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UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS FRAMEWORK UNDER NEW ‘A’ LEVEL CURRICULUM

Nanyang Technological University’s (NTU) admissions policy has always been to admit all-round talents with the academic grounding to excel in NTU’s rigorous environment. Our recruitment process seeks out not only those with excellent academic backgrounds but also those with special qualities such as leadership skills, entrepreneurial drive and a keen desire to contribute to society at large.

Our admissions policy remains unchanged with the introduction of the new ‘A’ level curriculum. Our practice of need-blind admissions continues to apply as well.

Says Assoc Prof Lun Kwok Chan, Dean, Office of Admissions, NTU, “NTU welcomes applications from talented students of diverse backgrounds. We practice fair and flexible admissions, considering candidates on the respective strengths of their applications, as well as their academic and personal potential. At NTU, we are committed to helping the best become even better.”

Prospective students may contact the Office of Admissions, Nanyang Technological University for further information:

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Questions and answers on the new ‘A’ level curriculum and admissions to Nanyang Technological University

Can mature candidates with the current Singapore-Cambridge GCE ‘A’ level certificate still apply for admission after 2008?
Answer: Yes. NTU accepts applications from talented students from diverse academic backgrounds. Please refer to the NTU undergraduate prospectus and website for details. Or contact our admissions professionals at adm_local@ntu.edu.sg.

Will candidates who pursue the new ‘A’ level curriculum be assessed in the same basket as those with the current Singapore-Cambridge GCE ‘A’ level certificate?
Answer: We normally group candidates by qualification and assess each group separately. Those who pursue the new ‘A’ curriculum will compete among themselves for a place at the university. The same arrangement applies to those with the current Singapore-Cambridge GCE ‘A’ level certificate.

Will it be harder or easier to gain admission with the new ‘A’ level curriculum?
Answer: Each year, places in NTU’s courses are many times oversubscribed. Whether a candidate gains entry will depend on the strength of his or her application relative to those of other candidates. We assure all candidates that NTU assesses each application thoroughly and with due consideration.

Is there a preference for candidates who pursue the new ‘A’ level curriculum or the International Baccalaureate Diploma?
Answer: No, all candidates are considered on a case-by-case basis on the strength of their application.

Will NTU still exercise discretion in considering candidates with special qualities?
Answer: Yes. NTU will continue to set aside up to 10% of its places for candidates it will admit on a discretionary basis.

What are the minimum University Scores and Faculty Scores under the current and new ‘A’ level curriculum?
Answer: Such scores are dependent on the quality of each cohort.

Why has NTU relaxed some of its subject prerequisites?
Answer: By relaxing some of NTU’s subject prerequisites, we will accord ‘A’ level students greater flexibility in their subject combinations at JC.

Will NTU similarly relax some of its requirements for polytechnic applicants?
Answer: In September 2003, NTU relooked the admission exercise for polytechnic applicants. We revised subject requirements to give polytechnic applicants greater flexibility and more options.

Has NTU’s admissions policy changed with the introduction of the new ‘A’ level curriculum?
Answer: No, it hasn’t. NTU’s underlying admissions policy has always been to admit all-round talents with the academic grounding to excel in NTU’s rigorous environment. Our recruitment process seeks out not only those with excellent academic backgrounds but also those with special qualities such as leadership skills, entrepreneurial drive and a keen desire to contribute to society at large. At NTU, we are committed to helping the best become even better.