

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	University of New South Wales
B. Country	Australia
C. Academic Calendar	<p>UNSW's academic calendar comprises of three terms with a Summer Term in January to February and Winter Term in August to September. NUS students may attend the following terms during their exchange at UNSW.</p> <p><u>Students on SEP in NUS Semester 1</u> Winter Term: August to September + Term 3: September to December or Term 3: September to December</p> <p><u>Students on SEP in NUS Semester 2</u> Summer Term: January to February + Term 1: February to May or Term 1: February to May</p> <p>*Students can take 18 credits (3 courses) during the regular terms; and 6 credits (1 course) during the Summer or Winter Term.</p> <p>*Please note that limited courses are available during the winter term. Students need to be very flexible for your study plan.</p> <p>https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/calendar</p> <p><i>Note: UNSW will be transiting to a new 'flex-semester' calendar in 2028. The new academic calendar will comprise of two semesters – Semester 1 (February) and Semester 2 (August). Each semester runs for 17 weeks including orientation, 12-week teaching period, mid-semester break, study vacation and exam period. The 2028 key term dates are available at this link. The flex-semester will enable exchange students to complete four courses per semester.</i></p>
D. Exchange Duration	One semester
E. Language Proficiency Requirement	<p>IELTS 6.5 / TOEFL 90 overall</p> <p>Non-Singapore passport holders please note: UNSW requires exchange students who do not hold a passport from their list of recognised English-speaking countries to submit evidence of English proficiency with their exchange application. For more info, refer to this link: https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements.</p>
F. Course Information	Exchange students must take 18 credits (equivalent of 3 courses per regular term) or 24 credits (3 courses per regular term + 1 course during Jan-Feb)

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	<p>summer term/Aug-Sep winter term). It is not possible to underload or overload.</p> <p>The regular semester workload for full-time undergraduate students as determined by the Office of the Provost is 24 credits. Credits earned at the host university may not be directly equivalent to NUS credits and you can refer to the SEP Credit Transfer Calculator for information on units exchange ratio at the host university. Please note that the actual number of credits earned is subject to the units exchange ratio at the point of credit transfer</p> <p>Restricted courses: Enrolment in Biomedical Engineering and Computer Science courses is extremely limited; students need to be prepared to select courses from another major. Postgraduate psychology courses are not available to exchange students. Undergraduate psychology courses are limited. Exchange students can enrol in courses from the School of Medical Science however courses in the Doctor of Medicine program are not open to exchange students. Students in Built Environment (Architecture) are limited to one studio-based course per term due to space limitations and should be flexible with subject choices. Postgraduate Education courses (EDST) are not open to exchange students, and some limitations to Undergraduate Education courses.</p> <p>Course Information: https://www.handbook.unsw.edu.au</p>
G. Accommodation	<p>On-Campus Accommodation: Exchange students will be able to apply for the affiliated/independent colleges at UNSW (Shalom College, Warrane College, International House etc). Exchange students are required to apply to each college separately, as each college has its own application process. Please note that on-campus college is limited and not guaranteed. https://www.unsw.edu.au/accommodation</p> <p>Off-Campus Accommodation: Many students explore off campus options, including providers like Scape and Iglu. If students choose to live off-campus in a private rental, UNSW recommends they arrive at least two weeks prior to term start to have enough time to find the right place. UNSW has a dedicated off-campus team staff member in the Accommodation Team who can offer students with support in finding off campus housing safely. https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/accommodation</p> <p>UNSW will offer a pre-arrival webinar with the off-campus accommodation staff member to incoming exchange students prior to their arrival. All</p>

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	<p>housing information can be found here: https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/housing</p> <p>Please refer to the information provided by UNSW for latest updates regarding housing availability.</p>
H. Visa	<p>Once you have purchased the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC), your host university will issue an Electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCOE), which is required for your Australian student visa application.</p> <p>All exchange students must hold a current visa which entitles them to study for the full duration of their programme. Typically, this is a subclass 500 student visa and student should obtain the visa before arriving in Australia.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>All visas are subject to conditions and students must ensure they always comply with the conditions of their visa.</p> <p>For more information on visa applications, please refer to https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500.</p>
I. Insurance	<p>All full-time NUS students are covered under the university's Student Group Personal Accident & Medical Insurance and the Student Travel Insurance. For more information on the university medical insurance, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</p> <p>All international students studying in Australia are required to purchase an approved Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) policy. OSHC is compulsory requirement for obtaining an Australian subclass 500 (student) visa. For further information, please refer to https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/overseas-student-health-cover</p> <p>It is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within/outside Australia. Please review your insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs.</p> <p>Students are strongly encouraged to assess the risk of their intended activities and purchase supplemental insurance plans to ensure they are adequately covered during their time abroad.</p>
J. Useful Links	<p>Student Exchange Information:</p>

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	<p>https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/international-students/study-abroad#studentexchange</p> <p>Student Exchange Fact Sheet: https://sway.cloud.microsoft/LUMxAzRKDvS7n8nE</p> <p>Institutional Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kzFzF6QQ6aM</p> <p>Campus Tour: https://www.360tour.unsw.edu.au/campus-tour/</p> <p>Social Activities Calendar: https://sway.cloud.microsoft/FJFgUv8rYNRriTzl</p>
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