EXCHANGE @
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE (NUS)

Undergraduate coursework-based exchange AY2019/20
Where is Singapore?

Average Temperature

31° C
88° F

1° above the equator
Why Singapore?

- Internet Connectivity
- Tropical flora and fauna
- Robust Economy
- Accessibility and affordable transportation
- Safety and healthcare
- Rich heritage and culture
Some things to do while in Singapore

• Get close to Merlion – Singapore’s national mascot
• Celebrate the ethnic festivities with us
• View the display at Gardens by the Bay
• Watch the F1 night race
• Sit on the world’s second largest flyer
• Visit our many museums
Why Singapore?

Multi-racial, culturally diverse city state with 70% Singaporeans of est. 5,612,300+ population

3,928,610+

Singapore citizens

(2017)

74.3% : Chinese
13.4% : Malay
9.1% : Indian
3.2% : Other

Source: Singapore Stat Board (2017)
Predominantly English speaking but four official languages!
Holidays!

- New Year’s Day (Jan)
- Vesak Day (May/Jun)
- Hari Raya Puasa (Jun)
- Hari Raya Haji (Sep)
- Deepavali (Oct)
- Chinese New Year (Jan/Feb)
- Labour Day (May)
- Good Friday (Mar/Apr)
- National Day (Aug)
- Christmas (Dec)
Why Singapore?

FOOD!

A strong food culture - eating is a national pastime!

Hawker Centres offer a variety of foods at very affordable prices!
Travel outside of Singapore

Gateway to Southeast Asia (within 3 hours flight journey)

- Malaysia (1-2 hr.)
- Thailand (1.5-3 hr.)
- Cambodia (2.75 hr.)
- Vietnam (2-3 hr.)
- Indonesia (1-3 hr.)
- Myanmar (3 hr.)
London is more than 2 times the size of Singapore
Student Exchange Programme (SEP)
Quick Facts:

SEP
STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

300 + Partner Universities
>2,000 Students each AY

>40 Countries
>13,000 Alumni Participants
Student Exchange Programme

- **English** is the medium of instruction except in foreign language classes
- Undergraduate, coursework-based exchange
- **Tuition fee waiver**. Pay for your living and travel expenses
- A semester to a maximum of a full academic year
- **Transfer of modular credits** to fulfill graduation requirements back at home university
- Grading of modules taken during exchange is based on NUS’ assessment mode
Incoming Student Satisfaction Survey
AY2016/17

82% selected NUS as their first choice for exchange

93% were either satisfied or extremely satisfied with their exchange at NUS

90% would recommend NUS as an exchange destination to their peers
8 participating faculties and schools in NUS which offer undergraduate modules to exchange students

**Participating Faculties & Schools**

- **FASS**
  - Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

- **FoE**
  - Faculty of Engineering

- **FoS**
  - Faculty of Science

- **SDE**
  - School of Design & Environment

- **SoC**
  - School of Computing

- **BIZ**
  - NUS Business School

- **Law**
  - NUS Law

- **USP**
  - University Scholars Programme

- **Exchange with BIZ, Law and USP is by invitation only**
- **Students must have single major in Law in order to be considered for Law modules**
- **Exchange with USP requires student to stay at Cinnamon College**
NUS Law is situated at the Bukit Timah Campus
Supporting Offices for SEP

GRO
- Identify partner universities and evaluate exchange agreements
- Process incoming SEP applications
- Manage module registration
- Apply Student’s Pass and NUS Student Card
- Keep students’ academic records and print transcript
- Conduct examination

RO
- Conduct student orientation
- Decide on modules and quotas
- Approve of modules
- Provide module descriptions
- Set examination and class schedules

OSA
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Faculties
- Conduct student orientation
- Plan cross-cultural events and festival celebrations
- Offer Host Family Programme/student Buddy Programme
- Manage accommodation matters
- Oversee Disability Support Office

We can be your first stop for enquiries on student exchange matters
Modules for Exchange Students

- **Check**
  - Check [list of modules](#) available to non-graduating students
  - Check [module restrictions](#)

- **Select**
  - Do your Study Plan
  - Select up to 10 relevant modules during the online application

- **Secure**
  - Approval for modules is based on pre-requisites, availability and time-table
  - 12 modular credits per semester is needed for Student’s Pass application

