

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	Victoria University of Wellington https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/
B. Country	New Zealand
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	<p>Please ensure that your module mappings are approved by the relevant departments in NUS before you depart for the exchange. You can submit your request for module mapping via myEduRec using the module mapping worksheet after you have accepted your SEP offer.</p> <p>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. You are encouraged to map some spare modules in the event that your preferred modules are not offered in that semester, unavailable or cancelled.</p> <p>Click here for a step-by-step guide on applying for module mapping.</p>
ii) Academic Calendar	<p>Semester 1: Mid February to Mid June Semester 2: Early July to Early November</p> <p>https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/study/dates</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	One semester
iv) Examination	Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at the host university.
v) Curriculum Structure	Exchange students must enrol as a full-time student in a minimum workload of 45 points (equivalent to 3 courses) per trimester. The maximum full-time workload is 60 points per semester.
vi) Entry Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtain the Faculty’s approval for the SEP through your application ; • satisfy partner institution and host country entry requirements; • 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); • have a clean disciplinary record and be a strong ambassador for NUS and Singapore; and • not in the final semester of your degree during SEP.
<p>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</p>	<p>English is the language of instruction at Victoria University of Wellington.</p> <p>NUS students should possess reasonable English proficiency level in order to follow the classes during the exchange term.</p>
<p>viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture and Design • Business and Government • Engineering and Computer Science • Health • Humanities and Social Sciences • Law • Science <p>Course information: https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study/programmes-courses/courses</p> <p>Detailed course outlines would only be released when classes begin, however students are encouraged to refer to previous course outlines available from the Faculty websites.</p> <p>VUW offers the Victoria International Leadership Programme (VILP), an academically-oriented extra-curricular programme to all exchange students. The programme designed to develop students’ leadership potentials, build students’ competency and enable students to think critically about the leadership challenges in world affairs. VILP is structured around the theme of global leadership, cross-cultural communication, global connectedness and sustainability; and it includes seminars, speaker events and experiential activities. Upon completion, you will receive a Certificate of Participation in VILP. For more information, refer to https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/get-involved/international-leadership</p>
<p>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</p>	<p>The first number of a course code shows the level of study. Undergraduate level courses beginning with the numbers 1-3. Postgraduate-level courses begin with a number 4 or higher, and are for students who have already completed a Bachelor’s degree or equivalent qualification. 500-level courses are for Master’s students only.</p>

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	<p>Please refer to this link https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/applying/study-abroad-exchange-restrictions for course restrictions and additional requirements.</p>
<p>D. Application</p>	
<p>i) Procedures</p>	<p>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.</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>
<p>ii) Deadlines</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>E. Accommodations</p>	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>Students planning to attend in the Fall term (July intake) need to apply for housing by 1st May and students planning to attend in the Spring term (March intake) need to apply for housing by 1st October to be guaranteed University housing.</p> <p>Student Accommodation at Victoria University of Wellington is very competitive. This means that students may not be placed in one of their initial choices for accommodation.</p> <p>It is particularly competitive for students coming for a single exchange term during Trimester 1 (March intake) at Victoria University of Wellington. An additional levy on the university accommodation price is also incurred for these students (10%) to cover the increased administrative costs caused by the five-month contract and subsequent replacement for the room. Please note that this additional levy does not affect single term exchanges starting in Trimester 2.</p> <p>Exchange students are advised to apply as soon as possible as rooms are allocated to students on first come first serve basis. Students do not need to be accepted for admission to the university prior to applying for accommodation.</p>

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	<p>Accommodation choices in Wellington include Halls of Residence, homestays and private housing.</p> <p>For more information about accommodation, please refer to https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/accommodation</p>
<p>F. Visa</p>	
<p>Consular/Visa Regulation</p>	<p>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.</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>For more information on visa applications, please refer to https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/options/study https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/get-ready-to-study/student-visa</p>
<p>G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance</p>	
<p>i) Health/Medical Insurance</p>	<p>All registered NUS students are covered under the university's medical insurance and the NUS Student Travel Insurance. For more information on the university medical insurance, please refer to https://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/general-health/billing-insurance/insurance-matters</p> <p>For more information on the NUS Student travel Insurance, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</p> <p>Exchange students are required to purchase a compulsory medical and travel insurance when studying in New Zealand. The current default insurance cover at VUW is Studentsafe-University insurance. The estimated cost is NZ\$310 per semester.</p> <p>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</p>

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	<p>ensure that they meet your needs. Students can purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.</p> <p>For more information on health and insurance, please refer to https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international?ref=/pre-arrival/insurance/studentsafe.</p>
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ii) Emergency Number at host university	+64 800 842 8888
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H. Cost of Living

i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses	Breakdown of Costs	Cost
	Accommodation	NZ\$870 - NZ\$1,720
	Food	NZ\$400 - NZ\$700
	Transport	NZ\$80 - NZ\$200
	Others (Entertainment, utilities, internet and phone)	NZ\$400 - NZ\$800
	Monthly Estimate	NZ\$1,750 – NZ\$3,420

For more details, please refer to <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/money/financial-survival/international-students-financial-survival-guide.pdf>

I. Other Information

i) Useful Links	<p>Student Exchange Information: https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/explore/other-quals/study-abroad-and-exchange/overview?international=true</p> <p>COVID-19 Updates: https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/covid-19-border-controls https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus</p> <p>Why Study in Wellington: https://www.youtube.com/user/victoriamarketing</p> <p>Day in a Life of International Students at Victoria University of Wellington: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrEKtdQ4zk4</p> <p>Study Abroad Presentation: https://prezi.com/v/yjytcgoaqdy/victoria-university-of-wellington-new-zealand-study-abroad/</p>
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