# Information for Students on Exchange

**A. University**

The University of Liverpool (UoL)

https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study-abroad/inbound/

**B. Country**

United Kingdom

**C. Academics**

| 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: Late September to late January  
Semester 2: Early February to early June  
Academic calendar: https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/term-dates/ |
| iii) Exchange Duration | NUS students are encouraged to go for a full year or semester 2 exchange. |
| iv) Examination | Liverpool may be able to conduct alternative assessment for students who wish to go to Liverpool in Semester 1. UoL may accommodate NUS students taking their Semester 1 UoL exams at NUS, provided NUS are able to proctor them. There is a fee attached to the service (by UoL) which is to cover the cost of couriering the papers from Liverpool to Singapore.  
However, ideally students should take the final examinations at UoL at the end of the semester before returning back to NUS. UoL modules which run for the full year are assessed at the end of the academic year only. |
| v) Curriculum Structure | Students should note that ECTS credits are considered equivalent to half the value of UoL credits, e.g. 7.5 ECTS credits would be equal to 15 UoL credits. |
| vi) Minimum Requirements to Apply | You should:  
i) have completed a minimum of one year’s undergraduate study at NUS;  
ii) have GPA of 3.0 /4.0 (or CAP of 3.75/5.0) or above; a minimum ‘B’ average grade or 65% - 70% average marks or ranking in the top one-third of the class; and no single grade below ‘C’ in the current/intended discipline/major; |
### iii) not be in the graduating semester when they go for exchange at UoL

#### vii) Language Proficiency Requirements

The University of Liverpool does require evidence of English language for students coming for a semester or full year exchange. The only students who are exempt from this are those listed under the exceptions here. Liverpool accept a wide range of qualifications as evidence of English language, including the Singapore Cambridge O level at Grade C. However, a full list of all accepted qualifications can be found here https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/apply/english-language/undergraduate-entry/.

UoL reserves the right, in individual circumstances, to specify an additional language requirement for an applicant if it is felt to be necessary.

#### viii) Modules Compatibility

Students are reminded to review the online course list carefully as it contains important information which is often ignored. Please read so that you will save time, effort and have less stress in your application process.

Exchange students can avoid timetable clashes by selecting the majority of their courses from a single year of a single department at UoL. Students who choose modules from different year of studies of various departments will need to take account of the increased likelihood of timetable incompatibility.

Even though modules are pre-approved in the offer letter/email from UoL, all pre-approved modules may be constrained by timetable clashes/caps on numbers before or upon arrival at Liverpool. The relevant academic departments at UoL will register you for the next available module in the list above should a clash or capacity issue be identified. Changes to your modules can be made on arrival.

**There is no guarantee that you will definitely secure the pre-approved modules before your arrival in Liverpool.** Please refer to the course catalogue found here. Students will be sent a Guide to Choosing Modules.

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### D. Application

#### i) Procedures

Students should be nominated by NUS to UoL before they submit the online application form to UoL. Applicants must upload their supporting documents onto UoL’s online application portal.

Students are advised to follow the UoL’s application instructions and submit all relevant documents punctually in order to avoid delays in receiving their application results. Student should complete the Learning Agreement with modules in the Guide to Choosing Modules here.

Applicants have to consolidate the application form and the supporting documents in one complete pdf form and send to NUS Registrar’s Office for onward transfer to UoL before the stipulated deadlines.

The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can also be found in the SharePoint. Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.

#### 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 in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.

Application deadline for exchange in semester 1 is **15 May** and for semester 2 is **15 November**.

### E. Accommodations

#### i) University Accommodation

Exchange students for a semester is able to apply for a room in the Study Abroad Village, which is located in Tudor Close and Melville Grove Halls of Residence. These consist of self-catered, single study bedrooms with shared bathrooms and social spaces.
All accommodation has access to a residential advisor, as well as student-led events and committees. All communal areas are cleaned every week day.

More information can be found at these links:

- [https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/incomingexchange/my-exchange/accommodation/](https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/incomingexchange/my-exchange/accommodation/)

### F. Visa

**Consular/Visa Regulation**

UK Visa and Immigration updates their immigration policy regularly. It is the student’s responsibility to check on the requirements via their website before they leave for the exchange.


**Short-term Study Visa for Semester Exchange**

If you are a Singapore citizen or a citizen of another country on the UK non-visa nationals list, and if your course of studies is less than 6 months, you can apply for:

1. single-entry Short Term Study Visa to the UK at the port of entry (free) or;
2. multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa prior to leaving your home country.

The single-entry Short Term Study Visa is free but if you leave the UK during your home university registration period you will need to re-apply as a short-term student when you re-enter; for this reason you should always travel with your short-term study visa support letter.

Alternatively if you think you are likely to leave and re-enter the UK during your course you should apply for a multiple entry short-term study visa in advance of travelling to the UK.

Non-visa nationals who enter the UK on a short-term study visa are required to leave the UK after the course end date given on your Short-term Study visa support letter. If you wish to travel within the UK after your studies you will need to exit the UK and re-enter as a Standard Visitor which you can do at port of entry.

Citizens from a country that needs a visa to enter the UK should apply for the multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa prior to leaving for your overseas exchange. You can contact the external visa office approved by UK Visa and Immigration to apply for multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa.
Applying for a single-entry Short-Term Study Visa is usually an easier and cheaper process than applying for a Tier 4 Student Visa, if you do not need a Tier 4 Student Visa, please do not apply for it.

### Tier 4 Student Visa for Full-Year exchange

For students who need Tier 4 Student Visa, UoL will issue the necessary CAS statement for Tier 4 Student Visa application. Applicants should ensure that they are fully aware of what they will need to do in order to successfully apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa. The application for Tier 4 Student Visa can take up to three months and students are advised to apply for the visa in advance of their intended date of travel to the UK. More information on this can be found online [here](#).

Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.

### G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

#### i) Health/Medical Insurance

Students who are on exchange in UK for less than six months are not entitled to subsidised NHS treatment. Therefore semester based exchange students are encouraged to purchase additional insurance to cover medical costs, hospitalisation expenses and emergency evacuation costs which might be incurred while they are on exchange.

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/uhc/services/billing-insurance/insurance-matters.html](http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/services/billing-insurance/insurance-matters.html).

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.

The [Brownlow Health](#) is a full general practice on UoL’s campus offering medical services to students.

#### ii) Emergency Number

University of Liverpool security - (0151) 794 3252

### H. Cost of Living
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### I. Useful Links

**Exchange guide**
https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/incomingexchange/my-exchange/

**Pre-arrival guide**
https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/coming-to-liverpool/

**Student Support**
https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/connect/