## Information for Students on Exchange in AY2018/19

### A. University

**McGill University**

- [www.mcgill.ca](http://www.mcgill.ca)

### B. Country

**Canada**

### C. Academics

#### i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer

Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange. You can check with the SEP Coordinator in the Dean's Office of your home faculty.

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.

#### ii) Academic Calendar

- **Semester 1:** September – December
- **Semester 2:** January – April

[http://www.mcgill.ca/importantdates/key-dates](http://www.mcgill.ca/importantdates/key-dates)

#### iii) Exchange Duration

One semester

#### iv) Examination

[https://www.mcgill.ca/students/exams/home-page](https://www.mcgill.ca/students/exams/home-page)

#### v) Curriculum Structure

A full-time course load at McGill is considered as 12-15 credits per term. Exchange students are **not** permitted to take more than 15 credits per term.

#### vi) Entry Requirements

- (a) be registered as a full-time undergraduate student of NUS
- (b) have successfully completed at least two (2) semesters of study at NUS upon admission to the host university;
- (c) not be eligible for exchange in the graduating year
- (d) be a student of good standing at NUS with
  - a minimum upper division second class honours or;
  - a minimum B average grade or;
  - a CAP of at least 3.5 (out of 5) for NUS students

#### vii) Language Proficiency Requirements

The language of instruction at McGill University is English. You must demonstrate the required level of English proficiency prior to admission to McGill, regardless of citizenship status or country of origin.

#### viii) Modules Compatibility

Suitable for students from the following Faculties/Disciplines:

- **FASS**

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### Module restrictions and pre-requisites

The following courses, among others, are not open to exchange students:

- courses offered at McGill University by some professional faculties that are restricted to degree candidates in their programs
- research project courses and thesis courses
- special topics courses

### D. Application

#### i) Procedures

Once you have been nominated by NUS, you may complete McGill University’s Incoming Exchange Application. You may access the application portal via the following link.


On the Program Choice Selection page:

- Select the appropriate faculty (should be applicable to area of study at home university)
- Select “Exchange” for both the Program Major and Subject fields.

After submitting the online application, a confirmation email will be sent.

Upload the required supporting documents to the submitted online application - do not mail hard copies or email as attachments.

(in Minerva for Undergraduate programs and uApply for Graduate programs)

- Copy of recent transcript - include ALL pages (including the back of the page)
- Copy of letter of nomination
- If applicable, copy of letter from an academic official confirming proof of English proficiency
- If applicable, mail or upload program specific documents (example: Architecture portfolio)

Required supporting documents for Law nominees:

- Personal Statement (where the student explains his/her reasons for applying)
- Curriculum Vitae

Online course catalogue: [www.mcgill.ca/study/](http://www.mcgill.ca/study/)

**STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)**

**Study Abroad Team**

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<td>Letter of Permission/Nomination on the home university’s letterhead, for each student’s file. The nomination letter should include the student’s name, the faculty where the student wishes to study and the semester(s) of the exchange</td>
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Decision: Once a decision is rendered, student will be prompted to accept their offer of admission. The official decision letter will generated and available for download and printing via Minerva or uApply.

Note: hard copies are no longer mailed.

**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**

While priority is given to first-year degree students, some places may be available for exchange students -

- Fall session or full-year: Indicate “Yes” under “Residence Accommodation” section in the online application.
- Winter session: student must verify available space by emailing housing.residences@mcgill.ca

http://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/

**ii) Private Accommodation**

http://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/offcampus

**F. Visa**

**Consular/Visa Regulation**

It is your responsibility to obtain the correct documents from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) prior to your exchange semester(s) in Canada.

Depending on nationality, students may need any other following documentation **before their arrival** in Canada:

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(a) **Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)** - As of March 15, 2016, visa-exempt foreign nationals are expected to have an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to fly to or transit through Canada. Exceptions include U.S. citizens, and travellers with a valid Canadian visa. To find out if you need an eTA prior to your exchange, please refer to the following link. [http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp)

(b) **Visitor Visa** - If you do not qualify for an eTA, you will need to obtain a Visitor Visa prior to your arrival in Canada. Please contact the High Commission of Canada in Singapore to start the process of obtaining the appropriate visa. The High Commission Officer might advise you to obtain a Study Permit instead since your time in Canada is primarily for studying. To determine if you need a Visitor Visa, please refer to the following link, [http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp)

(c) **Study Permit** – Study Permits are usually reserved for students studying more than 6 months at a Canadian institution. To be eligible for a Study Permit, students must:

- have been accepted by a designated learning institution in Canada.
- prove that you have enough money to pay for your tuition fees (no applicable for SEP), living expenses for yourself and any family members who come with you to Canada and return transportation for yourself and any family members who come with you to Canada.
- be a law-abiding citizen with no criminal record and not be a risk to the security of Canada. You may have to provide a police certificate.
- be in good health and willing to complete a medical examination, if necessary.
- satisfy an immigration officer that you will leave Canada at the end of your authorized stay.

For more information on Study Permits, please refer to the following website, [http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp)

**High Commission of Canada in Singapore**
One George Street, #11-01; Singapore 049145
Telephone: (65)-6854-5900
Email: Singapore-im-enquiry@international.gc.ca

**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 on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to [http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/docs/FAQs.pdf](http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/docs/FAQs.pdf)

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For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to [http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/InsuranceCoverforOfficialNUSTrips.html](http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/InsuranceCoverforOfficialNUSTrips.html)

If the insurance coverage is not enough, students are advised to purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.

International Health Insurance of McGill – enrolment is mandatory for incoming exchange students. Approximately $300 CAD per term

Information on the compulsory International Health Insurance plan is available at: [www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/health](http://www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/health).

Students from certain countries may qualify for an exemption provided they submit the required documentation, refer to the site above for information.

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<td>Emergency Contact Number: Canada’s emergency number is <strong>911</strong>, call this number for any emergency service such as police, medical, fire, etc.</td>
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### H. Cost of Living

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