MScBIS FAQs [AY2025/2026]

Application for Admission

1. **The official application requires us to submit a documentary proof of financial support in English. What does this refer to? What document can I submit as financial proof?**

   You may submit a bank statement (original, certified true copy or electronically generated statements will be accepted) OR a certificate of deposit in English issued by the bank as a proof that you (or your parent) have the stated amount in the bank account. If you are not the account holder indicated in the bank statement, attach another document stating your relationship with the account holder.

   The financial proof should certify your financial ability to make payment for the Miscellaneous Student Fees (MSFs) and tuition fees for at least 2 semesters. For more information on MSFs, please visit the Registrar's Office website.

2. **There is a 'Referee' section on the application page. Is this compulsory?**

   Please submit AT LEAST ONE reference letter for the MSc in Behavioural and Implementation Sciences in Health (MScBIS) programme.

3. **Can I upload supporting documents that are not in English?**

   All supporting documents that are not in English must be accompanied by an official certified English translation.

4. **If my application is unsuccessful, can I reapply?**

   Yes, applicants who are unsuccessful in their application can submit a new online application with all the relevant and updated supporting documents uploaded if they are interested in being considered for the MScBIS again in the next intake.

5. **Are there any scholarships that I can apply for?**

   For information on postgraduate scholarship options, please refer to our scholarship document here.

Matriculation

1. **How/when will I receive my NUS student card?**

   You will be notified to collect your student card on campus once it is ready.

2. **Is there orientation for newly matriculated students?**
   Orientation session will be held in-person during the 1st week of the term before lessons start in August 2025.

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International Applicants

1. **I am an international student, what document do I need to study and stay in Singapore?**

   All international students must hold a valid Student's Pass (SP) issued by the Singapore Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) for their studies at NUS.

2. **How do I apply for a Student Pass?**

   Upon acceptance of your Offer of Admission, the University will apply for the Student's Pass on your behalf via the Singapore Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) SOLAR system. Once NUS has successfully registered your information, you may login to SOLAR to submit eForm 16. You may click here for the information required.

3. **I have applied to more than one institution. Can I hold more than 1 Student Pass?**

   ICA will only issue one Student Pass to a student at any one time. You may apply to more than one institution, but you may only accept one offer. If you have earlier accepted an offer from another institution but now wish to accept NUS offer instead, you would have to inform the other institution to cancel their Student's Pass application before you can proceed to submit your eForm 16. You may click here for the steps to submit eForm 16.

4. **Pre-Admission Medical Examination**

   As an admission condition, all incoming students (excluding non-graduating students and continuing & professional education students) are required to undergo a medical examination. The University reserves the right to refuse admission to or exclude a student from any course of study if he/she declines to undergo the health examinations or refuse any prescribed tests. All international students who plan to stay in Singapore for 6 months or more need to undergo and pass an additional medical examination, which must include a HIV test for the application of the Student Pass. You may click here for more information.

5. **Must the medical examination be done in Singapore?**

   You may complete the medical examination (i) at the University Health Centre (UHC); (ii) with your own physician either in Singapore; or (iii) in your home country. If you choose to consult your own physician, please submit the completed medical examination report, written in English, to UHC before the stipulated deadline. Please refer to the UHC website for more information.

Hostels/Accommodation

1. **Will NUS help to arrange for my accommodation in Singapore?**

   Only Full-time NUS graduate students may apply for a place in selected Student Residences. Being a research-intensive university, new Graduate students by Research are prioritised for campus accommodation. As demand far exceeds supply, not all applicants will be successful in their applications. With the present high demand for campus housing, Graduate students by Coursework are unlikely to be offered campus accommodation in Kent Ridge Campus, except College Green. It is advisable to budget for off-campus housing and source for one early. You may click here for more information regarding off-campus housing.

   Please note that any agreement signed between a Student and the Private Hostel is deemed a private arrangement between the two parties. NUS is unable to mediate in the event of a dispute. Students are advised to practice due care and diligence prior to any contractual commitments.

2. **What are the alternative options for accommodation in Singapore if I am not successful in my hostel application?**

   We strongly encourage students to arrange temporary or short-term accommodation before they leave their home country, if they have not secured accommodation for their course. You may refer to the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) website for the lists of private short-term and long-term accommodation in Singapore.

