Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Is my admission into the relevant Master’s programme guaranteed upon completion of the Graduate Certificate or NTU MiniMasters™?**

   No, admission into the Master’s programme is on a competitive basis.

2. **What is the advantage of taking courses via the Graduate Certificate or NTU MiniMasters™ route?**

   a. You do not need to commit to the full programme at the onset.
   b. You may be able to enjoy SSG subsidies for the individual courses.
   c. You can complete the 3 Graduate Certificate courses or 4 NTU MiniMasters™ courses at your own pace. You have up to 5 years to credit transfer the courses to the relevant Master’s programme.

3. **What is the advantage of taking courses via direct entry into the Master’s programme?**

   a. You are guaranteed a place in the programme.
   b. You have priority to enrol into courses.
   c. You can complete within 1 year for full-time student and 2 years for part-time students.

4. **How long will it take for me to complete the Graduate Certificate or NTU MiniMasters™?**

   You can apply for any number of Graduate Certificate or NTU MiniMasters™ courses in a semester provided they are offered via PaCE. As the Graduate Certificate and NTU MiniMasters™ courses are Master’s courses, priority is given to Master’s students. Therefore, there is likelihood that you may not be able to get a place in the Graduate Certificate or NTU MiniMasters™ courses that you apply for. Assuming that you are able to complete at least 2 courses per semester, you may be able to complete the Graduate Certificate or NTU MiniMasters™ in 1 year.

5. **Can I credit transfer all the courses in the Graduate Certificate or NTU MiniMasters™ to the Master’s programme?**

   Yes. If you are transferring all 4 courses in the NTU MiniMasters™, you will be required to complete the remaining 14 AU of courses AND a compulsory 2 AU general elective in order to meet the graduation requirements of the Master’s programme. If you are transferring only 3 courses, you do not need to complete the additional 2 AU general elective.

   Accreditation of courses completed under the Graduate Certificate or NTU MiniMasters™ to a Master’s programme will be subject to the prevailing accreditation policy:

   - The grade obtained for the course must be at least a C+.
   - The validity period for exemption/credit transfer of a course is 5 years from the date of award of the course as reflected in the official result slip/transcript.
   - The course must not have been used for exemption/credit transfer into another programme.
6. **How long will it take to complete the Master’s programme after completing the Graduate Certificate or NTU MiniMasters™?**

If you credit transfer 3 courses from the Graduate Certificate, the remaining 5 courses (18AUs) can be completed in 1.5 years for part-time students or 1 year for full-time students. If you credit transfer 4 courses from the NTU MiniMasters™, the remaining 4 courses plus the 2 AU general elective (total of 16AUs) can be completed in 1 year for part-time students and 0.5 year for full-time students.

7. **After taking 1 to 2 courses, I am sure that the Master’s programme is for me. Can I still enrol in the Master’s programme without completing all the courses in the Graduate Certificate or NTU MiniMasters™, and credit transfer the courses that I took to the Master’s programme?**

There is no need to complete all the courses within the Graduate Certificate or NTU MiniMasters™ before enrolling in the Master’s programme. Upon successful admission into the Master’s programme, you can choose to transfer course credits of up to 12 AUs to the Master’s programme.

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