EXCHANGE @ NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE (NUS)

Undergraduate coursework-based exchange AY2018/19
National University of Singapore (NUS)

VISION

A leading global university centred in Asia, influencing the future

MISSION

To transform the way people think and do things through education, research
### University Rankings

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A Leader in Global Education

WE TAKE STUDENTS TO THE WORLD & WE BRING THE WORLD TO NUS

Inbound exchange students
Approx. 2,000 per year

Student exchange programmes with > 300 top universities in > 40 countries

80% undergraduates go overseas; 30% for > 6 months

Students & faculty from >100 countries
18% undergraduates & 60% graduate students from abroad
Student Exchange Programme (SEP)
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
8 participating faculties and schools in NUS which offer undergraduate modules to exchange students

- **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.
Modules for Exchange Students

Check

• Check list of undergraduate modules available
• 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.

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Supporting Offices for SEP

GRO
- Identify partner universities and evaluate exchange agreements
- Negotiate for exchange places annually
- Involve in the overall operation and the administration of the exchange programme
- Oversee the GRO Peer Advising Programme
- We can be your first stop for enquiries on student exchange matters

RO
- Process incoming SEP applications
- Manage module registration
- Apply Student’s Pass and NUS Student Card
- Keep students’ academic records and print transcript
- Conduct examination

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

Faculties
- Decide on modules and quotas
- Approve of modules
- Provide module descriptions
- Set examination and class schedules
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
## Important Dates & Deadlines

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<th>WHEN</th>
<th>HOW</th>
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<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>On-campus accommodation application</td>
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<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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AFTER YOU HAVE APPLIED...

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After application…

Check application outcome and module approval online* after mid-Jun (for admission in Aug) and around end of Nov (for admission in Jan).

Confirm your learning agreement with your home university based on the list of pre-registered NUS modules.

Read through the Registration Guide carefully and follow the instructions.

Receive official acceptance and important information via email(s).

Receive email notification to verify your personal details for Student’s Pass application.

Submit on-campus accommodation application if invited via the offer email.

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.
Students will be contacted for the following reasons during the application evaluation period:

1. Reselection of modules to meet the minimum 12 modular credits per semester
2. Request for missing or additional supporting documents

Upon offer,

1. Read the NUS Registration Guide
2. If necessary, change your pre-registered modules only during the “Add/Drop exercise” which happens in the first two weeks of the school term
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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
University’s On-campus Accommodation

• On-campus accommodation is **NOT** guaranteed at NUS
• Majority of exchange students will stay in **Halls or Residences**
• Students can use UTown facilities (i.e. infinity pool and gym) even if they stay in another Residency or are staying off campus
• Check-in is available on weekday during office hour from 9am to 5pm
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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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<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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<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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<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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<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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<td>Available at Kent Ridge Campus only</td>
<td>Choose your accommodation location</td>
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<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’s Pass Application

Check with your embassy or high commission on whether you need an entry visa to Singapore

Entry visa is required

(1). NUS Registrar’s Office will liaise with the Singapore Immigration and Checkpoint Authority (ICA) to obtain the In-Principle Approval (IPA) letter which acts as an entry visa to Singapore

(2). On your assigned date of registration in NUS, the ICA officers will be on-campus to stamp the IPA letter for you to support your Student’s Pass application

Entry visa is not required

You are required to report on your assigned date of registration in NUS to get the stamped IPA letter to support your Student’s Pass application

- **NUS Registration Guide** shows the official registration date(s) at NUS
- Full-year exchange students are required to submit medical report
- Admission is only confirm once the application of Student’s Pass is successful
Have Sufficient Insurance Coverage

- All incoming exchange students need to purchase the medical and hospitalisation insurance at NUS. The payment for the insurance is included in the mandatory Miscellaneous Student Fees (MSFs)
- Once matriculated, exchange student will be covered under the scheme
- Check the insurance coverage NUS purchase for you
- Purchase your own health insurance as well as travel insurance if necessary
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<td>Accommodation</td>
<td>S$300 - S$800</td>
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<td>S$250 - S$400</td>
<td>S$400 - S$800</td>
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<td>Public Transport</td>
<td>S$100 - S$150</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>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>S$1,100 – S$2,500</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.*
HOW TO GET TO NUS…

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Where is Singapore?

Average Temperature
31°C
88°F

1° above the equator
Where is NUS?

London is more than 2 times the size of Singapore
Where is NUS?

45 minutes by taxi from Changi Airport to NUS
MRT Stations in Singapore

Nearest MRT station to NUS Law is the Botanic Gardens MRT station

Kent Ridge MRT station is found on the main Kent Ridge campus

1hr 15min by MRT from Changi Airport station to Kent Ridge MRT
WHILE @ NUS...

