MSc (Industry 4.0): Frequently Asked Questions

1. Admission Requirements & Application

a) What are the admission requirements for MSc (Industry 4.0) programme? Do I need to have working experience?
Applicants seeking admission to the MSc (Industry 4.0) programme are expected to have the following:
• a basic degree, preferably with Honours and in Science, Engineering, Computer Science or equivalent disciplines
• TOEFL (internet-based 85), IELTS Academic (6.0), and/or the Diagnostic English Test (DET) at NUS if the medium of university instruction is not English*

However, possession of the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission as selection for admission to the programme is on a competitive basis, since places in the programme are limited.

*The TOEFL score or IELTS result is only valid for 2 years after the test and the validity period should not expire before the beginning of the application period for the relevant intake for which you are applying. You will be notified via your Offer of Admission Letter whether you are required to sit for the DET.

We do not require applicants to have any work experience for admission into the programme. Applicants with work experience are also welcomed to apply.

b) How many intakes are there in a year?
There is only one (1) intake in a year commencing in August.

c) How and when do I apply for the August intake?
The application exercise for the August intake will open in early March and close in end April. You can apply online here.

All applications must be submitted online. Any other forms of submission will not be processed.

d) Where can I find details on the application procedure and what are the supporting documents required?
You can find information on the application procedure here.

e) Can I apply if I am a graduating student?
If you are currently an undergraduate and wish to apply for admission, you may do so if you graduating in July (for August Intake). Otherwise, please apply for admission in a subsequent intake.

f) As an international applicant, can I apply to be a part-time student?
If you have a valid pass to reside in Singapore legally, you may apply for part-time studies.

g) When do I need to submit my supporting documents?
All supporting documents including recommendation letter, TOEFL /IELTS scores have to reach us by the application deadline. Late submissions will not be entertained.

h) Are there any interviews for MSc (Industry 4.0) applicants?
Interviews for our MSc programmes are usually not required. However, selected candidates might be contacted for an interview so as to assess their suitability for admission.

i) Can I switch from MSc (Industry 4.0) to other coursework programme after being admitted?
We do not have the arrangement whereby you can switch from MSc (Industry 4.0) to other coursework programmes and vice versa. If you are interested in pursuing other coursework programmes, you will need to submit a separate application. There is no guarantee that you will be admitted as you will be competing with other applicants.

j) What is the difference between part-time and full-time MSc (Industry 4.0)?
Part-time students normally enroll for up to 3 modules per semester whereas full-time students normally enroll for 5 modules per semester.

2. Registration Matters

a) What happens after I have accepted the offer of admission?
You will be required to complete registration formalities to confirm your candidature with NUS. Your offer letter will contain information about registration details and a list of documents which you should bring along for verification during the registration process. Your registration will be considered incomplete if you do not submit the complete set of documents as required for verification.

b) Will there be an Orientation session organised for new students?
Yes, there will be an Orientation session for new students before the start of the semester and you will be notified via email on the details of the event.

3. Tuition Fees and Scholarships

a) How much is the tuition fees? Are there any other fees?
The total tuition fee is $45,000 (excluding GST). A non-refundable and non-transferable acceptance fee of $5,000 (excluding GST) is payable upon acceptance of offer. This will be credited towards your tuition fees.

The payment schedule for the inaugural intake of August 2019 is as given below:
### Payment schedule for subsequent intakes

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The University reserves the right to change the payment schedule without prior notice.

In addition, students will have to pay a nominal **Miscellaneous Student Fees** every regular semester.

b) **Are there any tuition fee subsidies available for this programme?**
   
   Singaporeans and Singapore PRs may be charged lower tuition fees, pending approval for subsidies.

c) **Are there any scholarships available for this Programme?**
   
   There are no scholarships available at the moment.

d) **Is there any financial assistance available for this Programme?**
   
   Currently, eligible Singaporeans may use their available Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA) funds to finance their graduate studies. The application process and deadlines are available [here](#).

e) **Is the SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy applicable to this Programme?**
   
   The SkillsFuture Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy is currently not applicable for this self-financed programme.

### 4. Candidature Matters

a) **Is this a full-time or part-time programme?**
   
   This programme is offered for both full-time and part-time candidature.
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(Note: There are two semesters in an academic year)

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**b) Am I free to choose any NUS module as an elective?**

Only modules from the 11 identified Graduate Certificates in the MSc Industry 4.0 programme have been specially chosen to augment the core modules and may be taken as electives. Any request to read other electives will be considered on a case by case basis.

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**c) May I defer admission or apply for a Leave of Absence (LOA)?**

Deferment is not allowed. You will have to withdraw from the programme, and re-apply for admission when you are ready to join the programme.

You can apply for LOA during your candidature, subject to the School’s approval.

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**d) How can I withdraw from the programme after accepting the offer?**

If you have not completed registration, you should write to scale.admissions@nus.edu.sg.

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**e) How can I withdraw from the programme after registration?**

You should write to scale.students@nus.edu.sg. Please note that if you submit your withdrawal request after the 2nd Instructional Week of the semester, you will be liable to pay fees for the semester.

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**f) May I switch from full-time to part-time studies and vice-versa?**

Yes, you may do so and your application must be made in writing to SCALE via scale.students@nus.edu.sg at least 4 weeks before the start of the semester. All requests are subject to approval.

Each student is allowed to convert between Part-Time and Full-Time studies or vice versa only once during the entire candidature. However, full-time international students may only convert to the part-time studies if they have a valid Work Pass.

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### 5. Others

**a) How do I apply for the entry visa and Student’s Pass?**

Nationals from countries (such as PR China, India, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Myanmar, etc) will require entry visa. The School of Continuing and Lifelong Education office will apply a single-journey visa cum in-principle Student's Pass approval on behalf of these students via the Student Pass On-Line Application & Registration (SOLAR) system administered by the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA).

If you have been selected for admission and are accepting the offer, we will inform you in writing on how to complete the application process at your end.

**b) What is the estimated cost of living in Singapore?**
The average expenditure for a single international graduate student ranges about S$1,000-2,000 per month depending on the student’s lifestyle. The International Student Services oversees the welfare of all international students in the University. International students can seek their help if they encounter any problems while studying in NUS.

c) **Will I be offered job placements after graduation?**
No, we do not offer job placements. However, the Centre for Future-ready Graduates offers career resources for students to access at http://nus.edu.sg/cfg/students.

d) **Can an International Student work full-time and study?**
International students on Student’s Pass are not allowed to work full-time. The Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) stipulates that international students are only allowed to work part-time for up to 16 hours per week during term time.

For more information, please refer here.