



WINTER PROGRAMME INFORMATION SHEET 2016

Dear Prospective Students,

The faculty, staff and students at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) extend to you a sincere and hearty welcome to our Yunnan Garden Campus for our **GEM Trailblazer Winter Programme** from 4-22 January 2016.

We are pleased to offer the **Chinese Language & Cultural Studies course** for interested students.

Ranked among the top 1% of universities worldwide, NTU places you in an academically stimulating environment that is both culturally enriching and socially fulfilling. Our comprehensive and innovative approach towards education and research will help contribute to your future success and inspire you to realise your full potential as an entrepreneurial and technology-savvy leader .



Meeting of great minds from all over the world

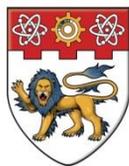
This is also the perfect 'soft landing' in the heart of a booming Asia-Pacific region and a springboard to explore the many cultures, languages and societies surrounding Singapore, which include India, China, Vietnam and Thailand.

Our unique winter programmes shall open up fascinating Asian cultural experiences and opportunities for students and at the same time equip you with key entrepreneurial skills for ventures in Asia, where more than 4.3 billion people live. It shall also be the perfect location for your winter venture to Asia.

The application for the winter programmes is open to all students studying in NTU's partner institutions. We welcome you to join some of our brightest minds and talents from around the world this winter.

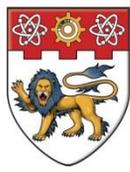
Welcome to the start of a wonderful journey of learning and self-discovery!

Yours sincerely,
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ABOUT SINGAPORE

Singapore – A Garden City

Singapore is made up of a main island with 63 surrounding islets. The main island has a total land area of 682 square km.

However, its compact size belies its economic growth. In just 150 years, Singapore has grown into a thriving centre of commerce and industry. Its former role as an entrepôt has diminished, as the nation has increased its manufacturing base.

Singapore is the busiest port in the world with over 600 shipping lines sending super tankers, container ships and passenger liners to share the busy waters with coastal fishing vessels and wooden lighters.

One of the world's major oil refining and distribution centres, Singapore is a major supplier of electronic components and a leader in shipbuilding and repairing. It has also become one of the most important financial centres of Asia, with more than 130 banks. Business dealings are facilitated by Singapore's superb communications network which links the nation to the rest of the world via satellite, 24-hour telegraph and telephone systems.

Singapore's strategic location, excellent facilities, fascinating cultural contrasts and tourist attractions contribute to its success as a leading destination for both business and pleasure.



For more information on Singapore, please visit the official Singapore Tourism Website:
<http://www.yoursingapore.com/content/traveller/en/experience.html>.



ABOUT NTU

NTU – A Garden Campus

A research-intensive public university, Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has 33,500 undergraduate and postgraduate students in the colleges of Engineering, Business, Science and Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences. In 2013, NTU enrolled the first batch of students at its new medical school, the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, which is jointly set up with Imperial College London.

NTU is also home to four world-class autonomous institutes – the National Institute of Education, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Earth Observatory of Singapore, and Singapore Centre on Environmental Life Sciences Engineering – and various leading research centres such as the Nanyang Environment & Water Research Institute (NEWRI) and the Energy Research Institute @ NTU (ERI@N).

A fast-growing university with an international outlook, NTU is putting its global stamp on the Five Peaks of Excellence: Sustainable Earth, Future Healthcare, New Media, New Silk Road and Innovation Asia.

NTU has a satellite campus in Singapore's Science and Tech Hub, One-North, and is setting up a campus in Novena, Singapore's medical district.



For more information on NTU, please visit <http://www.ntu.edu.sg>.



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Chinese Language & Cultural Studies (CF9001)

Dates	4-22 January 2016 (Programs starts on 4 th Jan 2016, 1230pm)
Duration	3 weeks
Academic Units (AU)	6
Nomination Deadline	9 October 2015
Application Deadline	15 October 2015
Eligibility	<p>Students may apply via exchange or fee-paying basis.</p> <p>Exchange students – students enrolled in one of NTU’s exchange Partner Universities who have been nominated as exchange students by their home institution.</p> <p>Fee-paying students – students from NTU’s exchange Partner Universities who have NOT been nominated as exchange students.</p>
Language	All courses are taught in English
Study Level	Undergraduate
Off-Campus Accommodation	All students will be accommodated at ITE Hotel West (for more information, please refer to the off-campus accommodation section on p.9 - 10).
Auditing:	Nanyang Technological University does not allow students to audit lectures
Course Cancellation:	The course will be cancelled if there are less than 10 registrations



SYLLABUS

Chinese Language & Cultural Studies (CF9001)

Overview

- Delivered by NTU's Confucius Institute, this course is designed to equip students with basic Chinese Language skills as well as expose them to Chinese culture. It consists of 2 parts covering Chinese Language and Chinese Cultural Studies.
- The course will be conducted over 3 weeks from 4-22 January 2016, Mondays to Fridays, 9.30am – 5.00pm, at the NTU campus.

