

FAQ on BBA and BBA(ACC) non-credit graduation requirements (Cohort 2017 onwards)

Q1: What are the new additions to the BBA and BAC programmes' graduation requirements?

Under the new curriculum from Academic Year 2017 (AY17) onwards, the BBA and BAC programmes now comprise of academic and non-academic requirements.

The compulsory academic requirements of the degree are:

- i. Academic Orientation modules,
- ii. Primer module,
- iii. Core modules,
- iv. Specialization modules (students need to complete at least 1 specialization),
- v. University Level Requirements – (General Electives and Unrestricted Electives), and
- vi. Honours Requirements (for students reading the Honours Programme)

The compulsory non-academic components are:

- i. Career Preparation,
- ii. Overseas Exposure, and
- iii. Seminar Attendance

Besides pursuing their personal interests, students are also encouraged to use the Unrestricted Electives component to complete a 2nd Specialization within the School or complete a Minor or

a
2nd Major outside the School.

Q2: Are the new requirements applicable to all students in the BBA and BAC programmes enrolled from AY17 onwards?

Yes, they are compulsory for ALL students in the BBA and BAC programmes enrolled from AY17 onwards. Students who are matriculated on and before AY16 are not required to follow the requirements.

Q3: What are the Academic Orientation and Primer Modules?

The Academic Orientation Modules and Primer Modules are 2 different types of modules.

- i) The Academic Orientation Modules are **BPM1701 Calculus and Statistics** and **BPM1702 Microsoft Excel Skills for Business**. These are online modules that prepares you with the skills necessary for the next 3 or 4 years of undergraduate studies at the School of Business.
- ii) The Primer Module is **BPM1705 Understanding How Business Works**. This is a module that will be conducted in the flipped classroom style, with online lectures and actual physical group classroom discussions with project work. This module should give students an idea of how the various areas taught in the BBA and BAC programmes meld to prepare graduates for their careers.

Q4: How do I register for the Academic Orientation Modules and Primer Modules?

All 3 modules will be allocated to all students matriculated in or after AY17 in the BBA and BAC programmes, in their first semester. If you find that you are not allocated the modules at Round 0 of CORS, please speak to the Undergraduate Studies Office (BBA Office, attention to Mr Thomas Low) to have the modules allocated to you immediately. In the event that the modules cannot be allocated in your first year of studies, they will be allocated in the first semester of your second year.

Q5: How do I prepare for the Academic Orientation Modules and Primer Modules?

There is no need to pre-study or prepare for the Modules on your own.

Q6: How do I go about attending the lessons and completing the assignments?

For the Academic Orientation Modules, students will be informed via the IVLE or their NUS email addresses on the links they can go to, to access the teaching materials and attend the virtual classes for the Academic Orientation Modules. Students will also be completing their assignments through the links provided.

For the Primer Module, students will have to check their CORS (at and after Round 0), for the classes that they are being allocated to, and also the IVLE for the link to access the virtual lectures. Students will then attend the physical classes that they are allocated for the first 2 or 3 Saturdays of the Semester.

Q7: When do I need to complete the Academic Orientation Modules and Primer Modules?

All students are to complete the Academic Orientation Modules online before the beginning of the semester. Students who are matriculated late and students who are transferred to the BBA/BAC programmes late can complete the modules before the end of the semester's exam period.

Q8: I am transferred to the BBA/BAC programme late and I missed the lessons for the Primer Module. How do I complete the module then?

As the lessons for the Primer Module take place only on the first 2 or 3 Saturdays of Semester 1, you will have to join the freshmen from the next cohort and complete the Primer Module in the next AY.

Q9: I am matriculated in/after AY17 but transferred to the BBA/BAC programme in my 2nd year of study. How do I complete the Academic Orientation and Primer modules then?

After your programme code is changed to BBA or BAC, you will attend the virtual lessons for the Academic Orientation Modules within the same AY of your transfer. Depending on the timing of the change of programme code, you will either attend the Primer Module in the semester 1 of the AY that you are transferred over or in the next AY. You can check with the Undergraduate Studies Office (BBA Office, attention to Mr Thomas Low) for more details after you have accepted the transfer.

Q10. I am a DDP student whose home faculty is not Business School. Will I be pre-allocated these modules – BPM1701, BPM1702 and BPM1705?

Yes. All DDP students pursuing a BBA/BAC degree will be pre-allocated these modules regardless of home faculty. Unless you are from the Faculty of Law, you are expected to complete these modules by your first semester in the programme. DDP students from Law will be allocated these modules in Year 3 before they start their business modules.

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