# NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY SINGAPORE

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## NTU

- Campus university in western Singapore
- 40,700 students, including 1,000+ exchange students each semester
- 23 Halls of Residence
- 50+ food & beverage outlets, including 14 food courts with a huge range of cheap options
- 6 libraries across campus
- 12th in QS World University Ranking
- Two semesters: August-December & January-May, with 5 weeks of winter holiday and 2 recess weeks

**Key Differences to Bath:**

- Students are generally older than in the UK, particularly male students, as Singaporean men complete 2 years of National Service
- The libraries are only open until 9.30pm Mon-Fri, close at 5pm on Sat and are closed on Sundays
- Many of the university bedrooms are shared rooms








## Academics

- Bath required us to take 15 Academic Units (AU) per semester, which equated to approximately 4 modules
- Grades were awarded on a bell curve, making relative performance particularly important
- Assessment was spread throughout the semester through graded homework, group projects, midterms and final exams
- This meant there were regular important deadlines throughout the semester
- Many courses at NTU are not recorded, and attendance sometimes contributed to your grade

**Important! Course allocation was very different to Bath. Feel free to ask me any questions and I can talk you through the process!**

**Semester 1:**

- MH3512 - Stochastic Processes
- MH4511 - Sampling & Survey
- BA3202 - Actuarial Statistics
- LC5001 - Chinese Language Level 1

**Semester 2:**

- MH4501 - Multivariate Analysis
- MH4512 - Clinical Trials
- MH4518 - Simulation Techniques in Finance
- MH4522 - Spatial Data Science

## Singapore

- A vibrant mix of cultures and traditions from all over the world, primarily Chinese, Malay & Tamil
- Hot and humid all year round - daytime temperatures typically stay around 30°C
- Extremely safe, clean & easy to get around
- The perfect balance of city, nature, nightlife and beaches
- It is ALWAYS raining, so pack an umbrella!



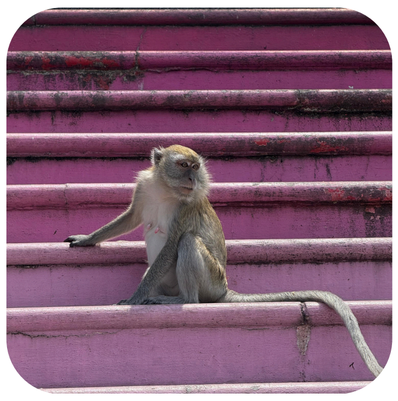




## Travelling

- Singapore is a major transport hub for Southeast Asia, making it easy to explore the region
- Recess weeks and university holidays provided great opportunities to travel
- Nearly every exchange student is eager to hop on a coach or a plane over the weekend!
- The countries I travelled to were: Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, India & China







## Highlights

- Learning Mandarin for a semester
- Running a half marathon at 4 am in Singapore
- Watching the Singapore GP from a shopping mall
- Swimming with manta rays in Flores, Indonesia
- Spending Christmas Day at the Taj Mahal
- Solo-travelling China for an entire month and climbing the Great Wall
- ... and many more exciting experiences!





