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To: All Science students matriculating in July 2013

Welcome to the Faculty of Science (FoS). You have made the right choice! Besides rigorous training in your choice of major discipline, you will also acquire life skills that will make you a versatile, articulate, IT-savvy, and highly employable Science graduate. We have many interesting activities and people in the Faculty awaiting you to engage with. For a start, we are providing you with important dates of key events and other useful and relevant information below for your attention.

#### **DEAN'S WELCOME TEA 2013 & COURSE BRIEFING**

We have organized a series of briefings on **23 July 2013** for you. The briefings will cover the following areas:

- NUS Modular System & Science Curriculum
- Centralized Online Registration System (CORS)
- Student Life in Faculty of Science
- Department Academic Talks

All freshmen are strongly encouraged to attend this tea session. Please refer to <http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduate-studies/uginfow/welcome-note> for updates on the programme schedule nearer to the date.

#### **REGISTRATION EXERCISE for Academic Year (AY) 2013/14**

The Registration Exercise for all Science students will be held on **25 July 2013** at the Multi-Purpose Sports Hall 1 (MPSH 1). You are required to be present to complete your registration so that you can access the Centralized Online Registration System (CORS) on **1 August 2013** to indicate your intended major(s)/minor(s) and bid for your modules. Please refer to the Registrar's Office website at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/event/registration.html> for details on the Registration exercise.

#### **NUS BULLETIN 2013/14**

The bulletins contain details of modules offered in NUS. Visit the online version at:

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/nusbuletin/index.html>.

Please note that the contents of the bulletins are accurate as at the date of printing. Students are strongly advised to refer to the **Science website** and individual **Department websites** for the latest updates: <http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/>.

The Science Website also provides information on graduation requirements and frequently asked questions etc.

## CENTRALISED ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM (CORS)

The schedule for online registration of modules via CORS for Semester 1, AY2013/14 is as follows:

Module registration period	25 July 13 (Thu) – 13 August 13 (Tue)
Lectures begin	12 August 13 (Mon)
Tutorial registration for selected Physics Level 1000 Modules	12 August 13 (Mon) – 16 August 13 (Fri)
Tutorial registration for all other modules	16 August 13 (Fri) – 23 August 13 (Fri)
Tutorials begin	26 August 13 (Mon)
Drop with 'W' & no refund of points	26 August 13 (Mon), 0000hrs – 29 September 13 (Sun), 2359hrs
Drop with 'F' & full refund of points	30 September 13 (Mon), 0000hrs onwards

Please refer to the CORS website at <http://www.cors.nus.edu.sg/index.html> for detailed schedules and activities of each bidding round. You can also refer to the CORS briefing video, which is produced to guide freshmen on how to use the CORS system. The URL is as follows.

[http://vidcast.nus.edu.sg/camtasiarelay/CORS\\_Briefing - Flash %28Large%29 - 20100702\\_04.44.17PM.html](http://vidcast.nus.edu.sg/camtasiarelay/CORS_Briefing_-_Flash_%28Large%29_-_20100702_04.44.17PM.html)

Do note that you cannot exercise the S/U option on modules dropped with 'F'. You may refer to the FAQs at [http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/edu/UG/graduation.html#su\\_quicklinks](http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/edu/UG/graduation.html#su_quicklinks) for more information.

ALL students can only select and bid up to a maximum of 23 modular credits from bidding Round 0 to Round 2. Starting from Round 3, freshmen in their first semester will be allowed to select and bid up to 26 modular credits,

Always bid for the module in earlier rounds. If you are able to see your desired non-Science modules available for bidding under the 'Regular' modules category, please proceed to select them for bidding. The category under which you bid for the module and the module type code set for CORS will **not** affect how the module will be used for your graduation requirements later.

You may register for modules online via any computer with internet access. For students who prefer to do the online registration in the Faculty, please proceed to the Computer Lab in Science Library. Should you require any assistance, please approach the Science Computer Based Learning Centre (CBLC) during the module registration period at S16 Level 2.

