

Local Universities Forum @ SAJC 2021 – collated Q & A for parents

Question Type: AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITIES (AU) ADMISSIONS	
Questions	Responses
Can the various universities share with us the admission criteria, in terms of cut-off points and also the areas considerations, e.g., interviews or CCA grading etc?	<p>[NTU]: NTU's Indicative Grade Profile is available at http://admissions.ntu.edu.sg/UndergraduateAdmissions/Pages/IndicativeGradeProfile.aspx. NTU's minimum subject requirements for the available programmes can be found at https://adobe.ly/32uD0iT. Students who have outstanding/significant achievements can complete the section under Aptitude-based Admissions (ABA) together with their application. To learn more about ABA, please refer to http://www3.ntu.edu.sg/oad2/website_files/DA.pdf</p> <p>[SUTD]: SUTD considers all applications comprehensively, taking into account student's academic preparedness as well as student's traits, qualities, passion and aspiration for fit with SUTD. For the former, students with strong competency in Mathematics and the Sciences (specifically Physics or Chemistry) are generally preferred. For the latter, through student's participation in co-curricular activities, accomplishments, teacher's recommendations, and responses to SUTD's personal insight questions, SUTD hopes to gain a better understanding of every student as an individual, and if student has the attributes to flourish in SUTD. All shortlisted candidates will also be invited to an engagement/interview session with SUTD for SUTD know the student beyond what his/her online application is.</p> <p>[NUS] Refer to FAQ page from NUS website https://www.askadmissions.nus.edu.sg/app/answers/list/c/693</p> <p>[SUSS] SUSS takes on a holistic approach for admission of their students. Shortlisted applicants will undergo a 4-stage admission interview process. SUSS will assess applicants' performance as well as their grades scored in A-Level. Details can be found here: https://www.suss.edu.sg/full-time-undergraduate/how-to-apply SUSS Indicative Grade Profile is available here: https://www.suss.edu.sg/full-time-undergraduate/admissions/indicative-grade-profile-igp</p> <p>[SMU] SMU's indicative grade profile can be found via this link: https://admissions.smu.edu.sg/admissions-requirements/indicative-grade-profile</p>

	<p>SMU is committed to a holistic and aptitude-based admissions approach, where they look for students who have not only been successful academically but who possess qualities that we value. In addition to academic grades, SMU will look for evidence of these qualities such as aptitude, positive attitude, intellectual curiosity, critical thinking and communication skills, as demonstrated through leadership in co-curricular activities; impactful involvement in community service and volunteer programmes; significant awards and achievements in areas relevant to the course applied for; noteworthy involvement in work/internships relevant to the course applied for; as well as other relevant factors.</p> <p>[SIT] SIT adopts a holistic and aptitude-based approach in assessing applications for admission. Applicants are evaluated on their academic qualifications, co-curricular activity records and relevant work experience. Every shortlisted applicant will be invited for an admission interview and the applicant's interview performance will be taken into consideration as well. Mainly, SIT is looking at individuals who have the interests in and are of the right fit to the programme that they are applying for. SIT's indicative grade profile is available at https://www.singaporetech.edu.sg/sites/default/files/2021-01/SIT_Indicative_Grade_Profile_0.pdf</p>
<p>For local students' admission, does each university take in students using SAT results? If so, is there a designated quota for SAT admissions?</p>	<p>[SUSS]: Students may consider submitting SAT/ACT results to complement their A-Level grades when they put in their online application. For SUSS, there is no quota for SAT admissions. https://www.suss.edu.sg/full-time-undergraduate/admissions/eligibility</p> <p>[SUTD]: While SAT is not a prerequisite for those applying with local qualifications, students can opt to supplement their application with SAT subject test scores in Mathematics Level II and Physics if they have not done as well in those subjects.</p> <p>[SMU]: SAT is not required for applicants applying with Singapore-Cambridge A level qualification. SAT cannot be used to replace the A level results.</p> <p>[SIT] SAT scores is not a prerequisite for applicants applying with local qualifications. Applicants may still submit their SAT scores to supplement their applications.</p> <p>[NUS] Please refer to FAQ page from NUS website https://www.askadmissions.nus.edu.sg/app/answers/list/c/693</p>

<p>May I know what is the difference between double degree and second major?</p> <p>What are the criteria for double degrees offered in the various universities? Is it based on university results or A-level results?</p>	<p>[SMU]: Student will graduate with 2 different degrees under a double degree programme. Tuition fees for a double degree in SMU is the same as a single degree. For a second major, the second major will be reflected in the student's transcript. SMU does look for strong A-levels results for double degrees but every student in SMU is able to take a second major, if they choose to.</p> <p>[SUSS] SUSS does not offer double degree or double majors. Instead SUSS focuses on applied learning programme, hence it's a combination of Major-Minor.</p> <p>[SIT] SIT offers industry-focused specialised degree programmes that prepare students to be professionals in their chosen fields of study. Hence, SIT does not offer double degree or second majors. In light of increasing industry disruptions, SIT will infuse interdisciplinary and life-skills learning to the curriculum so that students will pick up skills beyond their specialisation and prepare them for challenges and uncertainties ahead.</p> <p>[NUS] Please refer to FAQ page from NUS website https://www.askadmissions.nus.edu.sg/app/answers/list/c/693</p>
<p>It seems that most university applications close before A-level results are released, so what exactly is the role of A-levels in university applications?</p>	<p>All University application deadlines for A-levels are after the release of the A-levels results.</p>
<p>Can we also have a list of the open houses dates and time?</p>	<p>NTU: 20 Feb 2021 NUS: 27 Feb - 6 Mar 2021 SMU: 20 - 21 Feb 2021, 10 am - 6 pm; 22 - 25 Feb 2021, 7 - 9 pm SUTD: 5 - 8 Mar 2021 SUSS: 20 and 27 Feb 2021 SIT: 16, 17, 23, 24 Feb 2021</p>
<p>What are the limitations or opportunities for a foreign scholar from Malaysia?</p>	<p>[SUSS]: While SUSS has limited enrolment places for International Students, please refer to their website for the newly launched scholarship for IS from ASEAN countries. https://www.suss.edu.sg/full-time-undergraduate/admissions/suss-scholarships-awards#Scholarships</p>

