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Singapore

- SIngapore is a highly developed, wealthy city state in SE Asia.
- English is the main language in Singapore however many residents are also fluent in either Chinese, Malay or Tamil.
- Singapore has many national holidays which everyone can get involved in due to Singapores culturally welcoming attitude. These include Chinese New Year, Deepavalli, Hari Raya Puasa and Singapore's National day.
- Laws in Singapore are strict. However as long as you are respectful and don't drink anything (even water) on the MRT you will be absolutely fine.





The University

- The campus has a mixture of ultra modern buildings and older building in a more of a 80's tower block fashion.
- The campus is large at 370 acres which is need as there are 38000 NUS students! The campus is so large that NUS operates its own bus service to get students around the campus!
- Ranked 8th in the 2025 QS world rankings.
- Good sports facilities for example there are 3 swimming pools, football pitches, tennis courts and rock climbing walls to name a few of the sport facilities accessible to students.
- NUS has countless canteens where the food is moreish and the price of a meal is between £2 -£4!!

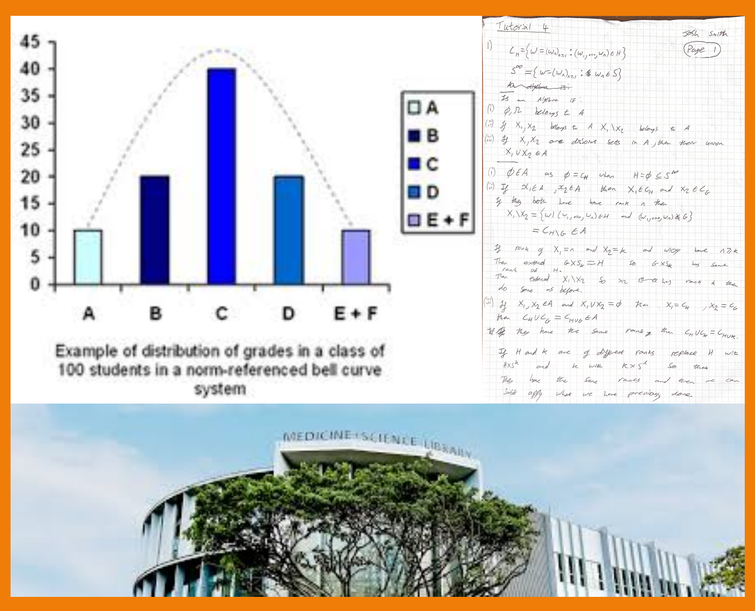
Housing

- I would recommend getting on campus accommodation as its ludicrously cheaper and more convenient than private housing.
- I stayed in Halls which I would recommend as it made it easy to find people to play sports with through the sports clubs. Also the hall was catered which was really great for meeting new people in the dinning hall.
- Also something to note is that alcohol is banned on campus at NUS which includes all accommodation.









Academics

- The standard and commitment to studying in NUS is very high. As grading is done via a bell curve expect to work a lot harder than you would at Bath if you want to get very good grades.
- At NUS you can take a wider variety of courses. For example I took French whilst I am a Maths student which is brilliant.
- I took a module called Measure and Integration which was by far the most challenging module I have taken. NUS will certainly challenge you academically.
- The workload for modules at NUS varies a lot more between different modules compared to Bath.

Travel

- Singapore is in a prime location to explore SE Asia and thanks to low budget airlines like scoot and Air Asia it is also surprisingly accessible to do so.
- During my exchange I was fortunate enough to visit 9 countries!!
- Traveling to these new places I found to grow my ambition and also provide me with experiences that would be impossible to get if I had stayed studying in Bath for the year.



