



# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CORPORATE & FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### CURRICULUM

**1. What is the range of Corporate and Financial Services Law modules offered in this programme?**

The following are modules taught by visiting professors and Faculty members in various semesters over the years, or are planned for future years. Not all modules will be offered every year.

#### **Compulsory Module**

- Elements in Company Law

#### **Intensive Modules**

- Advanced Contract Law
- Charity Law Today
- China and International Economic Law
- Chinese Contract Law
- Digital Trade and the Digital Economy
- Domestic and International Sale of Goods
- International and Comparative Oil and Gas Law
- International Investment Law
- Japanese Corporate Law and Governance
- Monetary Law in Comparative Perspective
- Regulation & Private Law in Banking & Financial Service
- Tax Planning & Policy
- Wealth Management Law

#### **Semester-Long Modules**

- Alternative Investments
- ASEAN Economic Community Law and Policy
- Banking Law
- Business & Finance for Lawyers
- Chinese Commercial Law
- Chinese Corporate and Securities Law
- Comparative Corporate Law
- Construction Law
- Corporate Insolvency Law
- Credit & Security
- Elements of Company Law
- European Company Law
- Financial Regulation and Central Banking
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Commercial Litigation

- International Contract Law: Principles and Practice
- International Investment Law and Arbitration
- International Projects Law and Practice
- Law and Practice of Investment Treaties
- Law of Insurance
- Law, Fintech and the Platform Economy
- Law, Institutions, and Business in Greater China
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Mergers and Acquisitions: A Practitioner's Perspective
- Restitution of Unjust Enrichment
- Securities and Capital Markets Regulation
- Singapore Corporate Governance
- Taxation of Cross-Border Commercial Transactions I
- Taxation of Cross-Border Commercial Transactions II
- Trade Finance Law
- World Trade Law

**2. What is the duration of each module?**

A semester-long module is typically a 36-hour, 5 modular credits course taught once a week over the course of 13 weeks from August to November (Semester One) and from January to April (Semester Two). In addition, some courses may have an exam some time after the 13th week. The time and date of the exam will be made known at the time of course selection.

An intensive module is a 27-hour, 4 modular credits course taught intensively over 3 weeks and scheduled as follows:

Day	Time
Monday	6:30pm - 9:30pm
Wednesday	6:30pm - 9:30pm
Friday	2:30pm - 5:30pm

The following are the periods when intensive modules are conducted in the Faculty:

Semester	Weeks	Weeks
Semester One	Week 1 to 3 (August)	Week 4 to 6 (September)
Semester Two	Week 1 to 3 (January)	Week 4 to 6 (February)

**3. How are Modular Credits (MC) determined for each module?**

Each intensive graduate module of 27 hours of coursework typically carries 4 modular credits (4 MCs). A semester-long graduate module of 39 hours typically carries 5 modular credits (5 MCs).

Modular credits are earned when a student passes a module. No modular credits will be accorded if a student fails the module.

**MODULE ASSESSMENTS**

**4. What are the modes of assessments?**

Depending on the modules selected, the examination and assessment of student performances in the programme may be conducted through various assessment modes such as class participation, assignments, research papers, take-home examinations and final examinations. Students are encouraged to review the examination and assessment details for each module before opting for it.

Please refer to the list of elective modules for details on modes of assessments at [http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student\\_matters/course\\_listing/elective\\_subjects.html](http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/elective_subjects.html) from July (Semester One) and November (Semester Two).

**5. When will the assessments and examinations be held?**

Please refer to the list of elective modules for more details on modes of assessments at [http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student\\_matters/course\\_listing/elective\\_subjects.html](http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/elective_subjects.html) from July (Semester One) and November (Semester Two).

