SCHOOL OF CONTINUING AND LIFELONG EDUCATION (SCALE)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE BTECH STUDENTS

General Information

1. What is the difference between Bachelor of Technology (BTech) and the other Bachelor degrees that NUS offers?

   The BTech degree is a part-time degree programme with classes generally held on weekday evenings. All other bachelor degrees offered at NUS are full-time programmes.

   The BTech degree programme is designed mainly for polytechnic graduates who are working in the local industry. Individuals with foreign qualifications equivalent to the local polytechnic diploma can also be considered for admission. Some applicants may be required to attend entrance exams to be assessed on their subject proficiency.

   The part-time BTech programmes are delivered with similar academic rigour as the full-time Bachelor degree programmes so as to ensure comparable graduation standard.

2. How demanding is the BTech degree programme?

   BTech programmes are generally demanding due to the high academic standards set by the University. Although the degree programmes are modular in nature (i.e. one can choose to read 1-3 modules per semester) individuals who are considering to enrol in the degree programme must ensure that they are able to manage their time and family/work commitment well so that they stand a higher chance of completing the degree programme successfully.

3. How many classes do I have to attend per semester and what is a typical schedule?

   BTech programmes are modular in nature which means that the number of classes a student has to attend per week depends of the number of module(s) registered (i.e. 1 module corresponds to 1 evening of lessons per week). Notwithstanding, in order to graduate within 4 years, students generally follow a recommended schedule, i.e. in an academic year, students would typically complete 32MCs (i.e. 3 modules in each of the 2 regular semesters (August-November and January-April) and 2 modules in a Special Term (May-July)). Classes comprise lectures, tutorials, project and laboratory work during weekdays from 6pm to 9.30pm and some classes may be held on Saturday afternoons.

   Some students may take a reduced workload due to work or family commitments and attend classes for one or two evenings a week. These students will then take a longer time to graduate.

4. How long can I take to complete my BTech degree?

   The maximum candidature is 6 years (inclusive of periods on approved Leave of Absence).

5. Are BTech students entitled to use the NUS facilities?

   Yes, generally, students can access and use NUS facilities such as the library, swimming pool and computer laboratories.