- **Change**
  - Changes to the pre-registered modules should be made during “Add/Drop” period at the start of each semester

- **Business, Law and USP exchanges are by invitation only.**
- **Economics, Psychology and Political Science modules are usually oversubscribed.**
- **Level 4000 and above modules are restricted.**
## Accommodation while on exchange

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<tr>
<th>University’s on-campus accommodation</th>
<th>Private off-campus accommodation</th>
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<td>Not guaranteed</td>
<td>Source for your own accommodation</td>
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<td>Students can choose among the various on-campus accommodation options available to them</td>
<td>Office of Student Affairs can recommend some private vendors for your consideration</td>
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<td>Majority of the on-campus accommodation include compulsory meal plans</td>
<td>No meal plans</td>
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<tr>
<td>Utilities and internet costs are included in the rental</td>
<td>Verify the utilities and internet costs with the vendor</td>
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<tr>
<td>Abide to NUS’ accommodation rules and regulations</td>
<td>Abide to the legal terms of the rental agreement which you signed with the vendor</td>
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<tr>
<td>Closer to students’ events and support services at NUS</td>
<td>Travel to attend students’ events. NUS’ student support services are only available on campus</td>
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<td>Generally more affordable</td>
<td>Could be affordable depends on location, type of rooms, etc.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mostly single-rooms with no air-conditioning</td>
<td>You can decide your preferred room type with air-conditioning</td>
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<tr>
<td>Available at Kent Ridge Campus only</td>
<td>Choose your accommodation location</td>
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<tr>
<td>Do housekeeping of your room. Common toilets will be cleaned by janitors</td>
<td>Do housekeeping or you could pay to engage private cleaning services</td>
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• Student must indicate on their initial exchange application if they require accommodation.

• On-campus accommodation is NOT guaranteed at NUS.

• Student selected for the exchange will then be invited to indicate their top three preferences for accommodation during the application for accommodation. Students attached to USP will only be staying at Cinnamon College.
University’s On-campus Accommodation

Halls of Residences
• Eusoff Hall
• Kent Ridge Hall
• King Edward VII Hall
• Raffles Hall
• Sheares Hall
• Temasek Hall

Student Residences
• Prince George’s Park Residences
• UTown Residence

Residential Colleges (RCs)
• Cinnamon (USP) College
• Tembusu College
• College of Alice & Peter Tan
• Residential College 4
• Ridge View Residential College

• Unique culture in each residence or hall
• Compulsory meal plans for Halls of Residences and RCs
• Check the rental costs for each type of on-campus accommodation
Private off-campus Accommodation

• Students can refer to [http://nus.edu.sg/osa/housing/other-accommodation.html](http://nus.edu.sg/osa/housing/other-accommodation.html) for off-campus accommodation options.

• NUS does not manage any off-campus accommodation and students are advised to exercise discretion and caution when engaging off-campus accommodation vendors.
## Estimated Cost of Living

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<th>Off-campus</th>
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<td>Accommodation</td>
<td>S$380 - S$850</td>
<td>S$600 - S$1,300</td>
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<td>Food (3 meals a day)</td>
<td>S$250 - S$500</td>
<td>S$400 - S$800</td>
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<td>Public Transport</td>
<td>S$100 - S$180</td>
<td>S$200 - S$300</td>
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<td>Books &amp; Stationery (depends on course of study)</td>
<td>S$200 – S$350</td>
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<td>Personal expenses (Telecommunication, toiletries, clothing etc. excluding overseas travel)</td>
<td>S$250 - S$350</td>
<td>S$300 - S$450</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>S$1,180 – S$2,230</strong></td>
<td><strong>S$1,700 – S$3,200</strong></td>
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Note: This is an estimated expenditure a student may likely incur during his or her stay in Singapore. The costs vary accordingly to student’s personal needs and lifestyle.
Campus Life

Student Organisations

Performing Arts, Sports Clubs, Societies and Interest Groups

>100

Community Engagement Programme Network

Community Projects

GRO & Peer Advising Programme

Welcome Party, Orientation Week, Sports Activities and Information Sessions

100

Office of Student Affairs

Orientation Briefing, International language exchange, Heartland tour, etc.

