**Information for Students on Exchange**

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<td>i) Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</td>
<td>After you have accepted the SEP offer from your faculty, you will be able to access the module mapping worksheet from the NUS Student Information System (myISIS). You are encouraged to map some spare modules in the event that your preferred modules are not offered in that semester, unavailable or cancelled. Module mapping request is subjected to approval from the Faculties. <a href="http://www.canterbury.ac.nz">Click here</a> for a step-by-step guide on applying for module mapping. Please ensure that your module mappings are approved before you depart for the exchange. 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.</td>
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| ii) Academic Calendar | Semester 1: Mid February to End June  
Semester 2: Early July to Mid November  
[http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/academicservices/calendar.shtml](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/academicservices/calendar.shtml) |

| iii) Exchange Duration | One semester |

| iv) Examination | Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at the host university. |

| v) Curriculum Structure | A standard workload is 60 points per semester, although different courses have different point values, in most cases each course will be 15 points. A normal full-term programme for a semester would be three or four courses. |

| vi) Entry Requirements | Completed at least one year of study at NUS upon application with host university. CAP of 3.0 out of 5.0 with no grade below C.  
Check [here](http://) for other eligibility criteria. |

Updated as of August 2018
### vii) Language Proficiency Requirements

English is the language of instruction at the University of Canterbury. NUS students should possess reasonable English proficiency level in order to follow the classes during the exchange term.

### viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students

- Arts
- Business and Law
- Education
- Engineering
- Science

UC offers a credit-bearing Service Learning course – Strengthening Communities through Social Innovation (CHCH101). Building on the community spirit of the famous Student Volunteer Army, student will conduct up to 20 hours of community service related to social innovation and volunteerism in the post-earthquake Christchurch context.

UC’s College of Arts offers a real-world internship course PACE295, with past interns having worked on food sustainability, GIS mapping, community well-being facilitation, conference organisation, filmmaking, and many more projects. Internship students work with a local organisation on a special project with measurable milestones.

Course information:
- [http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/qualifications-and-courses/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/qualifications-and-courses/)
- [http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/subjects/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/subjects/)

Timetable Planner:
- [https://mytimetable.canterbury.ac.nz/aplus2018/timetable/#subjects](https://mytimetable.canterbury.ac.nz/aplus2018/timetable/#subjects)

### ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites

In Arts, Science and Commerce, the undergraduate (Bachelor) degree is 3 years degree at UC. Please note that 300 level courses are the most advanced undergraduate courses in these areas for study. 400 level courses in these disciplines are graduate courses and it is not eligible for undergraduate exchange students.

However, there are some professional degrees such as Forestry, Speech and Language Therapy, Social Work and Engineering are 4 year degrees and 400 level courses in these areas are therefore classified as undergraduate courses. Exchange students may be permitted to take 400 level courses in these disciplines if they have the necessary prerequisites and the approval of the relevant department.

The following programmes or courses have restricted access or are not open to exchange students.
- Distance learning courses
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- 200 level Law courses
- Fine Arts
- Teacher Education (Note: Education courses with EDUC course code under Faculty of Arts’ schedule are available to exchange students
- Physical Education and Sport Coaching courses may be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Journalism
- MBA and Executive Development Programmes
- All clinical practice courses
- Communication Disorders are open to students who meet prerequisites
- Social Work – field work courses are not open to exchange students. Entry to other theory courses will be considered case-by-case basis and approval from Social Work will be required.
- Civil Engineering and Natural Resources Engineering – limited places available. Students who wish to take any Civil and Natural Engineering should provide a list of courses they wish to take at UC with their application.
- Engineering – It is also recommended that students applying to any engineering disciplines provide a list of courses with their application.

D. Application

i) Procedures

Students can apply for SEP one year in advance through their home faculty in NUS between September and June. Please look out for your faculty’s announcement regarding the application period.

Once you have been selected by your home faculty for SEP, your faculty will contact you and provide information regarding application with your host university. Please prepare the necessary documents before the start of the application period at your host university.

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

The UC Accommodation Student Village offers a tailored package to exchange students, ranging from 3, 4, 5 or 6 bedroom apartments. The self-
catered apartments offer independent living with the bonus of living on-campus in a secure and supportive study environment. Residents have their own fully-furnished bedroom with internet access and each apartment has a kitchen equipped with basic essentials for students to make their own meals. Students must complete a separate accommodation online before the application deadline.


ii) Private Accommodation

UC highlighted that rental market in Christchurch is very tight, therefore it is recommended that all students consider applying for accommodation on-campus at the Student Village.

F. Visa

Consular/Visa Regulation

Exchange students must apply to New Zealand Immigration for a student visa and obtain the visa before entering New Zealand. Please note that it is NOT possible for exchange students to travel to New Zealand on a visitor’s visa and apply for a student permit upon arrival in New Zealand, even if you are a citizen of a country with which New Zealand has a visa waiver agreement. It is imperative that all exchange students get their student visa BEFORE travelling to New Zealand, as you may be refused a student permit if you apply from within New Zealand.

Students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they received the official offer letter/email from their host university. This is to ensure that you can obtain your visa in time before the start of your exchange term. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.

For more information on visa applications, please refer to [http://www.immigration.govt.nz/](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/)

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, please refer to [http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html](http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html).

Exchange students are required to purchase a compulsory medical and travel insurance when studying in New Zealand. The current default insurance cover at UC is Studentsafe-University insurance. The estimated cost is NZ$310 per semester.
In addition, it is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within/outside New Zealand. Please review the insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs.

For more information on health and insurance, please refer to http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/before-you-arrive-in-new-zealand/insurance/

| ii) Emergency Number at host university | +800 823 637 (within New Zealand) or +64 364 2111 ext 6111 |

**H. Cost of Living**

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<th>i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses</th>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>NZ$400 - NZ$600</td>
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<td>Transport</td>
<td>NZ$50 - NZ$100</td>
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<td>Others (Entertainment, clothes)</td>
<td>NZ$400 - NZ$600</td>
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<td><strong>Monthly Estimate</strong></td>
<td><strong>NZ$1,980 – NZ$2,980</strong></td>
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For more details, please refer to http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/fees/cost-of-living/

For more student exchange information, please refer to http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-abroad-and-exchange/incoming-student-exchange/