Local universities should treat Lasalle students better

I AM a final-year student studying arts management at Lasalle College of the Arts. As my interests have widened, I now wish to major in political science, but the problem is that Lasalle does not offer a political science course – the National University of Singapore and Singapore Management University do.

I e-mailed both institutions to inquire more about the application process. The common answer I received from both universities was that Lasalle was not accredited by a central governing body because its programme was of a vocational nature without any robust academic learning programme.

Evidently, these local institutions do not have a good impression of Lasalle’s academic programme.

They have made an assumption that only vocational training is provided in our academic curriculum and they have overlooked the fact that Lasalle has partnerships with leading colleges and universities in the United States, Britain and Australia.

If top-ranking universities abroad can accept students from Lasalle, why cannot our local universities?

Annually, there is high recruitment of international students into all local universities. As a Singaporean, I deserve the right to at least be put through the application process and not receive an outright rejection.

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