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National University of Singapore to Offer Double Honours Degree in Business Administration and Law

Students enrolling in the National University of Singapore’s (NUS) Business School or the Faculty of Law in August 2005 will be eligible to be considered for admission to a newly established and highly prestigious five-year double honours degree programme in Business Administration and Law. This is in line with NUS’ aim of attracting the best students from Singapore and around the world, keen in having a quality education and leveraging on multi-disciplinary opportunities in a university ranked amongst the world’s best.

Built around the core modules of the Business Administration and Law degrees, students who have successfully completed this double degree programme will be awarded a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA Honours) as well as a Bachelor of Law (LL.B. Honours) degree.

To be eligible for admission into the programme, students will need to meet the minimum admission criteria of both faculties, that is: -

1. A minimum grade of B3 in General Paper OR
2. A minimum score of 700 in SAT I verbal and a minimum grade of C6 in General Paper.

Students beginning their studies in either of the two faculties in Academic Year 2005/2006 can apply for the programme towards the end of their first year of studies at NUS if they meet the above criteria. The faculties plan to admit about 25 students per year into this elite programme.

Professor Tan Cheng Han, Senior Counsel and Dean of the Faculty of Law said, "Singapore is currently working to consolidate and extend its status as a regional center for legal services as well as corporate and financial services. As work in corporate and financial services law increases, there will be a corresponding increase in the demand for lawyers with a strong background in Business, as well as for Business graduates trained in Law. This programme is therefore part of the law school's strategy of turning out graduates who have a well-rounded knowledge base and transferable mind skills."

Professor Lim Chin, Dean of NUS Business School commented: "The Business Administration-Law double degree programme is the outcome of our move towards developing top business graduates with special interests in law, health, science and the arts. Double degrees also give depth to learning and work skills. The marketability of our graduates increases as more employers seek versatile professionals who have sound management, financial and business knowledge and acumen on top of their professional grounding. In addition, the double degree gives our Business undergraduates more career options."

This is the first double degree programme for the NUS Business School and the second double degree programme from the Faculty of Law leading to an LL.B. (Honours) Degree from NUS. Just last month, the University announced plans to offer a five-year Double Honours Degree Programme in Economics and Law (http://law.nus.edu.sg/prospective/doublehons.htm), from the Academic Year 2005/2006.