later than the end of your fourth active semester.

For Prospective students taking part in Admissions Exercise 2024

Admissions-related FAQs

5. What is the admission requirement for the NUS Bachelor of Business Administration degree programme?

Admission is based on academic merit as well as open competition among all eligible applicants. In addition to fulfilling admission requirements for the respective qualifications that applicants possess, applicants should also ensure that they fulfil the subject prerequisites for the programmes which they wish to be considered for. For more information, please visit the [Office of Admissions](#) website.

6. What is Indicative Grade Profile (IGP)? Can prospective applicants have a sense of the IGP for the new Business Administration programme in this current admissions exercise?

Admission is on a selective and competitive basis. The Indicative Grade Profile (IGP) can be used by prospective applicants to make informed choices in their application for admission to NUS undergraduate programmes.

Do note that the IGP is based on representative grade profiles of applicants offered places in the previous Academic Year. Please refer to the [Office of Admissions](#) website for IGP for Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-Level and Local Polytechnic Diploma Applicants for the Academic Year 2023/2024 Undergraduate Admissions Exercise.

As the New BBA Curriculum is only slated to launch in Academic Year 2024/2025, the IGP reflected will remain as the three separate degrees offered in the previous Academic Year. Applicants may refer to the IGP for the BBA degree programme as an indication of the IGP for the current year's admissions.

7. What are the tuition fees for BBA programme?

NUS practises the cohort-based fee system where tuition fees for an intake cohort of students will be fixed throughout the student's candidature. You can find details of the annual tuition fees for all undergraduate programmes on the [Office of the University Registrar](#) website.

8. Is there Financial Aid available for the programme?

There are a variety of financial aid schemes which are designed to help meet a portion of the educational and living expenses of financially needy students in the form of loans, bursaries, grants and work-study opportunities. Students can find more information on the BBA website:

<https://bba.nus.edu.sg/admissions-scholarships/financial-aid-scholarships/>

9. Do I have to decide the BBA major during the application stage? Will there be any further selection to be made by the students in the new BBA common admissions programme to choose their primary majors from the nine offered?

Applicants could indicate their preferred primary BBA major at the point of application for admissions to the Bachelor of Business Administration degree. However, if the applicant has not decided on their preferred primary BBA major, they could also choose “Major to be decided later”.

Applicants should be mindful that the selection at the stage of application is non-binding. While students can switch their majors during the initial semesters, they will need to fix and declare their primary major (and if applicable, their 2nd major and/or minor(s)) no later than the end of their 4th active semester during the Academic Plan Application/Declaration (APAD) exercise.

10. Is there a quota of students that each major accepts?

Within the nine BBA majors under the NUS BBA degree programme, there will not be a cap on the number of students pursuing each major. It is also possible for a student to pursue a second major within the eight other BBA majors. The student is deemed to have completed a major once he/she fulfils the respective course requirement.

11. What are number of seats available for BBA programme?

You may refer to the [Office of Admission website](#) for the total number of NUS degree programme places taken up in the past academic year.

12. For those taking Double Degree, when do I have to decide on my majors?

Similar to students pursuing single degrees, students who are reading double degree programmes are also required to fix and declare their business major in the Business School by the end of their 4th active semester. However, they are advised to fix their major earlier on, so that they do not read unnecessary courses, which may lead to their candidature being extended.

In addition, applicants who are enrolled in single degree programmes that will lead to BBA (Accountancy) and BBA (Real Estate) and are keen to self-initiate a non-listed double degree programme after starting their BBA studies should visit the following [link](#) to understand the DDP framework and guidelines. Students should always verify permissible DDP combinations with their Home Faculties/Schools before embarking on one.

13. Is it compulsory that I complete the degree programme with honours? Is it possible for me to exit the programme earlier by opting out of the honours requirements?

For Admission Year 2024/2025 onwards, the NUS BBA programme has been structured as a 4-year direct Honours degree at NUS Business School. Hence, there is no option to opt out of the Honours requirements. NUS believes that the rigour and duration of the Honours programme is optimal for providing students with the intellectual development and capabilities to sustain their long-term career development.

14. Since NUS Business School is introducing a common BBA curriculum, what degree title will be reflected eventually on my degree scroll?

