



Special Term for Returning National Servicemen (RNS)

1 What is the Special Term for RNS?

Most NSMen will complete their national service between four to eight months before they enter the local universities. The Special Term for RNS was conceived which allows NSMen to take modules one semester before the start of the Academic Year in August.

2 When will the Special Term be conducted?

SMU's Special Term consists of two periods called Term 3A and Term 3B.

Term	From	To	Duration
Term 3A	5 May 2025	8 June 2025	5 weeks
Term 3B	23 Jun 2025	27 Jul 2025	5 weeks

Dates are subject to change.

3 Do RNS attend the same classes as students already in SMU?

Yes, RNS will attend the same classes as students already studying at SMU.

4 What modules will be offered in the Special Term?

SMU Office of Registrar will inform matriculated RNS of the details of the Special Term modules in Mar 2025.

5 What will be the tuition fees?

Degree Programme	Fees per module payable by Singapore Citizens	Fees per module payable by Permanent Residents
Law	\$1,270	\$1,775
Non-Law	\$1,150	\$1,605

Note : Fees are subject to change from time to time. Do visit this link for more information on the tuition fees payable : <https://www.smu.edu.sg/campus-life/financial-matters/tuition-fees>

6 Are there any financial assistance schemes for Special Term tuition fees?

Students may apply to use the following schemes to pay for the Special Term modules:

- CPF Education Loan
- Post-Secondary Education Account
- Skill Future Credits
- Tuition Fee loan
- Study Loan

The application dates for the individual schemes are estimated to be in March 2025. The exact application dates would be broadcast via email when it is nearer to the application window.

7 Is the Special Term compulsory? Must I take modules in the Special Term?

The Special Term is purely optional.

8 Do I have to matriculate early to start the Special Term?

You must matriculate early to start the Special Term. However, you can choose to matriculate early and start your studies at SMU in August 2025, even if you do not wish to take modules in the Special Term.

9 How many modules can I take in the Special Term?

Please take no more than 2 modules. You may opt for one of the following:

Option 1 : Take one module in Term 3A and one module in Term 3B **OR**

Option 2 : Take one module in Term 3A only **OR**

Option 3 : Take one module in Term 3B only.

Note: The option that you select will depend on your ORD date.

10 Who can qualify to take modules in the Special Term?

Only Nsmen who have places reserved in SMU for AY2024, have completed their National Service obligations and matriculation procedures by January/February 2025 are allowed to take the Special Term modules.