

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is there a maximum candidature imposed?

This is to ensure that our BGS students finish their course of study in a timely manner and can gain the most benefit from their degree in their working lives. In a rapidly changing workplace and society, the skills that we acquire will inevitably change over time. Not only is it important to finish our training in a timely manner, but it is also important to continually upskill ourselves to ensure that we remain relevant and employable. Setting a maximum candidature for BGS is one way that SUSS can help you maintain timeliness and relevance.

### **Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) programme (July 2023 intake onwards)**

2. How long do I have to complete my degree?
3. You have ten years starting from the semester of admission to complete your degree. Note that for those receiving the MOE subsidies, it is only for 160 registered CUs over 8 years maximum candidature period, if pursuing a basic degree. This means that beyond that, you will have to pay full fees.
4. Is ten years enough for me to complete my degree?

Our records show that on average, BGS students take about 4 to 5.5 years to complete their degree.

5. What if I want to transfer to another programme?

Students who transfer into another programme will have to follow the maximum candidature in that programme.

### **Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) programme (January 2023 intake and earlier)**

5. How long more do I have to complete the programme?

To allow you sufficient time to complete your course of studies, we are imposing an 8-year maximum candidature starting from July 2023. This means that you have from July 2023 to July 2031 - 8 more years to complete your courses, irrespective of how many credit units you have completed. Note that for those receiving the MOE subsidies, it is only for 160 registered CUs over 8 years maximum candidature period, if pursuing a basic degree. This means that beyond that, you will have to pay full fees.

### **Existing students from other programme who want to transfer into the BGS programme**

6. What if I am from another programme and want to transfer into the BGS programme?

Students who restart or transfer into the GSP-MAJ programme from July 2023 onwards will have a maximum candidature of 10 years, inclusive of the time spent in the original programme. In other words, the 10-years count starts from the point of admissions into SUSS.