What’s new at local unis this year

Local universities are offering new academic programmes aplenty this year, with opportunities for students to head overseas for study stints and internships as well.

National University of Singapore

**COURSES**
There is a new double-degree programme with the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po), a prestigious school which counts several of France’s most recent presidents as its alumni.

The course by the University Scholars Programme at NUS combines the French school’s liberal arts curriculum with a major from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences here. Students spend two years in France with another two at NUS, and no prior study of French is needed.

**CAREER SERVICES**
Taking flight this year is Roots and Wings—a life skills programme that teaches students how to build a personal brand and enhance their resilience. The initiative comes under NUS Centre for Future-ready Graduates.

**OVERSEAS PROGRAMMES**
For the first time, NUS is extending its study trip programme to include Costa Rica. There are also new international internships in Kazakhstan, Ghana, Uganda and Hungary in a range of fields, from international affairs to agri-business.

Yale-NUS College

**COURSES**
Three new five-year programmes for liberal arts and science students who have set their sights on working in the fields of public health, public policy and the environment have been introduced. Students will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts or Science degree, and also a masters degree.

Students taking the Concurrent Degree with Yale School of Public Health and the Concurrent Degree with Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies will spend a semester overseas at Yale’s US campus in New Haven. Those in the public health course will join a summer internship, while those in the environment course will do a one-year internship.

There is also a Concurrent Degree with the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

**CAREER SERVICES**
Students looking to understand the working world will be able to consult professionals from a range of industries under the university’s new External Adviser Programme (EAP).