

Guide to Further Education After A-Levels

Dear students,

Congratulations on completing your A-Level journey! We hope that this handout provides you with some essential information as you plan for your next step forward in your education pathway.

We wish you all the best in your future endeavours!

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Section A – Educational Pathways After A-Levels

What can I do to *increase* my chances of entering university?

Step 1: Apply to all 6 local Autonomous Universities

- Apply even if you do not meet the previous year's Indicative Grade Profile (IGP). The cut-off varies each year.
- Ensure you have a combination of courses that include
 - desired and 'safe' courses
 - different course within the same university
 - similar course at different universities
- Note that ranking of choices matters

Step 2: Apply to NUS, NTU and SMU through **Aptitude Based Admissions** (SIT, SUTD and SUSS's admissions process is already aptitude based)

Step 3: Put in effort into the application such as writing an impactful personal statement/essay, preparing a portfolio, preparing any additional submissions requested etc.

Step 4: For those who did not get their preferred offers or any at all, do appeal right up to the start of the academic term. Persistence may just pay off, and good to be open-minded with the alternative options offered.

Step 5: Seek support from trusted adults like teachers, ECG counsellor and parents/family members.

What are the alternatives to full-time degree programmes?

1: Consider taking up part-time degree programmes at SUSS

Please refer to SUSS Website for the most updated Admission Criteria.

<https://www.suss.edu.sg/part-time-undergraduate/admissions>

2: Consider taking up a diploma at local polytechnics

For further information on this, please visit the websites of each polytechnic to check which courses allow for a shortened duration for A-level graduates to obtain their diploma.



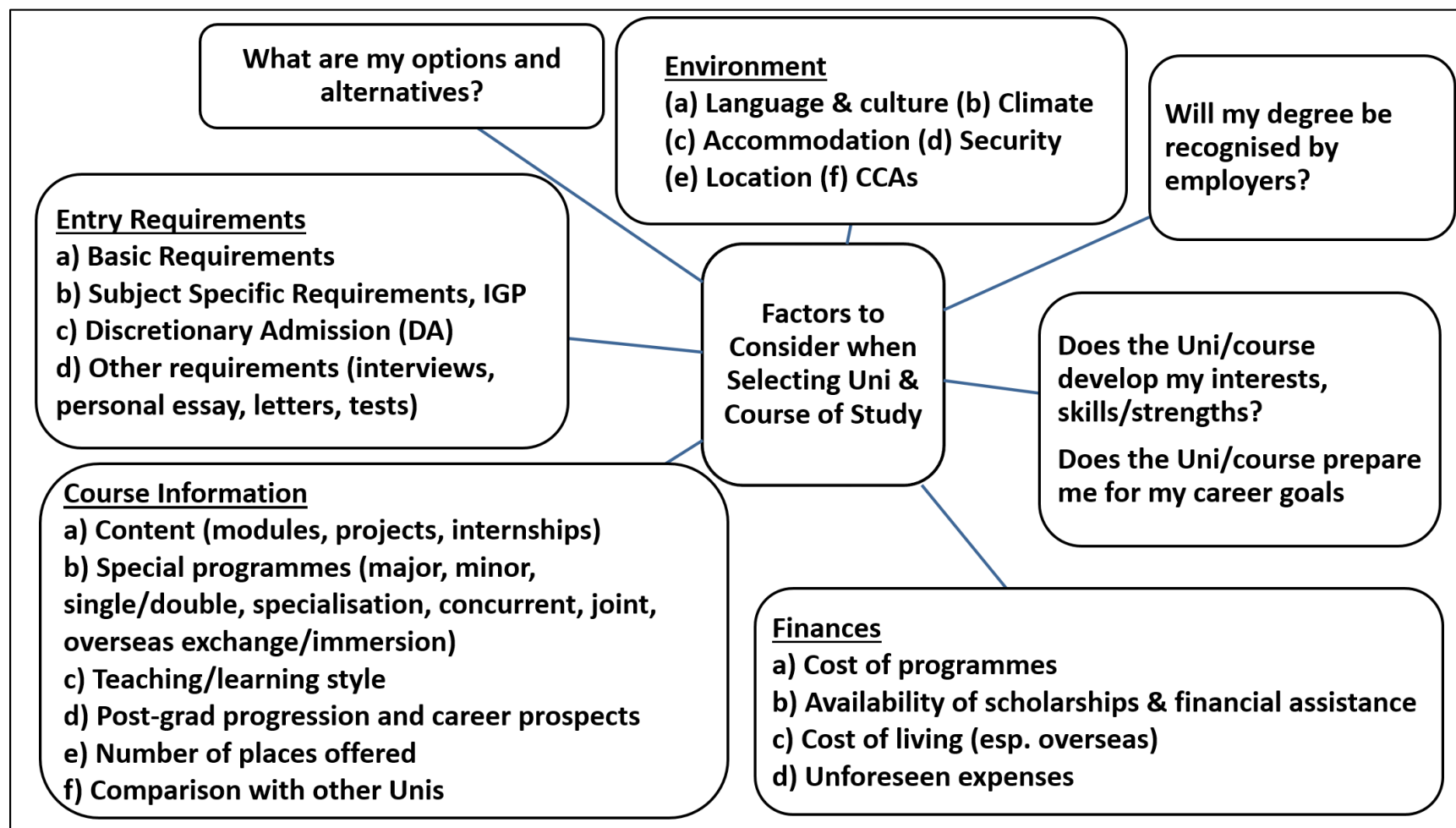
3: Consider publicly funded Arts Institutions

