

ROOTS & WINGS 2.0

Frequently Asked Questions

The Programme

1. What is Roots & Wings 2.0? How is it different from CFG1010 (Roots and Wings: Personal and Interpersonal Effectiveness 1.0) and CFG1020 (Roots & Wings: Personal and Interpersonal Effectiveness 2.0) that were previously offered?

Roots & Wings 2.0 revises and replaces CFG1010 and CFG1020. However, as with CFG1010/1020, Roots & Wings 2.0 seeks to equip students with essential soft skills to face an increasingly complex and volatile environment. While CFG1010/1020 was delivered by the Centre for Future-Ready Graduates (CFG), Root & Wings 2.0 will now be delivered by the Department of Psychology in collaboration with CFG. An important characteristic of Roots & Wings 2.0 is that it is now a programme that comprises a series of “modulets” (akin to mini-modules and coded as PLS80xx), and is not a specific module like CFG1010. There are also other important differences that define Roots & Wings 2.0 (e.g., registration process, mode of delivery).

2. What are the benefits of Roots & Wings 2.0?

Each PLS80xx modulet under Roots & Wings 2.0 seeks to teach a soft skill (e.g., resilience, collaboration) that aims to enhance students’ adaptiveness across various domains of life (including school).

Target Students

3. Who should read the PLS80xx modulets under Roots & Wings 2.0?

Any student who feels that he/she wants to improve on the soft skill that is the focus of a particular modulet.

4. Is it compulsory for students to read at least one modulet throughout their candidature in NUS?

No, you are free to decide whether you want to read a modulet. You can opt not to read any modulet at all during your candidature.

5. Can students who have read CFG1010/1020 take a modulet?

Yes.

Modulets and the NUS Curriculum

6. Which curriculum space does a modulet fit into?

A modulet can be counted as an Unrestricted Elective (UE) towards a student’s graduation requirements.

7. How many Modular Credits (MC) is a modulet worth?

Each modulet is worth 1 MC.

8. Why is a module worth only 1 MC?

A module is not a typical module (hence the difference in name). It generally comprises only 9 contact hours in a semester, and thus is worth 1 MC.

9. How many modules can I take in the course of my candidature?

You can take as many modules as you wish. However, you are allowed to count only up to 8 MC (i.e., 8 modules) in the UE space towards your graduation requirements.

10. If I decide to take up Roots & Wings 2.0, is there any expectation that I must complete a certain number of modules?

No. The critical consideration is whether you think a module will be beneficial to you.

11. Can I read more than one module within a semester?

Yes, as long as there are no timetable clashes.

Module Details

12. Are there any pre-requisites for a module?

No.

13. What is the duration for a module?

Typically, a module will comprise 3 3-hour sessions that are spread over the first or second half of an academic semester.

14. What is the teaching format of a module?

The teaching format varies depending on the instructor. A module may be conducted as small-class seminar-style sessions, or may be conducted in lecture-tutorial format. Please check the IVLE for the teaching format and other details on a particular module being offered.

15. Who are the instructors for the modules?

The modules will be delivered by a combination of staff from the Department of Psychology and the Centre for Future-ready Graduates.

16. How many modules will be offered in AY2018/19?

One module (PLS8001 Cultivating Collaboration) will be offered in AY2018/19 Semester 1 and two modules (PLS8001 Cultivating Collaboration and PLS8003 Cultivating Resilience) will be offered in AY2018/19 Semester 2.

17. Will more modules be offered in subsequent Academic Years?

There are plans to develop and offer more modules in subsequent years.

Modulet Assessment and Grading

18. What are the assessment components for a modulet?

Typically, students will be assessed for their participation (e.g., role play, group discussions, pop quizzes) during the contact sessions. They are also expected to submit written reflections after the contact sessions.

19. Will there be any exams for a modulet?

No.

20. How will a modulet be graded?

The grading will be on a CS/CU basis.

21. Can a student retake a modulet if he/she gets a CU grade for it?

Yes.

Modulet Registration

22. How can I get to read a modulet?

You have to bid for it in CORS.

23. Under which Module Type Code can I bid for a modulet?

You can bid for it under Module Type Code 07 (Enrichment).

24. From which bidding round is a modulet available?

It is available for bidding from Round 1A.

25. Under which Account can I bid for a modulet?

You can bid for it using your General (G) Account.

26. How many points should I use to bid for a modulet?

It will be up to you to decide on the bid points to be used.

27. How do I choose the time slots for a modulet?

You can select your preferred time slot via CORS and then bid for it in CORS.

28. How do I appeal for a modulet if I am unable to secure it through bidding?

Appeals could be submitted via CORS at the end of all the bidding rounds. Note that as CORS bidding ends in Week 1 of the semester, in the event that the appeals are successful, students can only be admitted into groups that run from Week 2 and after.

29. Can I drop a module after I have successfully bid for it?

Yes. You can drop it yourself before the 'W' grade takes effect. If you wish to drop after the 'W' grade or the 'F' grade have taken effect, you could write in to psyboxRW@nus.edu.sg, providing your name, matric number, and the reason for wanting to drop the module. The R&W 2.0 administrator will help you to drop the module without penalty.

Module Attendance

30. Is attendance compulsory?

Yes, attendance and satisfactory completion of ALL sessions of a module are necessary to obtain the 1 MC. If you miss a session without valid reason and fail to make up for it, you will most likely get a CU grade as the participation component takes up a substantial portion of the module grade.

31. Is it possible to make-up for a missed lesson?

Yes, but requests for make-up will only be entertained if there are valid reasons (e.g., medical leave, death in family, representing NUS for events). Supporting documents must be provided.

32. Who should I approach to request for a make-up for a missed lesson?

You can approach your instructor for the module.

Enquiries

33. Who can I contact if I have any queries?

Queries can be directed to psyboxRW@nus.edu.sg.