

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	University of Geneva http://www.unige.ch/geneva
B. Country	Switzerland
C. Academics	
i) Course Mapping & Credits Transfer	<p>Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>Courses 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 university while you are preparing your Study Plan.</p>
ii) Academic Calendar	<p>Semester 1: Mid-September to Mid-February Semester 2: Mid-February to Mid-June</p> <p>https://www.unige.ch/gsem/en/students/calendar/</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	<p>One or two semester(s)</p> <p>For more student exchange information, please refer to: www.unige.ch/geneva</p>
iv) Examination	Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at the host university.
v) Curriculum Structure	<p>Credit system: 1 semester = 30 ECTS credits (average) 1 academic year = 60 ECTS credits (average) (1 ECTS = roughly 25-30 hours of work to include independent study).</p> <p>Students should select the courses they wish to attend using the course catalogue: www.unige.ch/progcours or the website of the Faculty/Institute/Department. The yearly course catalogue is published every summer. Autumn Semester applicants must base their course selection on courses from the previous year and adjust later.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the name of the course is in French, the course is given in French / in English, course is given in English. • Courses marked "A" are given during the Autumn Semester. • Courses marked "P" are given during the Spring (Printemps) Semester.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses marked “AN” are given during the full academic year (Autumn and Spring Semesters). <p>For courses available: www.unige.ch/progcours</p>
vi) Entry Requirements	<p>(a) Registered as a full-time undergraduate student of NUS</p> <p>(b) Have successfully completed at least two (2) semesters of study at NUS upon admission to the host university;</p> <p>(c) not eligible for exchange in the graduating year</p> <p>(d) a student of good standing at NUS with</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a minimum upper division second class honours or; a minimum B average grade or; a GPA of at least 3.0 (out of 5) for NUS students
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	<p>The main language of instruction is French. However, a wide range of courses are given in English.</p> <p>Students taking courses in French are expected to have a good command of French (level B2*). Mandatory B2 level for Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences.</p> <p>“École de langue et de civilisation française” offers modules of one or two semesters intensive course to non- French-speaking students. French level B1 is required. Students are allowed to take a few courses in other faculties at the same time during the year/semester: https://www.unige.ch/lettres/elcf/fr/enseignements/filieresenseignement/</p> <p>Improve French skills – before and during the exchange: Exchange students can attend a free French support course during each semester. The course starts after the beginning of the semester (more information during the orientation session). During the exchange, 2 free French support courses are available during each semester (3 ECTS each). Before the exchange, French courses are available during the summer and winter holidays, with special rates for exchange students. For more info, refer to http://mdl.unige.ch/coursetenseignements/francais</p> <p>Students taking courses in English are expected to have a good command of English (level B2*). A wide range of courses are given in English. Please refer to the list of courses taught in English: www.unige.ch/geneva/english</p>

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viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students	<p>The University of Geneva is composed of 9 faculties but not all offer courses in English. The following faculties offer courses in English:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DROIT: <i>Faculty of Law (not open to NUS exchange)</i>; • GSEM: <i>Geneva School of Economics and Management</i> ; • GSI: <i>Global Studies Institute (International relations)</i> ; • LETTRES: <i>Faculty of Arts/Humanities</i> ; • SCIENCES: <i>Faculty of Sciences</i> ; • SDS: <i>School of Social Sciences (Sciences De la Société)</i>.
ix) Course restrictions and pre-requisites	<p>Students must restrict their choice of courses to 2 faculties (+ Intensive French courses). Bachelor students cannot access master courses.</p> <p>For general/particular restrictions by faculties: https://www.unige.ch/exchange/en/incoming/why-geneva/students/international-non-erasmus-students/2-admission-conditions/restrictions/ </p>
D. Application	
i) Procedures	<p>Students may 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
ii) Deadlines	<p>All NUS students 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.</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result one's exchange being forfeited even if he or she has been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
E. Accommodations	
i) University Accommodation	<p>As soon as they are nominated at the University of Geneva, students get an email with all information to register online at the Cité Universitaire de Genève: http://cite-uni.unige.ch/</p> <p>Rooms are allocated on a first-come first-served basis. https://www.unige.ch/exchange/en/incoming/why-geneva/students/international-non-erasmus-students/4-preparing-your-exchange/housing/ </p>

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F. Visa
**Consular/Visa
Regulation**

Students will receive an acceptance letter, with instructions to request for a visa.

Non-EU citizens may require a visa and must contact the nearest Swiss embassy 3 months before entering Switzerland in order to inquire about the visa procedure.

Students should aim to complete application procedures as soon as possible as some visas can take as long as 3 months. When booking your flight to Geneva, make sure you have the required visa for the countries via which you may transit.

Please refer to the link for an overview of ID and visa provisions according to nationality: www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/publiservice/weisungen-kreisschreiben/visa/liste1_staatsangehoerigkeit.html

All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they received the official offer letter/email from their host university.

Some visa application process could take up to 3 months to process. 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 <https://www.unige.ch/exchange/en/incoming/why-geneva/students/international-non-erasmus-students/4-preparing-your-exchange/visa/>.

Residence Permit

Students should also request a residence permit from the Geneva Migration Office (OCPM) upon their arrival in Geneva (instructions during the Welcome Day).

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 on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to <http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/general-health/billing-insurance/insurance-matters>

For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to <https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/>

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	<p>Health insurance is mandatory in Switzerland (accident and health). Students may request recognition of their private insurance or subscribe to a Swiss student insurance policy upon arrival in Switzerland (from CHF 64.- per month). For more information, please refer to: https://www.unige.ch/exchange/en/incoming/why-geneva/students/international-non-erasmus-students/4-preparing-your-exchange/health-and-accident-insurance/.</p>														
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Note: All information is subjected to change.