Publicly funded Arts Institutions, such as LASALLE and NAFA, offer arts and design related diploma and degree programmes for A-Level holders. The closing dates for applications vary. Do bear in mind courses related to art and design are more suitable for those who have an aptitude in this area.

Please refer to their individual websites for accurate information about programmes, entry requirements, fees and application deadlines.



Section B – Factors to Consider When Selecting a University/Course



It will be good to seek additional insights from seniors, teachers, ECG counsellors, school counsellors and family members.

Section C – General Paper Requirement for Admission to Local AUs

Students can apply to local AUs even if he/she failed General Paper. For example, from SMU website:

Can I gain admission if I fail the General Paper?

If you did not pass your GP, you can still apply. We will take into consideration your performance in the other A-Level subjects on a competitive and selective basis.

Source: <https://admissions.smu.edu.sg/faqs/admissions-and-applications>

Do check the websites of the respective AUs to verify this information.

Section D – Factors to Consider Before Applying to Retake A-Levels

If you are thinking of retaking your A-Levels, consider the following questions:

- Have I considered a part-time degree at SUSS?
- Have I considered a polytechnic diploma with a possible shorter duration (and subsequent entry into the local AUs)?
- Have I sought insights from parents, ECG counsellors, teachers, and/or school counsellors?
- Have I checked with the school on my eligibility to redo PU3 @ MI? What are my alternatives if I am not eligible to stay at MI?
- What will I do differently in order to improve my performance?
- In parallel, are you doing the following:
 - Have I applied to all 6 local AUs, making full use of the options available?
 - Have I appealed to all of the AUs, all the way till the start of the academic year?

Do note that for admissions to local AUs, **3 H2 subjects and GP must be taken in one sitting.**

Check the websites of the respective AUs for more information on combining results from separate sittings of the A-Level examination.

Section E – Private Education

Before considering private education, do consider the following questions:

- Have I done the necessary things to increase my chances of entering local AUs (see Section A)?
- Have I applied to all 6 local AUs, making full use of the options available?
- Have I appealed to all of the AUs, all the way till the start of the academic year?
- Have I considered a part-time degree at SUSS?
- Have I considered a polytechnic diploma with a possible shorter duration (and subsequent entry into the local AUs)?
- Have I sought insights from parents, ECG counsellors, teachers, and/or school counsellors?