   Please note that students are responsible to source for their own accommodation in Singapore. You may click here for a list of contacts and resource references to help facilitate your arrangement of alternative accommodation.

3. **How much would accommodation cost in Singapore per month?**

   The average monthly rental rate can cost anywhere from SGD $500 – $2000 and above, depending on the type of housing, geographical location, size, facilities etc.

4. **How much would it cost to live in Singapore during my studies?**

   You may click here for a list of estimated expenditure a single student may likely incur during his or her stay in Singapore. These amounts will vary accordingly depending on your personal needs and lifestyle pattern. You are advised to refer to the sample data as a rough guide for planning your expected living costs.

Curriculum

1. **What is the maximum candidature?**

   The MSc in Behavioural and Implementation Sciences in Health (MScBIS) programme is a 1 year full-time or 2 year part-time 40 academic units' degree, with 2 non-obligatory specialisations in either Practice or Research.

   - **Full-time students** are expected to complete the programme within 12 months (1 year). The maximum candidature is 24 months (2 years) – excluding Leave of Absence (LOA).

   - **Part-time students** are expected to complete the programme within 24 months (2 years). The maximum candidature is 48 months (4 years) – excluding Leave of Absence (LOA).

2. **What are the requirements for continuation and graduation?**

   Continuation Requirement:

   - For continuation of candidature, a student must obtain satisfactory progress during his/her candidature (Coursework).

   - A student will be issued an academic warning for any semester in which his/her GPA falls below 3.00. If in the following semester, the student's GPA again falls below 3.00 but is above 2.50, he/she will be placed on probation.

   Student's candidature may be terminated and refused re-admission if he/she obtains:

   - GPA < 1.5 in the first semester of study; or
   - GPA < 2.50 for two consecutive semesters of study; or
   - GPA < 3.00 for three consecutive semesters of study

   Graduation Requirement:

   - Read and pass 7 core courses and 3 elective courses that are in the course list.
   - Obtain a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 out of 5.0 or equivalently, an average grade of at least B-.

3. **Where can I find the list of courses?**

   Please refer to the programme website under the "Curriculum" tab for the list of courses. Please refer to NUSMods for more information regarding the courses. Please note that the courses may only be available once per academic year (AY) and you are to refer to NUSMods or the programme website for more information.

4. **How many courses am I allowed to take per semester?**

   The maximum workload for full-time and part-time students is 24 units and 12 units respectively. The minimum workload for full-time and part-time students is 12 units and 4 units respectively.

   Students are highly encouraged to complete their course of study earlier than the maximum candidature. Please plan and select your course choices across the semesters within the candidature.

5. **How do I register for the courses?**

   Full-time students would be pre-allocated all core courses (within one academic year) during the respective semesters that the courses are being offered.

   Tentatively, part-time students will be allocated these core courses as follows:

Year 1 Sem 1	**BIH5001** Fundamentals of Behavioural and Implementation Sciences
	BIH5101 Intermediate Research Methods for Behavioural and Implementation Sciences
	Either **BIH5005** Introductory Research Methods in Behavioural and Implementation Sciences *OR* **BIH5103** Programme Evaluation in Health
Year 1 Sem 2	**BIH5102** Intermediate Behavioural and Implementation Sciences in Health and Healthcare
	BIH5002 Evidence-informed Practice and Policies in Healthcare
	BIH5003 Master's Project I
Year 2 Sem 1	**BIH5104** Master's Project II
	AND **BIH5103** Programme Evaluation in Health *IF NOT COMPLETED in Year 1 Sem 1*

   Students will be required to register for the elective courses using Course Registration at Education Records System (CourseReg@EduRec) – the University's consolidated course registration platform.

6. **Can I apply for other courses in other faculties?**

   You may apply for other courses. However, they are subjected to their availability and approval by respective faculties. Do take note that the other courses will not be included as part of your graduation requirements and additional fee charges may apply as per other faculties' guidelines.

7. **Where can I find the lesson schedule?**

   Please refer to the programme website under the "Study Plan" tab for the list of core and elective courses and the semesters which they are being offered. Actual course timetables can be found on the Canvas platform, which will be available after you have successfully registered for the courses.