

FAQs ON PRE-ALLOCATION OF GATEWAY MODULES FOR DECLARED PRIMARY MAJOR FOR INCOMING CHS STUDENTS

A gateway module offers an introductory yet comprehensive overview of your desired major. Reading it early on in your academic journey is crucial. The gateway module will fulfil your major requirements.

CHS will pre-allocate gateway modules to freshmen students in their **first semester** based on the **primary major** they have declared in the Academic Plan Declaration (APD) exercise. Students must have declared their primary major by the deadline stipulated in the mass email sent out to students to be eligible for the pre-allocation.

1. Must I major in the gateway module subject I have been pre-allocated with?

No, you may still change your mind and declare another major in the next APD exercise, up to your 5th semester. We will, where possible, pre-allocate you with the respective gateway module of your declared primary major.

If you do not wish to read your pre-allocated gateway module, you may drop it on your own via the Module Registration System.

For FASS primary majors, if the gateway module of your major is oversubscribed, we will pre-allocate the gateway module to you in your second semester of study.

Note: Psychology majors will be pre-allocated with either PL1101E or PL2131.

For FOS primary majors, the gateway module of your major will only be pre-allocated in your first semester of study except for FST majors.

For more information, please refer to the pre-allocation tables below:

- For FASS primary major students - <https://fass.nus.edu.sg/current-students/academic-matters/chs-common-curriculum/>
- For FOS primary major students - <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates/general-academic-requirements-and-policies/>

2. Must I participate in this exercise if I am accepted into a structured programme (e.g. double degree, double major or major-minor programme)?

Yes, this declaration will take precedence as far as the College is concerned in the pre-allocation of gateway modules.

Example: you have accepted our Psychology-Management/Life Science-Management double major programme offer, but have declared Economics/Mathematics as your primary major in the APD exercise. We will pre-allocate to you the Economics/Mathematics gateway module (provided that it is not over-subscribed). Therefore, please consider your options carefully before completing the APD exercise.

If you wish to change to the Economics-Management/Mathematics-Management double major programme, please indicate Economics/Mathematics as your primary major in the APD exercise. Please do not drop the Management second major as it cannot be added back until at the point of graduation when you have completed the Management requirements.

3. I have accepted the PPE direct entry programme. Which gateway module will I be pre-allocated with?

If you have been accepted into the PPE programme at the point of admission, you will be pre-allocated the gateway module of any one of the following subjects:

- a. Philosophy, OR
- b. Political Science, OR
- c. Economics

4. Can I pursue any FASS/FOS subject as a second major?

You may pursue any unrestricted FASS or FoS subject, with the exception of Food Science, which is only restricted to students who have declared Chemistry as their primary major.

5. If the gateway module for my declared major is pre-allocated to me to be read in my second semester instead of my first semester due to oversubscription, will it affect my declaration of major?

No. Students are allowed to declare a major before passing the respective gateway module.

6. I am interested to major in English Language but I have to wait for the results of the Qualifying English Test. What should I declare as my major now?

You should still declare English Language as your major. The gateway module will be pre-allocated to you if you pass your Qualifying English Test.

7. Will tutorial groups for the gateway modules be pre-allocated to me as well?

No, only lecture groups will be pre-allocated to you. Therefore, please register for your preferred tutorial groups during the Tutorial Registration exercise. In cases where there are multiple lecture groups for a gateway module, we will randomly pre-allocate one of the lecture groups to you.

8. How will I be informed of the outcome?

You may check the outcome of your pre-allocated gateway module in the Module Registration (ModReg) System in July.

9. I have already declared my major via the Academic Plan Declaration exercise but I have since changed my mind. Can I go back to amend my choices?

No. Unfortunately, the Academic Plan Declaration exercise can only be attempted once every semester, and no changes are allowed in that semester once submitted. You may instead register for your desired gateway module during the Module Registration (ModReg) period.

10. Do I need to register for other modules to read during my first semester?

Yes, you still have to register for the remaining modules using the Module Registration (ModReg) System to accumulate at least 20MC of modules in a semester. Our recommendation is that you

read 20MC in your first semester of study.

11. For the remaining modules in a semester, do they need to be gateway modules or can they be unrestricted electives?

They can be of any combination.

12. Can I read more than 5 modules each semester?

Yes you may, but students are not encouraged to read more than 20 MCs in their first semester of study. From your second semester onwards, you can read 6 modules per semester provided that your CAP¹ is above 2.0.

13. When can I start fulfilling my major requirements?

Once you have declared your primary major via the Academic Plan Declaration exercise, you can start fulfilling your major requirements, as early as your first semester of study.

For further clarification, please send your queries to askchs@nus.edu.sg.

Other useful information:

- The **FASS Modular System** for your cohort is targeted to be posted in mid-July at <https://fass.nus.edu.sg/current-students/academic-matters/modular-system/>. In the meantime, you may read the modular paper for previous cohorts to give you an idea of the overall FASS curriculum and the requirements students need to fulfil to graduate.
- The **Information for Freshman to Science majors** for your cohort will be posted in mid-July at <https://www.science.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates/resources/registration-notice/>.
- The CHS curriculum is found at <https://chs.nus.edu.sg/programmes/>.

Note:

CAP¹ – Cumulative Average Point