Description

<p>Part 1: Basic Chinese Language</p>	<p>The course is specially designed for beginners with little or no knowledge on the Chinese Language.</p> <p>The course content is topic-based to enable students to master basic conversational skills for daily use. Students learn by cultivating basic reading and writing skills to accumulate their basic vocabulary. Through experiential learning approaches, students will be tasked to perform several assigned activities to enhance their learning and understanding of the language.</p> <p>At the end of the course, students will be able to understand and construct simple phrases, conduct basic conversations as well as write basic strokes, character components, and single-component characters. They can expect to learn up to 260 Chinese characters, 40 grammatical points, and 300 commonly-used sentences.</p>
<p>Part 2: Chinese Cultural Studies</p>	<p>The Chinese cultural studies course aims to expose students to the unique aspects of Chinese culture in the Singaporean context. To better appreciate multicultural Singapore, students will also be introduced to the various cultures in the country, which includes the Malay and Indian communities.</p> <p>In addition to understanding the historical development of the Chinese diaspora in South East Asia, students' appreciation of the Chinese culture in Singapore will be enhanced through experiential activities such as Chinese Ink Painting, Chinese Paper Cutting, and Traditional Chinese Medicine as well as field trips to selected places of significant Chinese cultural heritage.</p>



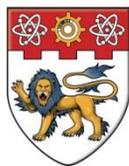
PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES & ASSESSMENT

Chinese Language & Cultural Studies (CF9001)

Topic	Learning Objectives
Introduction	This section introduces the Chinese phonetic system (hanyu pinyin) and the Chinese writing system, the two fundamentals in learning Mandarin Chinese. Students will be given a broad overview of the systems, and learn how to apply the basic knowledge through reading and pronouncing Chinese lexical terms.
Common Greetings	Students are introduced to a list of frequently used greetings in daily life. This ranges from polite greetings in special occasions to regular greetings in daily life.
Family & Given Names	Students learn the basic introductions such as the asking & telling of names and personal particulars.
Countries and Nationalities	Students learn the basic ways of asking & telling a person's nationality and origin, as well as formal ways to ask questions and make requests.
Occupation	This section teaches the structure of enquiring & informing one's occupation and the ways to affirm/negate questions and comments from others. Both proper and causal ways of speaking shall be taught.
Physical Appearance	This section covers how to describe physical appearances; how to tell a person's height, weight and general appearance. Students will also be taught positive/negative question forms.
Age	Students learn how to enquire and state a person's age for different age groups (adults, children, seniors).
Locations and Addresses	Students learn how to ask and tell a person's location and address, as well as the distance between places.
Family and Relationships	This section covers on family relationships and how to refer to familial relations and briefly describe family members and situations. Students will also learn how to express their feelings and opinions in a given context.
Time and Calendar	Students learn the basic ways of telling time and dates, as well as the polite way of asking for those details. Students will also learn how to instruct others on a given situation at or by a specific time.
Introductory Terms	This section teaches the basic ways of introducing oneself.

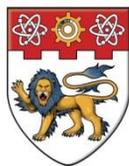
Individual Course Assessment

Components	%
Language (including written, listening and oral)	75
Culture	25
Total	100