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While at NUS

Complete Registration (Part Two) & Student’s Pass application

Attend Orientation and GRO Welcome Party

Do Module “Add/Drop” if necessary

Attend Classes and submit assignments

Participate in GRO/NUS events and activities

Assist in the promotion of your home university during GRO events

Submit Feedback and attend NUS Ambassador Training Programme

Prepare for final examination

Attend GRO’s Farewell Party
Module Add/ Drop

Change

• Changes to the pre-registered modules should be made during “Add/Drop” period at the start of each semester
• NUS Business School and NUS Law has a separated module registration system each. Students should check their emails for the module registration instruction and deadlines

Check

• Students who did not secure any Business and Law modules at the point of offer will not be able to add them during “Add/Drop” period
• Check list of undergraduate modules available
• Check module restrictions
• Provide more supporting documents (e.g. course descriptions of modules read at home university) if required

Confirm

• All modules should be confirmed by the end of the second week
• There will be penalty for changes made to confirmed modules after the deadlines
• All pre-registered and confirmed modules are set to examinable by default
• Students who wish to audit modules need to seek approval from their home university before making the request at NUS
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Welcome Party, Orientation Week, Sports Activities and Information Sessions

GRO & Peer Advising Programme

Performance Arts, Sports Clubs, Societies and Interest Groups

Community Engagement Programme Network

Community Projects

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

International Student Support

>100

100

40+

15+
Join the **activities** organised specially for you!

**Aug to Sep**
- Orientation Briefing
- Welcome Party
- Welcome Week – Around the Campus Tour, Local Games
- International Coffee Catch-up
- Dragonboat Race
- Explorasia
- International Exchange Day

**Oct to Nov**
- Pulau Ubin Cycling Trip
- Bridge Networking Session
- Go Away Fair
- Feedback Session
- SEP Ambassador Training Programme
- Farewell Party

**Jan to Feb**

**Mar to Apr**
NUS Law is situated at the Bukit Timah Campus

NUS Campus map: [http://map.nus.edu.sg/](http://map.nus.edu.sg/)
Campus Service and Facilities

- 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
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## Academic Calendar AY2018 / 19

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<td>Recess Week:</td>
<td>Sat, 22 Sep – Sun, 30 Sep 2018</td>
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<td>Instructional Period: Week 7 to Week 13</td>
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<td>Reading Week:</td>
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<td>Examination:</td>
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For level 1000 and 2000 modules, there will be lectures for big group of students.

For level 3000 and 4000 modules, tutorials are usually conducted in smaller classes of about 30 students.

Online IVLE portal is accessible with NUS ID and password. Students can read full module descriptions, download lecture notes and submit tutorial assignments using the portal.

Read NUS Grading Policy.

Assessment mode depends on individual 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.
Attendance & Student’s Pass

- Mandated by Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) of Singapore
- Students have to sign the declaration form before the collection of their Student’s Pass
- More details, please refer to this link

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.
• Read **NUS Code of Student Conduct**

(excerpt:)

– Academic Integrity (cheating, plagiarism, violation of intellectual and copyright laws)
– Vandalism, mutilation and theft
– Inappropriate behaviour (threats, intimidation, drunkenness, lewdness, etc.)
– Smoking is prohibited on NUS campus
– Alcohol should not be sold or consumed on NUS campus unless in approved food outlets or during approved events
– Trafficking, manufacturing, importing and exporting of drugs carries a death penalty. Unauthorised consumption carries heavy penalty
– IT resources in NUS should not be used for transmission of obscene or inflammatory information nor should they be used for personal and/or private monetary profits
Useful References

1. Journey Beyond Your Shores
2. Step-In
3. Information Sheet
4. Around NUS
5. Student Life Video
6. NUS Corporate Video
7. Apps for smart phone
WHILE IN SINGAPORE...

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Things to do in Singapore

Enjoy the Festivals!

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

**EAT!**

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.)
- Myanmar (3 hr.)
- Cambodia (2.75 hr.)
- Vietnam (2-3 hr.)
- Indonesia (1-3 hr.)
Students’ Comments

“I’ve thoroughly enjoyed my exchange at NUS. It’s been amazing to meet and study with people from all around the world... My exchange has definitely been an enriching experience and I can’t wait to come back.”

New Colombo Plan Scholar from University of Melbourne, Australia.

“The best university I have had the pleasure to attend. The friendly nature of all on campus, the safety provided on campus and the academic support are just a few select reasons that I would highly recommend NUS to other stands. The list goes on.”

Student from King’s College London, UK.
See you @ NUS!

Find us at www.nus.edu.sg/gro

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