**6. Can special arrangements be made for taking the examinations if I suffer from a disability?**

Yes, but strictly in accordance with the University's guidelines for final examinations. Please refer to the University's Guidelines on Special Consideration at:

<https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/academics/all/docs/Guidelines-on-Special-Consideration.pdf>

**7. Can I seek a review of my examination results if I am dissatisfied with them?**

Yes, but strictly in accordance with the University's guidelines. Please refer to the University's Guidelines for Review of Examination Results at: <https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/academics/all/docs/Guideline-on-Review-of-Results-Student.pdf>

**8. If, for any reason, I am unable to sit one or more of the assessments or examinations and complete the course, will I be entitled to a refund of the whole or any part of the course fee?**

No. Further, you will not be allowed to defer your attendance and complete the course the following year without paying the requisite module fee and other student fees.

**9. If I have taken a similar module, can I qualify for exemption from any of the examinations or assessments?**

No exemptions are available. Students who have completed similar modules for their past degree requirements will be precluded from applying for those modules. Student should check the preclusions indicated in the modules description before selecting the modules.

**10. What happens if I fail a module?**

Students who fail a module may, at the discretion of the Board of Examiners, be given two options. As the first option, they may be allowed to take a Supplementary Examination or sit for a Viva (oral) Examination within two months of the publication of the marks. The transcript will indicate both the Fail grade of the module taken at the Main Examination and the grade received for the module taken at the Supplementary Examination.

As the second option, a student may elect to do an additional semester to make up for the modular credits required and carry forward the failed subjects to the additional semester, provided the maximum candidature is not yet exceeded. In such case, the fail grades will be reflected on the transcript for that semester. However, when the student either repeats the subjects or takes new subjects (with full module fees payable) in the additional semester, the actual grades received will be reflected on the transcript accordingly.

## GRADING

**11. How are students graded at NUS Law? What is the grade distribution?**

NUS Law grades according to a curve. The curve used at NUS Law as a guide in a class of reasonable size (20 or more) is as follows:

A+, A, A-	B+, B	B-, C+, C	D+, D, F
20-25%	35-40%	35-40%	0-5%

As a result, the average grade in a class of reasonable size will normally be around a “B”. This should be contrasted to the situation in many law schools (particularly in the US) where the average grade tends to be around “B+” or even higher.

*Note that this statement applies only to NUS Law and should not be interpreted as a statement of NUS grading policy generally.*

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### 12. When will I be able to graduate from the programme and be awarded the Graduate Certificate?

Candidates must pass all modules and successfully obtain a total of 12 to 15 modular credits (MCs) (generally 3 modules) within a maximum period of 36 months of their candidature in order to be awarded the GCCFSL.

## WITHDRAWING FROM MODULE

### 13. After attending my first lesson, I realise that the module is not suited to my learning needs. May I request to withdraw from the module?

You may apply to withdraw from a regular module within the first 2 weeks of the Semester or from an intensive module within the first week of the first class without penalty. When dropping a module, students should be mindful of the “W” and “F” grade period indicated below:

Grading	Occurring within:	
	Semester One	Semester Two
Registered students may check their module allocation at the Education Record System at <a href="https://myedurec.nus.edu.sg/">https://myedurec.nus.edu.sg/</a>		
<b>Semester-long Modules</b>		
No Penalty	9 Aug 2021 – 22 Aug 2021	10 Jan 2022 – 23 Jan 2022
“W” Grade	23 Aug 2021 – 26 Sep 2021	24 Jan 2022 – 27 Feb 2022
“F” Grade	27 Sep 2021	28 Feb 2022
<b>Phase I Intensive Modules</b>		
No Penalty	9 Aug 2021 – 15 Aug 2021	10 Jan 2022 – 16 Jan 2022
“W” Grade	16 Aug 2021 – 22 Aug 2021	17 Jan 2022 – 23 Jan 2022
“F” Grade	23 Aug 2021	24 Jan 2022
<b>Phase II Intensive Modules</b>		
No Penalty	30 Aug 2021 – 5 Sep 2021	31 Jan 2022 – 6 Feb 2022
“W” Grade	6 Sep 2021 – 12 Sep 2021	7 Feb 2022 – 13 Feb 2022
“F” Grade	13 Sep 2021	14 Feb 2022
<b>Recess Week Super-Intensive Modules</b>		
No Penalty	30 Aug 2021 – 19 Sep 2021	1 Feb 2022 – 19 Feb 2022
“W” Grade	by the end of the 1 <sup>st</sup> lesson	by the end of the 1 <sup>st</sup> lesson
“F” Grade	by the end of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> lesson	by the end of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> lesson

Students are strongly advised to read the course descriptions carefully before selecting their modules.

