# Information for Students on Exchange

## A. University

University of Western Australia  
[http://www.uwa.edu.au](http://www.uwa.edu.au)

## B. Country

Australia

## C. Academics

### i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer

Please ensure that your module mappings are approved by the relevant departments in NUS before you depart for the exchange. You can submit your request for module mapping via myEduRec using the module mapping worksheet after you have accepted your SEP offer.

Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan. You are encouraged to map some spare modules in the event that your preferred modules are not offered in that semester, unavailable or cancelled.

[Click here](#) for a step-by-step guide on applying for module mapping.

### ii) Academic Calendar

**Semester 1:** Late February to Mid June  
**Semester 2:** Late July to Mid November  
[http://www.education.uwa.edu.au/students/timetables](http://www.education.uwa.edu.au/students/timetables)

### iii) Exchange Duration

One semester

### iv) Examination

Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at the host university.

### v) Curriculum Structure

At UWA the emphasis is on independent learning. There will be less direction from lecturers, greater expectations of individual study outside classes, fewer assessments and heavier weighting on assessments.

You will attend weekly lectures, which may be large (sometimes more than 100 students). These will be complemented by weekly tutorials, which are smaller classes where you are expected to participate in discussion and debate. They may be compulsory and are often assessed.

Exchange students are required to enrol in a full academic work load of 24 points (equivalent to 4 units) per semester. Most units are worth six points each. The maximum work load per semester is 24 credit points.
### vi) Entry Requirements

- Completed at least one year of study at NUS;
- Have a sound academic record, i.e. minimum CAP of 3.0 with no grade below C;
- Have sufficient financial means to cover the necessary expenses for the duration of the SEP;
- Satisfy partner institution and host country entry requirements;
- Not in the final semester during your SEP

Check your eligibility [here](#).

### vii) Language Proficiency Requirements

English is the language of instruction at UWA. NUS students should possess reasonable English proficiency level in order to follow the classes during the exchange term.

### viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students

- Architecture Landscape and Visual Arts
- Arts
- Business
- Education
- Engineering, Computing and Mathematics
- Health Sciences
- Indigenous Studies
- Science

Course Information: [http://units.handbooks.uwa.edu.au/](http://units.handbooks.uwa.edu.au/)

*Note: The term ‘course’ at UWA refers to the degree program e.g. Bachelor of Science. The term ‘unit’ at UWA refers to an individual class e.g. LIOL1130 Core Concepts in Biology.*

### ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites

Undergraduate students should select units commencing with a 1, 2 or 3. Students should have generally completed a three year bachelor degree to be eligible for postgraduate units.

Psychology courses within the Faculty of Science; Medicine, Dentistry and Law core courses are not open to exchange students.

### D. Application

### i) Procedures

Students can apply for SEP one year in advance through their home faculty in NUS between September and June. Please look out for your faculty’s announcement regarding the application period.
Once you have been selected by your home faculty for SEP, your faculty will contact you and provide information regarding application with your host university. Please prepare the necessary documents before the start of the application period at your host university.

| ii) Deadlines | All NUS student must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university. Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange. |

### E. Accommodations

| i) University Accommodation | There are five residential colleges affiliated with or owned by UWA, which offer close-knit communities of support, friendship and activity. All five colleges (University hall, Trinity, St Catherine’s College, St Thomas More College and St George’s College) are situated in pleasant surroundings across the road from the university. Most international students are housed at the University hall. Places at residential college are competitive. It is recommended that you apply earlier in order to secure a place. For more information about accommodation, please refer to https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/student-life/accommodation. |

| ii) Private Accommodation | If you are planning to look for an off-campus accommodation, it is recommended that you arrive one to two weeks earlier to look for a permanent place to live. If you have found a private accommodation online, it is advisable that you arrive earlier to see the place and ensure that you are comfortable with the room condition, environment and safety before making any commitment. Please read through the contract carefully to ensure that you are agreeable to the terms and conditions as well as other additional charges on top of the rental fee. The Housing Services manage a Housing Database which allow enrolled students to view rooms available for rent near the university. Students may access the information and contact owners or lessees directly to arrange a viewing. For more information about accommodation, please refer to |
## F. Visa

**Consular/Visa Regulation**

Once you have purchased the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC), UWA will issue an Electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE), which is required for your Australian Student Visa Application.

All exchange students must obtain an Australian Non Award Student Visa (sub-class 500) before arriving in Australia.

Students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they received the official offer letter/email from their host university. This is to ensure that you can obtain your visa in time before the start of your exchange term. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.


## G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

### i) Health/Medical Insurance

All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information, please refer to [http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html](http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html).

All international students studying in Australia are required to purchase an approved Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) policy. OSHC is a condition of the Overseas Student Visa issued by the Australian Immigration authorities. The cost is approximately A$330 for 6 months. Students can purchased OSHC through the UWA.

In addition, it is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within/outside Australia. Please review the insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs. Students can purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.

For more information on health and insurance, please refer to [https://study.uwa.edu.au/international-students/moving-to-perth/health-requirements](https://study.uwa.edu.au/international-students/moving-to-perth/health-requirements).

### ii) Emergency Number at host university

Emergency: +61 8 6488 2222  
24 hours security: +61 8 6488 3020
**H. Cost of Living**

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Details can be found at [https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/Student-life/cost-of-living](https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/Student-life/cost-of-living).