NOMINATION & APPLICATION PROCESS

<p>Nominations by partner universities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange coordinator(s) of partner institutions are only required to email the completed nomination form to summerNTU@ntu.edu.sg. You can include both exchange and fee-paying students in the nomination form. This programme is open to all nationalities. NO MAILING of original documents is required.
<p>Student online application process</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nominated / Fee-Paying students shall submit an online application through the following link: https://venus.wis.ntu.edu.sg/NG_APP/Pages/Login.aspx (please select winterNTU (exchange) or winterNTU (fee-paying from the drop down box in the Student Category field). <u>NO MAILING</u> of original documents is required. <u>Supporting Documents Needed for Online Application</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Latest official transcript in English (signed by the Registrar and should include the university's seal), reflecting all courses taken in PDF format (<600 kb) Clear, coloured passport-size photo in JPEG format (<60kb; 400(W) x 514(H) pixels) Clear & coloured, scanned copy of passport information page (<i>valid for at least 6 months from the commencement of your exchange at NTU</i>) in JPEG format (<200 kb) Upon successful submission of online application, students will receive an email acknowledgement of their submission. Students will be informed via email with a Letter of Enrolment and Acceptance (LOEA) within 7 working days, if their application is successful. Students should verify that the courses stated in the LOEA are the courses they wish to register for, endorse their signature on the acceptance page, and email a scanned copy to summerNTU@ntu.edu.sg. Upon receipt of the signed acceptance page, an email with payment instructions will be sent. Payment of programme fees will be conducted through World Pay via credit card or bank transfer. Bank Transfer Details: <p>OCBC Bank Account Details: 537-010027-001 Bank Code: 7339 Branch Code: 537 SWIFT Code: OCBCSGSG</p>



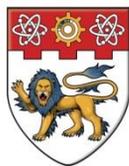
E-WELCOME PACKAGE

E-Welcome Package

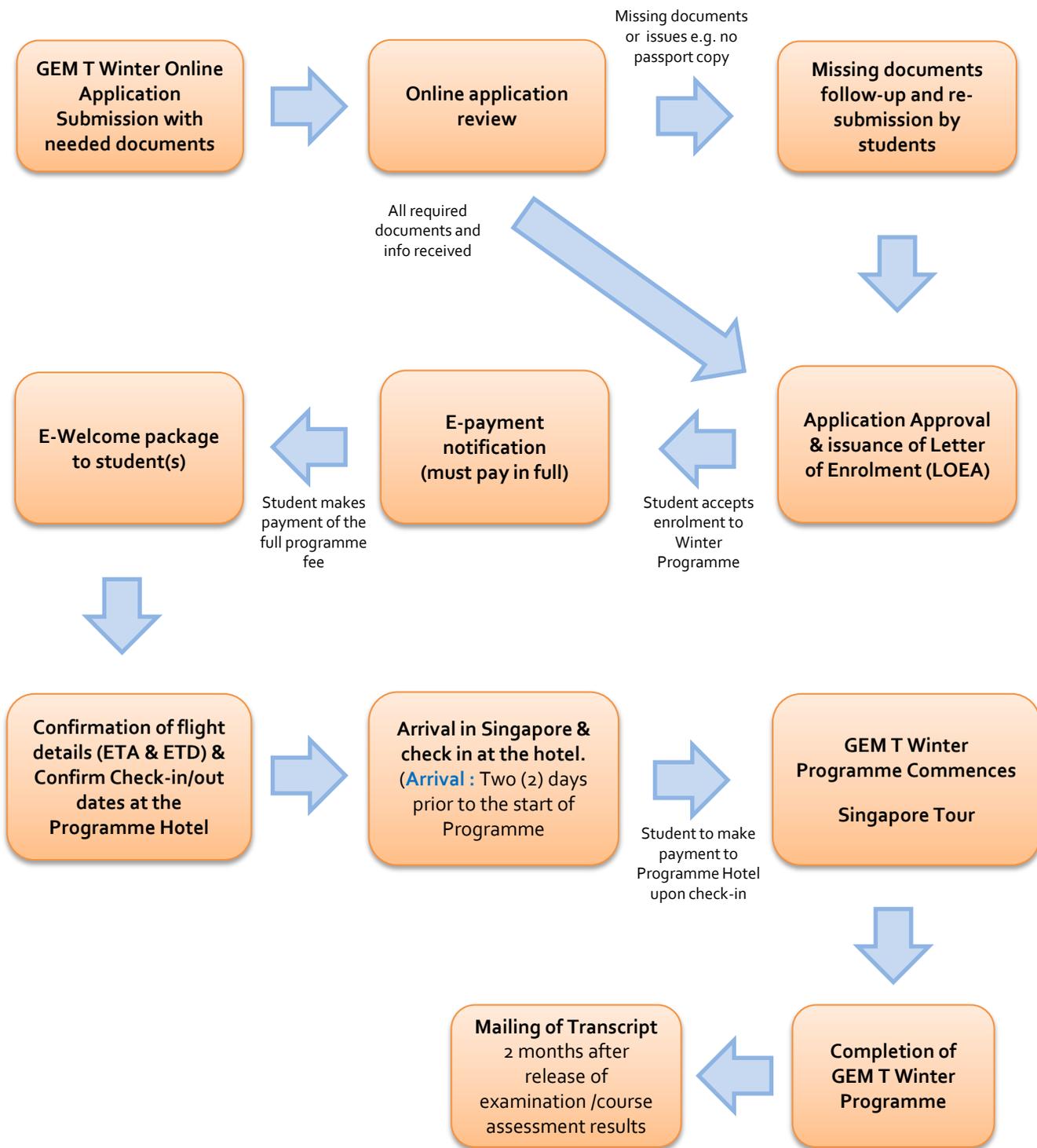
Students will receive the E-Welcome package via email upon payment of programme fees.