### 14. If I withdraw from the module, would I be able to get a refund on my course fee?

If you withdraw within the “No Penalty” grade duration, your course fees (less miscellaneous fees) will be returned and credited to your EduRec Student Account. You would be able to use the credits to pay for your next module. For withdrawals after the “W” grade deadlines, no fee return will be applicable.

### 15. May I switch to another module after I withdraw from my earlier module?

No. You will have to apply for a new module in the following semester.

## ADMISSION

**16. What are the admission requirements?**

A good Bachelor's degree in Law from a recognized university and a minimum TOEFL iBT 100 / TOEFL paper-based score of 600-603 / IELTS 7.0, if Law degree was not in English.

**17. How do I apply?**

The online application portal will be open from 28 April and 1 October each year for the respective application periods. The following are the two application periods for the respective semesters:

Application Period for Semester I Intake (commencing Aug/Sep): 28 April to 31 May

Application Period for Semester II Intake (commencing Jan/Feb): 1 October to 31 October

Please refer to the [GCCFSL webpage](#) for the application link.

**18. What is the closing date for application?**

Semester One Intake – 31 May 2021, Monday

Semester Two Intake – 31 Oct 2021, Sunday

**19. If I am admitted into the GCCFSL Programme, when will I receive the offer letter/email?**

You should receive an offer email by end-June (Semester One Intake) or by end-November (Semester Two Intake).

**20. Why are some modules listed in the GCCFSL website not available for selection in the Online Application Form?**

Some of the modules listed are new modules and their information would only be available at a later date. Prior to enrolment into the programme, successful applicants will be informed of the new module availability and will be asked to confirm their module selection again.

Modules for the following semester will only be available for selection in the next application period. Returning GCCFSL students will be able to select their modules when the next application period opens.

**21. If I am only interested in the modules offered in the next Semester, do I apply to enroll in the programme in the current Semester?**

No. You should apply to enroll in the next Semester's intake.

**22. Would an overseas applicant be eligible to apply for a Student's Pass for this programme?**

No. The Immigration & Checkpoint Authority will only issue a Student's Pass if an applicant has been accepted to pursue full-time study in Singapore. GCCFSL is a part-time programme intended for working adults already resident in Singapore.

## FEES, SUBSIDIES & PAYMENTS

**23. How much is the module fee and how much would I be expected to pay for the whole programme?**

The following are fees payable (including 7% GST) for a 4-MC or 5-MC module for the different student categories:

Module Fee			
Non-Citizens	Singapore Citizens & Permanent Residents	Singapore Citizens aged 40 & above	Enhanced Training Support for SMEs
S\$5,778.00	S\$1,733.40	S\$653.40	S\$653.40

An 8 MC module costs twice the fee of a 4 MC or 5 MC module.

Depending on the SSG funding eligibility of the applicant and the selected modules, the total programme fee for 3 modules (assuming student passes all 3 modules and obtains the required modular credits for graduation) are as follows:

Programme Fee			
Non-Citizens	Singapore Citizens & Permanent Residents	Singapore Citizens aged 40 & above	Enhanced Training Support for SMEs
S\$17,334.00	S\$5,200.20	S\$1,960.20	S\$1,960.20

A Student Services Fee of S\$25.23 is also applicable each semester.

Do note that not all modules are eligible for SSG funding. You are strongly advised to check the module fees prior to selecting your modules in the Online Application Portal.

**24. Why are the fees subsidized for Singapore Citizens & Permanent Residents and what are the terms of the funding?**

SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) offers subsidies of 70% or 90% for eligible Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents.

