# Information for Students on Exchange in AY2018/19

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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 |

[https://www.sfu.ca/students/deadlines/academic_dates.html](https://www.sfu.ca/students/deadlines/academic_dates.html)

iii) **Exchange Duration**

One semester

iv) **Examination**


v) **Curriculum Structure**

The average course load at SFU is 12 units (normally 3-4 modules).

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 3.5 (out of 5) for NUS students

vii) **Language Proficiency Requirements**

The language of instruction at SFU is English.

NUS students should possess reasonable English proficiency level in order to follow the classes during the exchange term.

viii) **Modules Compatibility**

Suitable for students from the following Faculties/Disciplines:

- FASS
- FoS
### STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

**Study Abroad Team**

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**D. Application**

**i) Procedures**

Once NUS has officially nominated you for your exchange to SFU, you will receive an email with further instructions, including the URL, to complete the online application. Please submit your application by the deadline indicated in the email.

You will be asked to upload the following supporting documents to your online application (no hard copy documents are required):

- Most Recent Official Transcript
- Colour Passport-style Photo
- Statement of Interest
- Proof of English Language Proficiency (only needed if your home country is non-English speaking)

As part of the online application, you will be asked to **submit a minimum of 8 course access requests**. You can access SFU’s course catalogue [here](https://www.sfu.ca/students/exchange/prospective/application.html).

For more information on the application process, please refer to the following link.

https://www.sfu.ca/students/exchange/prospective/application.html

**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**

SFU is not able to guarantee on-campus housing for exchange/study abroad students. Places in residence are offered on a first-come-first-serve basis, so we encourage you to apply early as explained below.
When asked for your SFU student number on your housing application, please write the word "EXCHANGE" instead of a number, unless you already have your SFU student number at that time (which most people will not).

If you will be admitted as an undergraduate student at SFU (which is the case for nearly all exchange/study abroad students), then you will be applying for one of the following:

- Townhouses
- McTaggart-Cowan
- Shell House

For more information on the housing application process, please refer to the following link.

https://www.sfu.ca/students/exchange/housing/on-campus.html

### ii) Private Accommodation

For more information on off-campus housing options, please refer to the following link.

https://www.sfu.ca/students/exchange/housing/off-campus.html

### 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.
- 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)

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Email: Singapore-im-enquiry@international.gc.ca

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**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)

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.

For more information on SFU’s Medical Services and Insurance, please refer to the following link.

[https://www.sfu.ca/students/exchange/medical.html](https://www.sfu.ca/students/exchange/medical.html)

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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.

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For more information on safety and security at SFU, please refer to the following link.

http://www.sfu.ca/srs/security.html

### H. Cost of Living

#### i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses

The amount you spend on daily necessities can vary widely, according to individual preferences and lifestyles. For SFU’s advice on Financial Information for your exchange semester, please refer to the following link.

https://www.sfu.ca/students/exchange/financial-information.html

### I. Other

Useful Links:

- [https://www.sfu.ca/students/exchange/gps.html](https://www.sfu.ca/students/exchange/gps.html)