Primary Major	Degree title
Business majors <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Applied</u> Business Analytics• Business Economics• Finance• Innovation & Entrepreneurship• Leadership & Human Capital Management• Marketing• Operations & Supply Chain Management	Bachelor of Business Administration with Honours
Accountancy	Bachelor of Business Administration (Accountancy) with Honours
Real Estate	Bachelor of Business Administration (Real Estate) with Honours

15. What are the job prospects for BBA graduates?

Career paths for NUS BBA graduates are wide and can range from:

- Banking and finance (investment banking, corporate banking, trading & securities, private wealth management, financial institutions, FOREX etc.)
- Marketing (brand management, marketing communications, advertising and PR, social media marketing, digital marketing etc.)
- Logistics and supply chain (PSA, freight forwarding, logistics planning)
- Public sector (ministries, stat boards)
- Management (human resource management, human resource consulting, executive search/recruitment)
- Real Estate (real estate management; real estate development & entrepreneurship; real estate consultancy, valuation & marketing; and property & facilities management)
- Others: consulting, manufacturing, customer services

A more detailed list of job prospects that BBA students could have upon graduation is available in [our brochure](#). Do keep in mind that the list could look very different between now and the time that the student graduates as the world is constantly changing with many other opportunities arising.

More than 90% of BIZ graduates secured full employment within 6 months upon graduation.

16. Are Accountancy and Real Estate still available as separate degree programmes under the new Business Administration common admissions framework?

Under the new Bachelor of Business Administration common admissions framework, all applicants will select 'Business Administration' as one of their ranked choices and indicate a preferred major. Both Accountancy and Real Estate are featured as majors under the Bachelor of Business Administration programme.

17. What are the key differences expected for students pursuing the Real Estate major under the Bachelor of Business Administration degree versus that from the previous Bachelor of Science degree?

One key significant difference will be in that the students who choose to major in Real Estate under the New BBA Curriculum will now be able to easily pursue a second business major or minor, such as in finance or marketing, within NUS Business School. This was not previously possible under the previous BSc curriculum.

Furthermore, it is expected that better graduate outcomes will be achieved as students will graduate with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, which is widely recognised in the business environment and job markets. This move was well received by the real estate industry during the consultations mooted during conceptualisation.

18. With the common admissions framework, how does this affect applicants who wish to read the Real Estate major?

The common admissions framework now means that applicants keen on the Real Estate major in the Bachelor of Business Administration degree will go through the same admissions process as those keen on other BBA majors. While historical data of the Indicative Grade Profiles (IGPs) for the BSc (Real Estate) degree might suggest a higher level of competitiveness, it is important to note that admission to most NUS degree programmes has always been competitive.

The shift to a common framework offers benefits such as increased flexibility in choosing majors and expected graduate outcomes. So, while it might seem more challenging based on past data, the overall advantages of the New BBA Curriculum make it a worthwhile change.

19. For polytechnic graduates, what will happen to the credit exemptions associated with specific polytechnic's diplomas that BSc (Real Estate) used to have?

Local polytechnic graduates choosing to read the Bachelor of Business Administration degree programme will continue to be granted Advance Placement Credits (APCs) of up to 20 units for Unrestricted Elective courses. These will be updated in students' academic records within first two weeks of the first semester of study.

These students may also seek a further exemption of up to 20 units for Programme Requirements, provided they sit for and clear with good performance in the Advanced Placement Tests set by the school.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-information-policies/undergraduate-students/continuation-and-graduation-requirements#APCExe>

Curriculum-related FAQs

20. What are Business Environment courses?

The Business Environment courses are part of the BBA common curriculum structure and serve to introduce BIZ students to the various dimensions of the bigger environment in which businesses operate in. These courses are not contextualised to the primary major and are the same across all the primary majors offered in the BBA degree programme. The six Business Environment courses are:

- BSP1702 Legal Environment of Business
- BSP1703 Managerial Economics
- DAO1704 Decision Analytics using Spreadsheets
- ES2002 Business Communications
- RE1707 Introduction to Real Estate
- MNO2707 Business Ethics

21. What are Business Function courses?

The Business Function courses are the common set of courses across all the primary majors offered at BIZ. Each course represents a basic functional area of a business and is not contextualised to the primary major. These six courses, together with the Business Environment courses (20 Units), provide a holistic and rigorous foundation for a business undergraduate degree. The Business Function courses are:

- ACC1701 Accounting for Decision Makers
- MKT1705 Principles of Marketing
- MNO1706 Organisational Behaviour
- DAO2702 Programming for Business Analytics
- DAO2703 Operations & Technology Management
- FIN2704 Finance

22. Are the courses pre-assigned within the nine BBA majors?

Courses within the major curriculum are not pre-assigned, as students typically select those that align with their interests. To facilitate informed decision-making, students can refer to the [BBA website](#) for a list of courses available under each of the nine majors. We encourage students to remain flexible and consider alternative options in case their preferred courses are unavailable in certain semesters or reach capacity.

23. What is covered under the Global Experience Milestone? Is this milestone mandatory for all students?

The Global Experience Milestone (GEM) aims to expose our BBA students to a foreign country to experience a different academic, work, social and/or cultural environment. GEM aligns with Singapore's positioning as a global/regional business hub in which more future job roles will be regional or international in nature.

