Information for Students on Exchange

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<th>A. University</th>
<th>Xiamen University</th>
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<td><a href="http://en.xmu.edu.cn/">http://en.xmu.edu.cn</a></td>
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Xiamen University (XMU) was founded in 1921 by Tan Kah Kee, the well-known patriotic overseas Chinese leader. XMU has close ties with Singapore as Mr Tan Kah Kee was founding member of Tao Nan School and Hwa Chong Institution in Singapore. It was the first university in China founded by an overseas Chinese. At present it is the only university in any of five special economic zones and is one of China’s higher-level universities designated for the state key construction of the Project 211 and the Project 985.

XMU's strength lies in Economics, Southeast Asia Studies, International Studies and it was a Think-Tank for Taiwan Policy.

XMU is very strong in life science and mathematics. NUS Department of Life Science has a joint laboratory with XMU.

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<td>i) Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</td>
<td>SEP students can transfer 20 MCs back to NUS if they have taken a full semester of workload at the host university with effect from AY2016/17. Please check with your SEP co-ordinator at your Faculty for more information.</td>
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| ii) Academic Calendar | **Semester 1:** September to January  
**Semester 2:** February to July |
| iii) Exchange Duration | One semester or Full-Year exchange, depending on your home Faculty. |
| iv) Examination | Students are expected to sit for the mandatory examinations at Xiamen University before returning to NUS for the next semester. |
| v) Curriculum Structure | Study workload:  
Spring Academic Semester: 16 weeks  
Autumn Academic Semester: 18 weeks  
Each course: 1-4 classes/week (about 1-4 study hours/ week)  
Total study hours of each course = class hours/ week * weeks  
e.g. 54hrs=3hrs/week*18weeks |
vi) Entry Requirements

- be enrolled at the National University of Singapore (NUS) as a full-time student;
- have completed at least two semesters of study before embarking on the exchange programme;
- have a sound academic record, i.e. minimum CAP of 3.0, and should not have any grade below grade ‘C’ (grade point of 2.0) in any module;
- have sufficient financial means to cover the necessary expenses for the duration of the SEP (ranging from S$5,000 to S$15,000 per semester, subject to the country and local conditions at the overseas Partner University during the period of exchange). When applying for your student visa, a number of countries may demand documentary proof of your financial status;
- obtain the Faculty’s approval for the SEP;
- satisfy partner institution and host country entry requirements; and
- check with the issuer of any scholarship he or she is receiving to ensure there are no restrictions involving overseas study (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Ministry of Education).

vii) Language Proficiency Requirements

Mandarin is the medium of instruction for classes at the host university (with limited English modules). NUS students with Chinese background may be exempted from the HSK Chinese language proficiency requirements to read Chinese courses at Xiamen University.

viii) Modules Compatibility

Suitable for students from the following faculties:

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<td>BIZ</td>
<td>Management</td>
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<td>FASS</td>
<td>Chinese Language and Literature, History, Philosophy, Journalism &amp; Communication, Foreign Languages &amp; Cultures, Economics, Public Affairs, International Relations</td>
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<td>FoE</td>
<td>Mechanical &amp; Electrical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Materials Engineering</td>
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<td>FoL</td>
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<td>FoS</td>
<td>Mathematical Sciences, Physics, Chemistry, Life Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences</td>
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<th>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</th>
<th>Students should select courses within a faculty per semester.</th>
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### D. Application

#### i) Procedures

Please apply via your home Faculty for SEP to Xiamen University. Only if you have been offered a SEP placement by your Faculty and you have accepted the internal offer, you will be informed to apply to Xiamen University directly.

#### ii) Deadlines

Please check with your SEP Administrator in the Dean’s Office for actual dates.

### E. Accommodations

#### i) University Accommodation

**Siming Campus**: The overseas student apartment buildings on the Siming Campus are set in picturesque surroundings and enjoy a view of the sea and fresh air. The dorms are equipped with a range of amenities.

Newly enrolled students on Siming campus should apply online for on-campus accommodation.

Detailed information about on-campus accommodation application will be available in the Enrolment Instruction for New Students.


#### ii) Private Accommodation

**Off-Siming Campus accommodation**: Living off campus provides greater opportunities for international students to interact with the locals and to learn about the local community and culture. Students can choose to rent off-campus apartments and the monthly rental is around RMB 2,000 per room. When living off-campus, international students will enjoy a quite learning environment.
F. Visa

Consular/Visa Regulation

Exchange students in China are required to apply for student visa (X2 visa for those intending to study in China for a period of no more than 180 days and X1 visa for those intending to study in China for a period of more than 180 days).

You will receive the admission letter and visa application form (JW202) once you are accepted by the host university for the student exchange programme. Exchange students are required to apply for the student visa in person at the China Visa Application Service Centre in Singapore with the relevant documents before the start of the academic semester.

China Visa Application Service Centre in Singapore:
http://www.visaforchina.org/SGP_EN/generalinformation/visaknowledge/260894.shtml

G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

i) Health/Medical Insurance

All NUS matriculated students are covered under the NUS Travel Insurance Policy for personal accident and medical expenses incurred by NUS students on NUS approved overseas trips. If the coverage is not comprehensive, students are welcome to purchase their additional travel insurance.

NUS Travel Insurance Policy:

ii) Emergency Number at host university

Please check with host university.

H. Cost of Living

i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses

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<tr>
<td>Accommodation</td>
<td>CN¥1,000 - CN¥2,000</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>CN¥750</td>
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<td>Transport</td>
<td>CN¥150</td>
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<td>Others (Entertainment, clothes, insurance, etc)</td>
<td>CN¥950</td>
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<td><strong>Monthly Estimate</strong></td>
<td><strong>CN¥2,850 - CN¥3,850</strong></td>
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### ii) Relevant Awards/Scholarships

**Bursaries**:
- SEP Award for the Community Spirited: [http://www.nus.edu.sg/iro/fa/bur/sepcs.html](http://www.nus.edu.sg/iro/fa/bur/sepcs.html)

**Scholarships**:
- NUS in Asia SEP Award: [http://www.nus.edu.sg/iro/fa/sch/out/sep/sepasia.html](http://www.nus.edu.sg/iro/fa/sch/out/sep/sepasia.html)

### I. Useful Links

**Student Exchange Programme**