NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

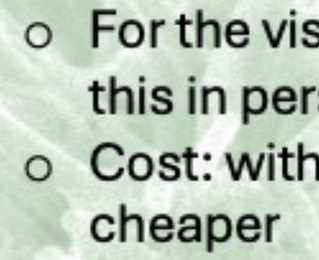
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About NUS

Descended from a school established in 1905, present day NUS started in 1980 and is now the nº1 university of both Singapore and Asia.
The campus is 20 min away from the centre by metro and has a free bus service. It has 31 000 undergraduate students with a mix of Chinese, Indian and Malay cultures.

Life in Tembusu, Residential College (RCs)

The house games; most RCs are sub divided into houses, these compete in various sports once a year for fun.
I won fastest rollerblader for my house and second fastest team.
They host a formal dinner once a semester and invite local country ambassadors to dine with the students.
There are societies for nearly all interests & sports.









Fun & culture

Food is the centre of socialising, it's good to try local cuisines. Be warned it is not very vegetarian friendly but halal is easy to find.
Singaporeans are very friendly but not as outgoing, so I recommend you approach them first. You will have no trouble as everyone speaks English.

Courses taken

- Chemistry: inorganic & organometallics, organic, semiconductors, advanced polymers, nanochemistry and, retrosynthesis
- Non-Chemistry: marine biology
- Research Project: 2D polymers called COFs, improving the synthesis to increase adsorbancy potential

Logistics

- Application process is very guided including obtaining the visa, just keep ontop of emails.
- For the visa's last step you need a local phone number, get this in person at a sim shop in Singapore.
- Cost: with conversion everything ends up around 40% cheaper
- Accomodation is almost guaranteed, if you can I recommend choosing an RC. Each accommodation has a different atmosphere

Workload

- 45 credits in NUS, 30% can be non- chem, appropriate course levels / unit codes are 3000's and 4000's (1000 = Y1)
- You cannot choose business, finance or law courses
- 15 credits in Bath taken by 3 new content courses (online, no choice) and recap of Y1/2
- Research project, informal with regards to NUS