This 0-unit milestone is a graduating requirement, and students have a myriad of ways to complete the overseas experience, the minimum being a 5-day study trip with deliverables (excluding the days expensed for international travel). The most common way to complete GEM will be through an overseas exchange stint (through the Student Exchange Programme) or an overseas summer/winter school. Other alternatives are overseas internships, overseas community projects, overseas competition, etc. To ensure that all students are able to fulfil this requirement, specific financial assistance is available for students who require it.

24. What is covered under the Work Experience Milestone? Do I need to complete internships as well as the Work-Study Internship Programme in order to achieve this milestone?

The Work Experience Milestone (WEM) is designed to equip BIZ undergraduates with workplace-ready skills before graduation. To complete the milestone, the student needs to complete two careers-related workshops and at least a full-time or part-time approved internship. More details on the Work Experience Milestone will be announced in due course.

WEM Component 1 - Career Compass Workshops (STR1000 and STR2000)

These are workshops conducted by the school's in-house career services team, BIZCareers, during the student's first and second years, and prepare the students in securing internships and a job upon graduation.

WEM Component 2 - At least one full-time or part-time approved internship

- Credit-bearing internship (read under Business Internship courses) or Non-credit bearing internship

Students have a choice to take on approved internships on a full-time or part-time basis. Furthermore, for full-time internships, students could also choose to fulfil up to 12 units under the Business Internship courses offered by the school. To complete this component of the milestone, the full-time internship must be at least 8 weeks, and the part-time internship must be at least 16 weeks. Students need to register for the internship with BIZCareers and must provide evidence of completion of the internship.

- Work-Study Internship Program (WSIP)

Students on WSIP will work full-time internships with the WSIP host over a span of 32 to 40 weeks while returning to campus to study approved courses (during the regular semester) that complement the workplace needs of the WSIP host. It is designed to allow students to have a much deeper dive into the industry or professional sector that they are interested in; and be able to find immediate application of what they have learnt in the classroom. In addition, students are able to accumulate work experiences that may possibly be counted towards their seniority in their careers if they accept a graduate job offer from the same WSIP host. The program specifics of WSIP vary from firm to firm as they are usually customised according to the talent acquisition plan of the firm.

25. Is the NUS Bachelor of Business Administration (Accountancy) degree accredited?

Yes. Despite the introduction of a new curriculum structure, the programme remains accredited under the Accountants Act. It is also still recognised for eligibility towards the Singapore Chartered Accountant Qualification (SCAQ).

26. Am I able to become a Chartered Accountant (CA) once I complete my Accountancy major in NUS? Can students who read Accountancy as their second major pursue a career as an accountant?

In compliance with the Singapore Accountancy Commission (SAC) regulations, all local Accountancy fresh graduates will have to complete a minimum of 3 years of working experience before becoming Chartered Accountants in Singapore and pass the professional exams according to the Singapore Chartered Accountant Qualification (SCAQ).

We are pleased to share that students who graduate with Accountancy as a second major are able to also work towards being a Certified Accountant / Chartered Accountant.

27. As a BBA student majoring in any of the nine BBA majors, can I still do the second Major or Minor in Management which is offered by NUS Business School?

No. The second Major or Minor in Management is offered only to non-business students. Within the New BBA Curriculum, students whose primary major is one of the nine BBA majors, may consider doing a second Major/Minor from within the other eight BBA majors if they are keen to broaden their knowledge and competencies.

28. Can the Real Estate-related Minors or second Majors be taken with this new curriculum?

With the curriculum change, the existing Minor in Real Estate and the second Major in Real Estate Finance have been discontinued. Students can still read the Minor in Urban Studies and the Minor in Infrastructure Management and Finance if they are keen.

29. Will I be able to apply for direct admissions for a second BBA Major/ Minor when I apply to NUS Business School?

At the point of common admissions application to the BBA degree programme, applicants would select their preferred major once in the online application form. The choice of preferred major within this option will not affect the chance of admission. After students are enrolled and begin their undergraduate studies, they will be able to declare and complete a second major or minor(s) of their interest using their Unrestricted Electives space.

30. How could a student under the Business Administration common admissions programme declare his or her major, or change major within the first 4 semesters?

At the start of each semester, there is the Academic Plan Application/Declaration (APAD) exercise where students declare their Academic Plan before Course Registration exercise. Students who wish to change their majors before the end of their 4th active semester would do so via this declaration. For more information, please visit: <https://www.nus.edu.sg/course/academic-plan-application-declaration.html>

31. With the new Business Administration curriculum, does it mean that a three-year Business Administration general degree programme is no longer offered?

Yes, the three-year general Bachelor of Business Administration degree (without honours) will no longer be offered.