	<p>For Scholarships information from the other universities, you may refer to the following weblinks:</p> <p>NUS: https://nus.edu.sg/oam/scholarships</p> <p>NTU: https://admissions.ntu.edu.sg/UndergraduateAdmissions/Pages/Scholarships.aspx</p> <p>SMU: https://admissions.smu.edu.sg/scholarships?gclid=Cj0KCQiA962BBhCzARIsAlpWEL1zcEG2IhzUmubls0alb5MQ1GYo_pz6rf4aHddGbdo_YFOkvM7Uoe4aAmvhEALw_wcB</p> <p>SUTD: https://www.sutd.edu.sg/Admissions/Undergraduate/Scholarship/Application-for-scholarships?gclid=Cj0KCQiA962BBhCzARIsAlpWEL2VxHQgz7tnMejCmk9JFJ55kkYXJeCzs4gTEehPK9b4jdkgvpYMqxMaAk-0EALw_wcB</p> <p>SIT: https://www.singaporetech.edu.sg/admissions/scholarships/sit-scholarship</p>
<p>For boys who need to serve two years of NS first, what is their application to local University, appeal and reapply application process be like, assuming the first application is rejected?</p>	<p>He can apply for university admissions once results are received (Feb 2022). Male applicants who have yet to enlist or are currently enlisted in the National Service may have their places reserved for up to two years, if they are successful in their applications.</p> <p>If the application is not successful, NS Men can apply in 2023 and 2024 as well. So, NS Men can apply up to 3 times before the year of enrolment in 2024.</p>
<p>Are specialisations in SUTD guaranteed from the first year?</p>	<p>[SUTD] Students only need to choose their major after the end of first year and this is guaranteed.</p>
<p>Where can we find information on scholarships eligibility for Non-Singaporeans for each of the university?</p>	<p>[NTU]: Please refer to http://admissions.ntu.edu.sg/UndergraduateAdmissions/Pages/FreshmenNonSingapore.aspx for NTU's scholarships available for Non-Singapore Citizens to apply.</p> <p>[SUTD]: Please refer to https://sutd.edu.sg/Admissions/Undergraduate/Scholarship/Application-for-scholarships for the list of SUTD-administered scholarships available.</p>

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<p>Will the College consider administering a personality assessment tool to help students match their personality to appropriate areas of work?</p>	<p>SAJC has career guidance SLEAD lessons where we help students explore their career aspirations, strengths and inclinations, and matching those to a list of suggested professions which they can explore further. MySkillsFuture portal, a one-stop portal to help students better understand their strengths and interests and leverage relevant information and tools to explore different education and career pathways will also be used to help students identify career goals and make informed education and career choices (MySF PreU portal available at https://www.myskillsfuture.gov.sg/content/student/en/preu.html).</p>

Question Type: Covid-19 related	
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Due to Covid, industry attachment is almost impossible. How is this achieved?	The various AUs will make arrangements for students to take industry-related projects and ensure that students are exposed adequately to the world of work so that they are ready to enter the workforce upon graduation.
My daughter is in the Mentoring CCA. However, due to Covid-19, there was no chance for her to participate much last year, till the last part of 2020. With all these restrictions and exclusions in mind, how is she going to be affected when the Universities assess her based on holistic approach?	She could present how she has adapted to the challenges arising from this unusual situation and what she has done in place as a result of the planned programme not happening. She could cite examples of how she has pursued self-directed learning as a result of Home-Based Learning and how she further developed her areas of strengths and interests through other alternative platforms. Resilience, adaptability are very important qualities that universities are looking for among their candidates.
My son is very interested in aviation/aerospace engineering since Secondary School. However, with this Covid-19 situation, I am not sure if he should still continue in this niche area or is it better for him to consider other engineering courses. Seeking advice on this	Right now, the aviation and aerospace industries are having its struggles because of the current pandemic situation. However the situation should improve with time and the need for aerospace and aviation engineers will remain. What is important is for your son to keep an open mind to learning new knowledge if these industries undergo transformation. Alternatively he could consider other engineering courses and can always go back to the universities to see how he can build his knowledge on areas he is interested in.

Question Type: SAJC-related	
Questions:	Responses
I understand from my child CCA is not compulsory at SAJC, is it true?	CCA is an integral part of college life. We strongly encourage students to participate in a CCA to enrich their learning experience in SAJC in addition to the other programmes we have put in place for all students. There are opportunities created at various levels for our students, ranging from personal interest, class-based activities, CCA-related activities and level-wide/college-wide events initiated and led by our students.
Will SAJC identify and recommend existing SA graduating students for scholarships / scholarship programme available?	A whole school approach is adopted to ensure awareness of available scholarship opportunities to all students. The cohort is provided timely information of the various internal and external scholarships and awards that are available for different groups of students. This is to ensure that all students are well supported in their scholarship aspirations.
May I know what is the percentage of Saints who made it to the NTU, NUS or SMU?	More than 90% of our students are eligible to articulate into local AUs. The college supports the education aspirations of our students through various programmes and platforms to ensure that they are holistically developed and well-positioned to enter the IHL of their choice.