15+

Welcome Party, Orientation Week, Sports Activities and Information Sessions

40+

Welcome Party, Orientation Week, Sports Activities and Information Sessions

15+

Office of Student Affairs

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15+
Join the activities organised specially for you!

- Orientation Briefing
- Welcome Party
- Welcome Week – Around the Campus Tour
- Amazing Race
- Dragonboat Race
- Explorasia

- International Exchange Day
- Pulau Ubin Cycling Trip
- BRIDGE Networking Session
- Go Away Fair
- Feedback Session
- Farewell Party
36 Food venues and kiosks
7 Libraries
3 Museums
2 Sports & recreation centres
1 University Cultural Center
1 Bank

- Disability Support Office
- University Health Centre
- National University Hospital
- 24-hour security and emergency call points
- Internal shuttle bus
Grading Policy & Assessment Mode

• **NUS Grading Policy**
• Assessment mode depends on the programme coordinator
• Attendance, class participation, assignments, projects and final examination performance counts towards final grade for each module
• Possible moderation of grades for some modules
Important notice from Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) of Singapore

15. You are required to attend class regularly. If you fail to attend classes for a continuous period of 7 days your Student’s Pass is liable to be cancelled with effect from the 8th day. The letter of cancellation will be sent to your place of residence as registered with ICA. Remaining in Singapore unlawfully after the cancellation of your Student’s Pass is an offence under Section 15 of the Immigration Act and you would be liable for prosecution.

16. You understand that your Student’s Pass will be cancelled by the Controller of Immigration if you fail to remain or cease to be retained as a student in your educational institution.

Full Terms and Conditions found here: https://www.ica.gov.sg/cms/files/forms/Terms_and_Conditions_STP.pdf
Application Process

1. Apply with home university and be selected for exchange at NUS
2. Partner universities nominate you to NUS for exchange
3. Apply online and indicate if you require on-campus accommodation
4. Submit on-campus accommodation application / looks for alternative accommodation
5. Receive official acceptances and important information via email
6. Check application outcome and module approval online*
7. Read through the Registration Guide carefully and follow the instructions
8. Receive email notification to verify your personal details for Student’s Pass application
9. Complete registration (Part One) online

*The approved modules have been pre-registered for you. **If you are taking Law modules, you will be informed to go through a separate module registration with the Faculty of Law.** You will see that you have been pre-registered for 3-4 modules. Additional modules can be added during the module add/drop period at the start of each semester.
## Important Dates & Deadlines

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<th>WHEN</th>
<th>HOW</th>
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<td>Online application</td>
<td>Sem 1: 21 Mar to 15 Apr</td>
<td>Students should apply online after their nomination is accepted.</td>
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<td>Sem 2: 1 Sep to 1 Oct</td>
<td>All supporting documents have to be uploaded online, otherwise stated on the checklist.</td>
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<td>Acceptance outcome</td>
<td>Sem 1: mid-Jun</td>
<td>Students can login to the online portal with the application ID and password to view their application status closer to the release of application results.</td>
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<td>Sem 2: end of Nov</td>
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<td>On-campus accommodation application</td>
<td>Upon acceptance of exchange</td>
<td>Successful students may apply for on-campus accommodation if they receive the invitation. More details on accommodation application can be found in the offer email.</td>
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Useful References

1. Incoming Student Exchange Guide
2. Step-In
3. Information Sheet
4. Welcome to NUS
5. Student Life Video
6. NUS Corporate Video
7. Apps for smart phone
“Above all though, Singaporeans have a special place in my heart. Whether it was NUS students, professors, kopitiam uncles, migrant workers, bus drivers or artists – many have showered me with generosity and kindness without want for return. The friendships I have forged here are lasting ones.”

New Colombo Plan Scholar from the University of New South Wales, Australia.

“NUS has exceeded my expectations. The installations, its organization, its friendly and helpful personnel, the great quality of its lecturers makes NUS a top destination. I will forever be grateful I was accepted to join this University. The reasons are endless, I could go on and on... the life lasting learnings, the mix of cultures, its people and don't get me started with the food!”

Student from Utrecht University, the Netherlands
Go on EXCHANGE to NUS!
Thank you!

谢谢你!

Terima Kasih!

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24/7 Self-service online FAQ portal: http://nusgro.custhelp.com/app/home