# Information for Students on Exchange

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| B. Country | Canada |

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<td>i) Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</td>
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| ii) Academic Calendar | Semester 1 (Fall term): Early September – end December  
Semester 2 (Winter term): Early January – end 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/exams/](https://www.mcgill.ca/exams/) |
| v) Curriculum Structure | A full-time course load at McGill is considered as 12-15 credits per term. 12 is considered full-time. Exchange students are **not** permitted to take more than 15 credits per term.  
McGill’s course calendar ([https://www.mcgill.ca/study](https://www.mcgill.ca/study)) includes a full description of courses available and university regulations which will govern your stay at McGill. |
| 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. a minimum upper division second class honours or;  
  b. a minimum B average grade or ;  
  c. a CAP of at least 3.75 (out of 5) for NUS students |

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### 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**
- **FoS**
- **FoE**
- **SDE**
- **LAW**
- **BIZ**
- **SOC** (under Faculty of Science)

*Places in Architecture are not normally open to university-wide agreements (space permitting).


### ix) 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 and thesis course special topics courses
- Courses from Medicine, Dentistry and Continuing Studies
- Graduate courses (courses at 600 – 700 level)

Please also note the following restrictions:

- Students are permitted to take up to 1 course outside their admitted faculty.
- If there are restrictions or pre-requisite errors while registering, student must contact department to obtain permission to register in the course: [www.mcgill.ca/faculties/](http://www.mcgill.ca/faculties/)
- Courses not available for registration: Research project, thesis, special topic
- Students from the following faculties are to register their courses directly with the faculties: Management, Engineering, and Architecture
- Science: Limited enrolment in Anatomy and Cell Biology, Biochemistry, Biology, Computer Science, Mathematics, Microbiology, Pharmacology and Physiology
- Management: Due to high demand, registration for more than 2 courses per area cannot be accommodated.
- Engineering: Course space is limited.
## 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.

https://horizon.mcgill.ca/pban1/hzkalog.P.DISPLANGUECHOICE

Instructions:
- Program Choice Selection: Choose faculty then “Exchange” for both Major and Subject fields
- After submitting the online application, a confirmation email will be sent within 48 hours with login details to Minerva (for course registration). Please check your junk folders as well.
- Upload required supporting documents to the online account:
  - Copy of recent transcript in English (include all pages)
  - Copy of official letter of nomination
  - If applicable, mail, email or upload programme specific documents (e.g. Architecture portfolio)
- Decision: If admitted to McGill, students will be prompted to accept their offer of admission. The official decision letter will be available for download and printing via Minerva. Hard copies of acceptance letter are not sent by mail.

### 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.

Semester 1 (Fall term): 1 May*
Semester 2 (Winter term): 1 Oct

*The Faculty of Law has a different deadline – please apply by 15 April for both semesters.

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, limited places may be available for exchange students. Once they have accepted their offer of admission, students should contact Housing directly at housing.residences@mcgill.ca.

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### ii) Private Accommodation

Other useful sites include:
1. Off-campus Housing: [https://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/offcampus](https://www.mcgill.ca/students/housing/offcampus)
2. SSMU Marketplace: [https://ssmu.ca/resources/marketplace/](https://ssmu.ca/resources/marketplace/)

### 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:

(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.
### 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

For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to 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.

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

#### ii) Emergency Number at host university

Emergency Contact Number: Canada’s emergency number is **911**, call this number for any emergency service such as police, medical, fire, etc.

For more information on Campus Safety at McGill University, please refer to the following link.

http://www.mcgill.ca/security/security-services

### H. Cost of Living

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<th>i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses</th>
<th>The amount you spend on daily necessities can vary widely, according to individual preferences and lifestyles. For more financial advice specific to McGill University, please refer to the following webpage.</th>
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