Shorter NUS MBA programme offers more choices

Future students with the aptitude and the appetite can now aim to finish a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) at the National University of Singapore (NUS) in just a year. NUS Business School says it is revising its curriculum to make it more flexible, and that the changes were made in response to feedback from various stakeholders like alumni and employers, and a review of what other MBA programmes are offering.

"The revised NUS MBA curriculum is much more intense, experiential, industry-oriented, group-based, flexible and accelerated," says Prof Kulwant Singh, vice-dean for graduate studies at NUS Business School, in a statement. "Students can complete the programme in 17 months... [or] 12, if they can cope with the faster pace."

Singapore Management University (SMU) plans to launch its own MBA programme next year, adding to an expanding variety of business, finance and economics-related courses it already offers at both graduate and undergraduate levels.

NUS will send students pre-readings and a pre-assignment to complete before the programme starts. They will then dive right into an intensive nine-day programme, which includes three days of orientation and six days of intensive classes on leadership and the management of organisations, says Kulwant.

NUS Business School is also making changes to its core MBA modules. New courses in communications, negotiation, leadership and Asia-Pacific business will be introduced, and there will be a modified management practicum. In addition, specialisations in finance, marketing, and strategy and organisation will also be offered, on top of the current two in healthcare management and real estate.