A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE AND IDEAS COME TOGETHER

Tembusu College is a community — a space — where people and ideas come together and interact. It’s a place where you will meet others who are different, unique, and singular in their own right, and you will have the opportunity to learn from and collaborate with people who love what they are doing and are very good at it. You will be encouraged to develop your personal interests, whatever they may be. Above all, regardless of which faculty you are in, you will have the opportunity to discover more about yourself and grow as an individual — all within a community.
**CURRICULUM**

The classes you take at Tembusu are not `extra`, or over and above, your graduation requirements. Most degree programmes at NUS require you to take five university level requirement modules outside your home department, which will confer your degree. And this is where the University Town College Programme (UTCP) fits in. The major difference is the learning experience we offer, along with the certificate you will be given upon completing the programme. In your first year, you will read one Junior Seminar and an Ideas & Exposition Module (IEM); in your second, two Senior Seminars and another IEM. And voila!

**5 TEMBUSU MODULES**

**YEAR 1**

1 JUNIOR SEMINAR
1 IDEAS & EXPOSITION MODULE

**YEAR 2**

2 SENIOR SEMINARS
1 IDEAS & EXPOSITION MODULE

**CORE FACULTY MODULES**

5 UNIVERSITY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS
4 UNIVERSITY TOWN COLLEGE PROGRAMME

**REPLACED WITH**

*5 ULRs*  
*UTCP*

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**JUNIOR & SENIOR SEMINARS**

Our seminars bring students and lecturers from different trainings, backgrounds, and disciplines together — the result is a discussion steeped in diversity, variety, and an array of ideas that open new perspectives on existing notions. A small class size (our seminars are capped at 15) gives us the ability to devote the time to listen to each other as individuals in order to develop, discuss, and play with notions, ideas and thoughts.

**IDEAS & EXPOSITION MODULE**

Run by the Centre for English Language Communication, classes are based on a range of engaging topics. The focus isn’t the content though — it is the medium through which your writing, communication, and critical thinking skills are honed, helping you better develop and express your thoughts.

The forms of the junior and senior seminars are virtually identical; the only difference lies in the degree of variation from other seminars. Whilst Junior Seminars are structured around the interests and specialisations of individual lecturers, Senior Seminars feature a common topic taught by two or more lecturers.
THIRD YEAR EXPERIENCE

Once you’ve graduated from the UTCP, you may apply to be part of our Third Year Experience where you will have the opportunity to pursue a personal project — on anything you care deeply about. Whilst your project mentors will always be around to advise and guide you, the nature, path, and purpose of the project remain yours to design — this is your chance to envision ideas and (re)craft possibilities in a safe and supportive environment.
SPECIAL EVENTS & INFORMAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the semester, in addition to seminars, you will have many occasions to attend talks, gatherings, forums, screenings, and other excuses to gather and chat — hosted by faculty members and students alike.

Almost every week, you will be invited to the Master's Common Lounge, a cozy room on the 3rd floor of the college, to meet and chat with guests — both local and international. There is a huge diversity of backgrounds amongst our visitors, who range from politicians to diplomats, artists, writers, poets, and academics — our only criterion is that they be doing something interesting. Hosted by our College Master, A/P Gregory Clancy, these sessions open the possibility for you to meet, mingle, and interact with these distinguished guests over tea and cake.

Clockwise: Takaaki Kojima, Dick Lee, Catherine Lim and Hossam Leong.
The Tembusu Forum is the college’s flagship event that takes place twice a semester, and is hosted and moderated by the Rector of the College, Professor Tommy Koh.

Compelling, important, often controversial, issues suggested by students are taken up and discussed by eminent personalities who are at the forefront of their respective fields. Being exposed to the differing opinions of experts will help shape your views on the crucial issues of the day.
**ROOMS**
You will have your own room which comes furnished with everything you might need to study well and rest comfortably. Whilst they are all similarly laid out, you have the choice of a room along the corridor, or within a six-room apartment which also comes with a living area where you can relax and chat with your suite-mates.

**THEMED ROOMS**
There are a number of rooms at the college where you can de-stress after lessons and fully experience the social aspects of college life.

In the Games Room, you can play and bond with your friends over endless matches of foosball, snooker, or air hockey. Or choose to groove along to the tunes of Miley Cyrus on Dance Central. It’s doubly good on the Xbox.

Thomas Jefferson once said he couldn’t live without books. If you similarly love reading, the Reading Room is just the place for you. Featuring a wide variety of books across a range of disciplines, it’s the perfect place to spend a leisurely evening.

If you fancy yourself the next Bruno Mars, then the Abbey is the place for you. Equipped with guitars, drums, and keyboards, this is where you can get together with fellow musicians to jam and sing to your heart’s content.

**DINING HALL**
Eating together is a significant part of communal living. Breakfasts and dinners are included in your meal plan to ensure you start and end the day well. Upon entering the Dining Hall, you will immediately notice that the tables are arranged for conversation, which is often the most enjoyable part of eating. This is where you chill out with friends, fellows, and guests before and after classes. You can be assured that you will never be starved — of choice, at least.

Our College Master hosts a formal dinner at least once a semester, and this is when our entire community comes together to share in the college experience. More importantly, this is when you get to dress up and look glamorous in spanking suits and dresses.
Interest groups are places where you can cultivate your hobbies, develop your interests, and most importantly, play, without the pressure of any sort of point system.

You can join as many of the existing groups as you wish — an acclaimed acapella group, an award-winning inter-collegiate debate team, various sports groups, many dance and theatre ensembles, amongst others.

Or, if you fancy doing something else, create one of your own.

Houses

Throughout your stay with us, you will be part of one of the five houses in the college.

Named after endangered Asian animals — Shan, Ora, Gaja, Tancho, and Ponya — houses are smaller, more intimate communities within the larger college community. Even as the college’s nascent life has been recent, every house has already developed its own traditions and sub-cultures — ones that you will experience, affect, and perhaps also influence.
ADMISSIONS

To join the University Town College Programme at Tembusu College, you will have to submit an essay with your application. We will contact you to arrange an interview if you are shortlisted. The interview is an important moment as it is a chance for us to get to know you better, and learn about you as an individual — as you learn about us, and know us a little more. This is also an opportune moment for you to ask any questions you might have about the programme, or college life in general.

We are open to students from all faculties, and admission is based on five criteria: your essay, interview, grades, interests and talents, and willingness to contribute to the college community.

For students who require financial aid, scholarships and bursary schemes are available.

Admissions open in February.

For more information on application procedures, please visit www.tembusu.nus.edu.sg/admissions

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