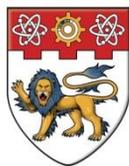
The E-Welcome Package includes the following items:

- Entry Visa requirements (if required)
- Information on Group Hospitalization & Surgical Insurance (GHSI)
- Course information and schedule
- Events and Activities schedule
- Form for filling in flight details (to be scanned and email to summerNTU@ntu.edu.sg for hotel room reservations at ITE Hotel West)



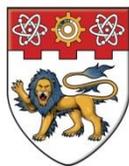
APPLICATION FLOW CHART





NTU ACADEMIC INFORMATION

<p>NTU Academic Unit System</p>	<p>NTU's courses are assigned credits based on the Academic Unit (AU) System. For the winter programme, the number of academic units for the Chinese Language and Cultural Studies is 6 Academic Units (AU).</p> <p>Find out more from the following link: http://www.ntu.edu.sg/Students/Undergraduate/AcademicServices/Pages/AcademicUnitSystem(AUS).aspx</p>																								
<p>Grading System</p>	<p>NTU uses the Grade Point Average (GPA) system in awarding grades.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="472 930 981 1500"> <thead> <tr> <th>Letter Grade</th> <th>Grade Point</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>A+</td><td>5.0</td></tr> <tr><td>A</td><td>5.0</td></tr> <tr><td>A-</td><td>4.5</td></tr> <tr><td>B+</td><td>4.0</td></tr> <tr><td>B</td><td>3.5</td></tr> <tr><td>B-</td><td>3.0</td></tr> <tr><td>C+</td><td>2.5</td></tr> <tr><td>C</td><td>2.0</td></tr> <tr><td>D+</td><td>1.5</td></tr> <tr><td>D</td><td>1.0</td></tr> <tr><td>F</td><td>0.0</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Letter Grade	Grade Point	A+	5.0	A	5.0	A-	4.5	B+	4.0	B	3.5	B-	3.0	C+	2.5	C	2.0	D+	1.5	D	1.0	F	0.0
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<p>Academic Transcripts</p>	<p>Academic transcripts will be mailed directly to their home institution within <u>2 months</u> upon the release of the examination/course assessment results.</p> <p>A scanned copy of the academic transcript will be emailed to the Student Exchange Office of the Partner University for record purposes.</p>																								



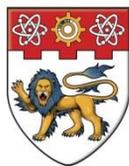
**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & RECOMMENDED
ARRIVAL DATE**

<p>Entry Requirements - Social Visit Pass</p>	<p>International students enrolling in up to one (1) course only in Singapore are allowed to enter the country via a Social Visit Pass (SVP) for the complete duration of the course.</p> <p>The SVP is not a physical pass, but will be stamped (along with duration of the SVP's validity) on the student's passport upon entry to Singapore at airport customs.</p>
<p>When should I arrive?</p>	<p>The Winter Programme starts on Monday, 4th Jan 2016 afternoon at 1230pm. Students are advised to check in to the ITE Hotel West on Sunday, 3rd Jan 2016 before 6pm or 4th Jan 2016 before 10am.</p> <p>NTU will only assist to arrange twin-sharing room reservations from Sunday, 3rd Jan 2016 to Saturday, 23rd Jan 2016 for all recommended hotels.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITE Hotel West is a training hotel, the reception counter is not manned on a 24-hour basis. Students should take note of the opening hours of the reception counter. • Students have to make reservations with the list of recommended hotels directly for any check-ins before or after the reservation date of 3rd Jan 2016.
<p>Is airport reception available?</p>	<p>No, airport reception service is not available.</p>



OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

<p>Living Expenses</p>	<p>Living expenses incurred for the duration of study at NTU will depend on each individual's lifestyle.</p> <p>An estimated of SGD500 – SGD700 per week is recommended to cover costs for meals, toiletries, transportation for personal trips, and recreational expenses, etc.</p>
<p>Facilities/Services available to students on campus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports and Recreation Centre • Swimming Pool • Bank • Hairdresser • Supermarket • Global Lounge • Starbucks • Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf • F&B outlets at Foodzone in Canteen A & B • Canteens or Food Courts at the respective Halls of Residence • Campus-wide wi-fi access (except in the NTU hostel rooms) • Library services • Medical services (subsidised rate) <p>More information @ http://www.ntu.edu.sg/campuslife/Pages/default.aspx</p>
<p>Banking Services</p>	<p>There is an Overseas Chinese Banking Corporation (OCBC) Bank on campus. There are also other banks' ATM machines located around campus. Please go to http://www.ntu.edu.sg/has/RnS/Pages/Banking.aspx for more the bank location in campus.</p> <p>For banking needs, students may also visit Jurong Point Shopping Centre (www.jurongpoint.com.sg), which is located near campus.</p>
<p>Must I open a bank account while studying in Singapore?</p>	<p>Banks in Singapore require a period of at least 6 months of exchange study to be eligible.</p>
<p>What credit cards/bank cards are acceptable in Singapore</p>	<p>Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club, Maestro, and PLUS. You may withdraw monies from most bank machines. There are also ATM machines located around the campus.</p>



OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

<p>Group Hospitalisation & Surgical Insurance (included in the administrative fees)</p>	<p><u>Group Hospitalisation & Surgical Insurance</u></p> <p>All international students are required to purchase the <u>compulsory</u> NTU Group Hospitalisation & Surgical Insurance (GHSI) even if they have already bought similar insurance in their home country.</p> <p>Falling ill and being hospitalised in Singapore can be a financial drain on international students, who are not entitled to the medical subsidies that Singaporean citizens enjoy. Besides the coverage it provides, the GHSI (subject to its terms and conditions) allows you to request a Letter of Guarantee from the underwriter and present it in lieu of the requisite deposit upon admission to government/restructured hospitals in Singapore</p> <p>For more coverage details, please refer to www.ntu-ghs.com.sg</p>
<p>Medical Information</p>	<p>Medical and counselling services are available on campus to cater to your health and wellness needs.</p> <p>For acute medical care and emergencies, please visit a hospital. The nearest hospital to NTU is National University Hospital. For more information, please refer to:</p> <p>http://www.ntu.edu.sg/SAO/iss/HealthWellnessInsurance/pages/insurance.aspx</p>
<p>Medical Declaration</p>	<p>It is mandatory for all incoming international students to <u>outline any past and present medical conditions</u> in their online application form.</p> <p>This information is for the purpose of the student's well-being, such that relevant support can be rendered to ensure a positive immersion at NTU.</p>



WITHDRAWAL POLICY

For Exchange Students

<p>3 weeks prior to arrival at NTU)</p>	<p>Exchange Students who wish to withdraw from the GEM Trailblazer Winter Programme should inform their Home University Exchange Coordinator <u>AND</u> the GEM Trailblazer Team, in writing, of their decision to withdraw. The Programme Administrative Fees <u>will NOT be refunded</u>.</p> <p>For Exchange coordinators - This <u>will not be</u> counted towards exchange.</p>
<p>After Arrival at NTU</p>	<p>Exchange Students who wish to withdraw from the GEM Trailblazer Winter Programme should inform their Home University Exchange Coordinator <u>AND</u> the GEM Trailblazer Team, in writing, of their decision to withdraw. The Programme Administrative Fees <u>will NOT be refunded</u>.</p> <p>For Exchange coordinators - This <u>will be</u> counted towards exchange.</p>

For Fee-Paying Students

<p>If GEM Trailblazer Office receives Withdrawal notice BEFORE the application deadline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Programme fees will be refunded (Tuition fees, Material fees, and Administrative fees) • S\$100 in administrative fees will be charged
<p>If GEM Trailblazer Office receives Withdrawal notice AFTER the application deadline AND 2 months prior to Winter Programme commencement on 4th Jan 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of the Programme Fees will be refunded (Tuition Fees, Material Fees and Administrative Fees) • S\$100 administration charge will be imposed for the refund processing.
<p>If GEM Trailblazer Office receives Withdrawal notice AFTER the application deadline BUT 1 month prior to Winter Programme commencement on 4th Jan 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No refund on the Programme Fees (Tuition Fees, Material Fees and Administrative Fees)

All withdrawal notifications should be submitted in writing to the GEM Trailblazer Short Term Programme Office via summerNTU@ntu.edu.sg



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