The following are the conditions for eligibility to receive the SSG Grant:

- 1) Claimable for modules delivered in-person on campus
- 2) Students must record at least 75% attendance
- 3) Students must pass all assessment components
- 4) Claim must be made within the period from 1 Jul 2021 to 30 June 2024

**25. Do I need to make the payment together with the application form?**

No. Successful applicants will receive offer email by end June (Semester One) and end November (Semester Two). Instructions on payment will only follow after applicants have accepted the offers.

**26. What is the mode of payment & when are the fees due?**

Payment may be made by cheque, credit card, internet banking and GIRO. Once enrolled in the programme, students will be billed for the module(s) and the student services fees. Payment is due before the start of each Semester.

**27. May I use my SkillsFuture Credits & One-off Credit Top-Up for this programme?**

Only SSG-funded modules are eligible for SkillsFuture Credit claim. All Singaporeans aged 25 and above can use their SkillsFuture Credit from the government to offset part of the module fee. Applicants who wish to use the SkillsFuture Credit may refer to <https://www.skillsfuture.gov.sg/credit> for more details.

**PROGRAMME**

**28. Is GCCFSL a part-time programme?**

Yes. GCCFSL is conducted on a part-time basis and legal professionals have the flexibility to read a minimum of one 3-week intensive module or one regular 12-week module at 4, 5 or 8 modular credits (MC) per semester.

**29. What is the maximum candidature for this programme?**

36 months. This means that the programme must be completed within 3 years.

**30. What is the general class size for each module?**

It is typically limited to 50 students which will include LLB, LLM and other graduate students.

**31. Are there separate tutorial classes?**

No. Modules are usually conducted in a seminar style.

**32. Will classes be taught online?**

The mode of teaching is determined by the respective course instructors in the modules. As part of the University's Crisis Preparedness Exercise, course instructors have the option to teach using online platforms even during normal circumstances. Students are advised to read the course descriptions before selecting a module and to login to LumiNUS for class announcements at least 3 days before each lesson.

*Do note that SSG-funding is currently only eligible for modules taught in-person on campus.*

## LEARNING RESOURCES

**33. Will I be given a full set of materials for the course?**

Yes. The materials will be disseminated via LumiNUS – an integrated online learning portal.

**34. Will I be required to use a laptop for classes and assessments?**

Students will be required to access LumiNUS to download seminar notes and readings. Depending on the modules selected, students may be required to make presentations, upload assignments or sit for e-assessments using a personal laptop.

**35. Will I have borrowing rights at the CJ Koh Law Library and access to digital library resources?**

Yes, all part-time students enrolled in the programme will be provided with full library borrowing rights and access to all NUS Libraries at Bukit Timah and Kent Campuses. They will also be able to access the digital library databases subscribed by the NUS Libraries. To support student learning and research, digital research resources such as LawNet, WestLaw, Lexis Advance Singapore and HeinOnline will be made available.

**36. Will I be provided with an NUS Email Address and access to NUS IT Resources?**

Yes, all part-time students enrolled in the programme will be provided with an NUS email account and access to the IT Resources required for their learning needs. Details on the available softwares, services and IT support can be found in the NUS IT website: <https://nusit.nus.edu.sg/>

## SILE-CPD POINTS

**37. Can I obtain CPD Points for this programme?**

The GCCFSL programme is eligible for Singapore Institute of Legal Education (SILE) Public CPD Points. Students who wish to obtain Public CPD points should refer to the SILE guidelines at : <http://www.sileCPDcentre.sg> and maintain an attendance record form for their course lecturer to sign off after each lesson.

## SUPPORT & ASSISTANCE

**38. Will I be eligible to use the services of the University Health Centre?**

Yes, part-time students are eligible to use the general and mental health services provided by the University Health Centre at the Kent Ridge Campus. Details on the services are available at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc>.

**39. I have been out of school for a long time. Will there be any orientation or briefing for adult learners?**

Yes, there will be an orientation programme arranged on a weekday evening or a Saturday morning prior to the start of each Semester.

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