



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	4 May 2026	7 June 2026	5 weeks
Term 3B	22 June 2026	26 July 2026	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 / April 2026.

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 2026. 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. You can still matriculate early and start your studies in August 2026.

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

You must matriculate early to study the Special Term. However, you can choose to matriculate early and start your studies at SMU in August 2026, even if you do not wish to take modules in the Special Term.

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

You can take a maximum of 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 AY2026, have completed their National Service obligations and matriculation procedures by January/February 2026 are allowed to take the Special Term modules.

11 Who should I contact if I have further questions on Special Terms?

Please reach out to our Office of Registrar at registrar@smu.edu.sg