# 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: September – December  
Semester 2: January – April |
| iii) Exchange Duration | One semester |
| v) Curriculum Structure | Full course load is 2.5 credits per semester (5 courses). Exchange students are allowed to take a maximum of 5 courses per semester. |
| 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 |

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| vii) Language Proficiency Requirements | English is the official language of instruction at the University of Toronto. All applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency to be considered for admission to the exchange programme. |
| viii) Modules Compatibility | Suitable for students from the following Faculties/Disciplines:  
- FASS  
- FoS  
- FoE (St. George Campus Only)  
- SoC  
- SDE  
- LAW (St. George Campus Only)  
- BIZ  
To see what courses University of Toronto offers, please click on the link below: [https://inboundvisiting.utoronto.ca/schools/national-university-of-singapore-nus/](https://inboundvisiting.utoronto.ca/schools/national-university-of-singapore-nus/) |
| ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites | The Student Exchange Programme between NUS and UT allows for students to go to any one of U Toronto’s three campuses – St. George Campus (Downtown), Mississauga Campus or Scarborough Campus.  
You can be nominated by NUS for a particular campus; but please note certain programmes are only offered on one campus [e.g., Engineering (Applied Sciences) and Law are only offered at St. George Campus]. Once you are nominated, it is highly unlikely to switch campuses after the application deadlines.  
For more information on module restrictions, please refer to the following link and select the relevant faculty: [https://inboundvisiting.utoronto.ca/schools/national-university-of-singapore-nus/](https://inboundvisiting.utoronto.ca/schools/national-university-of-singapore-nus/) |

D. Application

| i) Procedures | Once you have been nominated by NUS, you may submit an online exchange application using University of Toronto’s Centre for International Experience Student Portal: [https://internationalprograms.studentlife.utoronto.ca/StudentPortal/Login](https://internationalprograms.studentlife.utoronto.ca/StudentPortal/Login)  
The application portal will guide you through the application process, and we strongly encourage you to read everything carefully.  
Course registration is confirmed after students are admitted to UofT. |
| 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 April  
Semester 2 (Winter term): 1 April

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

Exchange students are not guaranteed on-campus housing. Please note choosing a housing option on your on-line application does not guarantee you will be accepted into on-campus accommodation. Please see the following table for more information regarding housing at each campus.

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<td>St. George Campus (Downtown)</td>
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<td>Housing Service (<a href="http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/hs">http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/hs</a>) offers assistance and advice to all students on housing-related matters. They can assist with finding on-campus and off-campus accommodation after admissions as an exchange student.</td>
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<td>Scarborough Campus (UTSC)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>On-campus accommodation (<a href="https://utsc.utoronto.ca/residences/">https://utsc.utoronto.ca/residences/</a>) is guaranteed for exchange students coming to UTSC. Students generally live in their own room with shared cooking and common areas, either in Townhouses or Joan Foley Hall (apartment-style).</td>
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<td>Mississauga Campus (UTM)</td>
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<td>The application process is very competitive and places are not guaranteed for students coming during Fall and Winter. See housing information on the UTM website (<a href="https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/housing/">https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/housing/</a>).</td>
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ii) Private Accommodation

Please approach the different housing services at the respective campuses for assistance.

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.

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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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**G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance**

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### 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).


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

The University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) is a mandatory health insurance plan for all international students enrolled in an Ontario university. All exchange students will automatically be charged for UHIP and the charge will appear on your Student Account.

As an international student or exchange student you are automatically enrolled in UHIP and the coverage charge will be listed on ACORN, your student account. You may notice that you have been charged for 12 months coverage. These fees will be adjusted to match the amount of time you will be studying at UofT. **Do not pay the fee until it has been adjusted.**

For more information on UHIP, please refer to the following website: [http://uhip.ca/](http://uhip.ca/)

### 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.

### 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. University of Toronto has provided the following estimates in the link below to help you budget for your SEP to UT; but keep in mind your living expenses will depend on your lifestyle, and be sure to set aside some money for unexpected costs.

[https://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/hs/living-costs](https://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/hs/living-costs)

#### I. Other

Useful Link(s):

- [http://www.cie.utoronto.ca/Coming/Living-Here/Living-in-Toronto-Tip-Sheet.htm](http://www.cie.utoronto.ca/Coming/Living-Here/Living-in-Toronto-Tip-Sheet.htm)

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