The contact information and operating hours of Science CBLC for this exercise are as follows:

Hotline - 6516 8701

Email – [helpdesk@science.nus.edu.sg](mailto:helpdesk@science.nus.edu.sg)

Monday – Thursday	0900 – 1730 hours
Friday	0900 – 1630 hours
Weekends & University/Public Holidays	Closed

**Please bring along your NUSNET ID and NUSNET Password, and O-level & A-level certificates during the module registration (Centralized Online Registration) period. For your information, your NUSNET ID and NUSNET Password will be issued to you ONLY after you have completed your pre-registration online.**

**Students should not reveal their login, email passwords and NUS Smartcard PIN number to anyone. Disciplinary action will be taken against those who do so.**

## **TIMETABLE**

The class and examination timetables for Semester 1, AY2013/14 can be found at the following URL:  
<https://aces01.nus.edu.sg/cors/jsp/report/ModuleInfoListing.jsp>

The onus is on the students to map out their study plan and avoid registering for modules with clashes in class or examination timetable. To find out time-table clashes among modules, freshmen could use the Timetable Builder for this purpose. The Timetable Builder is available at this URL:  
<https://webrb.nus.edu.sg/ctt/builder.aspx>

## **OVERLAPPING MODULES**

There are modules that may overlap substantially in content with each other. Students are discouraged from reading overlapping modules unless both are required for attaining a double major, for example.

Students are expected to exercise personal responsibility to check whether their modules overlap with one another. When in doubt, students should consult the module coordinator or an academic advisor. For updated information on overlapping (precluded) modules, please refer to the online version of the NUS Bulletin 2013/14 at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/nusbulletin/index.html> and the list of overlapping modules on Faculty of Science website at <http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduate-studies/ugreq/curriculum-structure/186-undergraduate/ugreq/curriculum-structure/218-overlapping-modules>.

If, for some reasons, you have been given approval to read an overlapping or precluded module, please note that the modular credits of the overlapping or precluded module will not count towards your graduation requirements.

## **QUALIFYING ENGLISH TEST (QET)**

You will be notified by the Centre for English Language Communications (CELC) directly of your QET results. For students who do not pass the QET, you will be required to take either ES1000 (Basic English Course) and/or ES1102 (English for Academic Purpose). Students who are required to read both ES1000 and ES1102 may read ES1000 in Semester 1, AY2013/14 and ES1102 in Semester 2, AY2013/14. For students who are required to read only ES1102, you may read it during Semester 1 or Semester 2 of AY2013/14.

## **COMPULSORY COMMUNICATION MODULE**

Science students matriculated from AY2013/14 onwards (except Pharmacy students and Environmental Studies students) are required to read **ES1541 Exploring Science Communication through Popular Science**. This module is compulsory and forms part of the graduation requirement. Students are strongly advised to complete it by the first year. Students who are required to read ES1000 and/or ES1102 should try to read this module in Semester 2 of AY2013/14 or latest by Semester 1 of AY2014/15. For more details on this module, please refer to <http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduate-studies/ugreq/curriculum-structure/186-undergraduate/ugreq/curriculum-structure/708-es1541>.

### **ACADEMIC WARNING, PROBATION & DISMISSAL**

Please note that if a student's Cumulative Average Point (CAP) falls below 2.00 for any semester, the University will issue him with a warning.

If his CAP falls below 2.00 again (i.e.  $1.50 \leq \text{CAP} < 2.00$ ), in the following semester he will be placed on probation.

He will not be able to continue his undergraduate studies and be denied readmission to the University if he has obtained:

- CAP below 1.50 in two consecutive semesters; or
- CAP below 2.00 in three consecutive semesters.

In both cases, the student will be issued a letter of dismissal by the Registrar's Office. He may appeal against the dismissal on the grounds of extenuating circumstances. Each student is only allowed to appeal **once** during their period of candidature.

Students who face difficulties in coping with their studies are encouraged to approach their academic mentors for guidance and support. The respective mentors will be able to guide and advise students of the various avenues where help is available. More information on the Science Academic Mentorship scheme is provided at <http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/students/ams>.

### **PROGRAMMES OF INTEREST**

#### **1) Second Majors offered by FoS**

Science students who wish to enhance and broaden their undergraduate studies may opt for a second major. Currently, FoS offers six second majors: Chemistry, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics and Financial Mathematics. Please refer to the following website for more information: <http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduate-studies/ugprog/second-majors>.

#### **2) Freshman Seminar**

This module presents opportunities for freshmen to explore Science and to work closely with members of the Faculty or prominent visiting professors on topics of current interest in contemporary research and in small class settings. Students will acquire independent learning as well as oral and written communication skills. Please access the following link for more information on this module.

<http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduate-studies/ugenh/fsm>.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Important information will be transmitted to students through the Faculty of Science webpage (<http://www.science.nus.edu.sg/>) or via electronic mail (NUS Webmail). Please note that ***it is your responsibility to check these channels regularly for latest updates.*** You are also reminded to clear your NUS Email Account regularly so that important emails will be delivered promptly to you.

We wish you a pleasant stay in the Faculty of Science and we look forward to seeing you at the Dean's Welcome Tea and Science Freshman Orientation Briefing on 23 July 2013.

Yours sincerely,

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