For private education,






- Students should liaise directly with the respective institutions to find out more about the courses and assess the merit of pursuing a private education programme before making a decision.
- For more information on whether to pursue private education, please refer to **SkillsFuture** website <https://www.ssg-wsg.gov.sg/>

Go Individuals > Resources for Private Education Students.

Some useful resources are:

1. Resources for Private Education Students > Key Facts You Should Know > **Before You Consider Private Education: 3Rs For You To Think About**
2. Resources for Private Education Students > Key Facts You Should Know > Infographic: **8 Things You Should Know Before You Enrol In A Private School**

Section F – ECG Support

<p>Ask-Me-Anything Session with ECG Counsellor, Mr Tan Chia Boon</p> <p>In the link provided, please pen down below your question(s) regarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - choosing university/course/career OR - optimising university/course application OR - any other concerns related to higher education/career planning. 		<p>Post your qns here:</p> 
<p>Sign up here:</p> 	<p>Workshop on handling interview questions and personal statements by ECG Counsellor, Mr Tan Chia Boon</p> <p>Join this session to learn how to handle interview questions and better prepare your personal statement.</p>	
<p>ECG Counselling with Mr Tan Chia Boon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tan will be available on the afternoon of results release at LR 1. • He is also available daily, from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. at the library mezzanine level. • Zoom meetings are possible 		<p>Make an appt here:</p> 
<p>Make an appt here:</p> 	<p>ECG Counselling at ECG Centre @ MOE (Grange Road)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECG counselling service is also available at ECG Centre @ MOE (Grange Road). • You can also contact them via email at MOE_ECG@moe.gov.sg or via their hotline at 6831 1420. 	
<p>ECG Pamphlet from MOE Guidance Branch</p> <p>What is My Next Step Forward After My GCE A-Level?</p>		

Section G – MySkillsFuture Student Portal

For more information on post-GCE A-Level options, do log on to www.myskillsfuture.sg/preuniversity.

Your userID is your NRIC. If you have forgotten your password, you can reset your password by simply clicking on “Forgot your password?” on the login window. If you are still unable to do so, you can email studentportal@myskillsfuture.sg or call 6684 9020.

Section H – University Admissions Exercise

Nanyang Technological University (NTU), National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore Management University (SMU), Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT), Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS), Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) have announced the following with regard to the university admissions exercise.

Application Platform

With the implementation of a flexible and differentiated university admissions system, applicants seeking admission to any one of the universities are required to complete **separate** online application forms which have been customised to each university’s requirements. Applicants can access each university’s application forms through their respective websites. Separate processing of applications by each university will allow students to receive competitive offers for admission from these universities. An application fee may be payable depending on the university. Please refer to the respective university websites for the application period.

Computation of University Admission Score (UAS)

In computing the University Admission Score (UAS), the university will take into consideration the following:

- Three H2 and one H1 content-based subjects, of which one must be a contrasting subject
- GP or KI (taken in the same sitting as the H2 subjects)
- Project Work (PW)

A H1 subject will be counted as half of a H2 in terms of point computation. GP and PW are considered as H1 subjects. MTL may be included in the computation of the University Score. The better of the two scores (i.e. with and without MTL) will be the University Score of the candidate.

Minimum Requirements and New Courses

Please refer to the respective university website pages for information on minimum requirements and any new courses.

Indicative Grade Profiles and Programme Places for A-Level Applicants

Eligibility for admission is an important factor when students decide on which programme to study. Applicants need to be aware that the admission criteria may vary from programme to programme. For the popular programmes with small intake, competition is expected to be keener with more stringent grade requirements.

Visit the respective local autonomous universities’ websites for the most updated information.

Tuition fees

All universities charge a cohort-based fee system. Students will pay the same amounts for their entire candidature. For annual tuition fees, please refer to the respective local autonomous universities’ websites for the most updated information.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

All the local autonomous universities offer a wide range of scholarships and financial aids for students to apply. Please refer to the respective local autonomous universities’ websites for more information.