

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students applying for Exchange

A. University	University of Birmingham http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/study-abroad/study-abroad-incoming/index.aspx
B. Country	United Kingdom
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	<p>Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home Faculty before the exchange.</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.</p>
ii) Academic Calendar	<p>Semester 1: Late September to Late January Semester 2: Early-February to Mid-June (with Easter break)</p> <p>https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/termdates.aspx</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	Students can come during Semester 1 or 2.
iv) Examination	<p>Examination at Birmingham is held in January and June each year.</p> <p>Students on exchange in Semester 1 only who need to leave in December should be prepared for the possibility of sitting for alternative assignments.</p>
v) Curriculum Structure	<p>NUS students should study 60 UK credits per semester in order to be considered as a full-time student at Birmingham. All modules (classes) at UoB will be 10 or 20 credits each.</p> <p>You should aim to study 40 credits in a 'preferred College' and another 20 credits from one or two 'optional' Colleges.</p>
vi) Entry Requirements	<p>You should:</p> <p>(a) be registered as a full-time undergraduate student at NUS</p> <p>(b) have successfully completed at least:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) one (1) semester of study at NUS upon application for the Exchange Programme; and</p>

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	<p>(ii) two (2) semesters of study upon admission to the host university;</p> <p>(c) be a student of good standing with:</p> <p>(i) a minimum CAP score of 3.5 out of 5.0 at NUS or a minimum 'B' average grade or 70% average marks or ranking in the top one-third of the class;</p> <p>(ii) a minimum 'B' grade in the current/intended discipline/major;</p> <p>(iii) no single grade below 'C';</p> <p>(d) show the aptitude, motivation and maturity, to thrive in the environment at the host university</p>
<p>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</p>	<p>All study abroad and exchange students who are non-native speakers of English must provide proof of English language ability. Birmingham needs a scan of any official results by email.</p> <p>NUS students have to submit a scanned copy of their GCE "O" level certificates with at least a grade C for English. Please refer to http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/requirements/international/index.aspx for other accepted certificates.</p> <p>Students who do not have the GCE "O" level certificate with at least a grade C for English are expected to submit other accepted certificates or IELTS test score of at least 6.5 with not less than 6.0 in any one component or apply for a pre-sessional English Course with Birmingham's EISU department in order to be considered for Birmingham's exchange programme. Any student who wishes to sit the pre-sessional English course must successfully complete this course before they commence their studies at Birmingham.</p>
<p>viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College of Arts and Law (excluding Music subject areas) • College of Engineering and Physical Sciences • College of Social Sciences (excluding Birmingham Business School) • College of Life & Environmental Sciences • Birmingham's Liberal Arts and Natural Science (only for USP students) <p>Module catalogue can be found at : https://program-and-modules-handbook.bham.ac.uk/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getSchoolList</p>

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<p>ix) Modules restrictions and pre-requisites</p>	<p>Individual, personalised timetable, will not be finalised until after you arrive at Birmingham.</p> <p>Third-year (Honours level) courses will usually only be available to you if you are majoring in the subject area and have at least two years background in the discipline. Make sure you have checked you meet the pre-requisites before you apply. You will need to demonstrate that you have taken the relevant equivalent modules at NUS in order to be enrolled. Birmingham will review your NUS transcript before registering you for your chosen modules.</p> <p>Modules from the Birmingham Business School, Law School, College of Medical and Dental Sciences are not open to NUS students.</p> <p>Students will usually 'belong' to one and, at most, two schools or departments and will take the majority of their modules there. As far as possible exchange students should try to choose the majority of their modules from one specific department as this will help to give them a better 'identity' during their time at Birmingham.</p> <p>Students are reminded to read Birmingham's guidelines on choosing courses and module restrictions: http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/studyabroad/incoming-students.aspx</p>
<p>D. Application</p>	
<p>i) Procedures</p>	<p>All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for fee-waiver exchange at the host university.</p> <p>The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint.</p> <p>Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean's Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p>
<p>ii) Deadlines</p>	<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 in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p> <p>Once you have been nominated by NUS, Birmingham will give you the link to submit an online application. You should apply as an international exchange</p>

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	<p>student via the online application portal administer by University of Birmingham.</p> <p>More information can be found on: http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/study-abroad/study-abroad-incoming/applying.aspx</p>
<p>E. Accommodations</p>	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>Birmingham guarantees accommodation for international exchange students. Students who need university accommodation should apply before the deadline. Accommodation is allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.</p> <p>Please note that students can only apply for accommodation once they have received their formal study abroad offer letter which has the University of Birmingham student ID number. Students cannot apply for accommodation without their student ID number.</p> <p>For accommodation information, visit http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/study-abroad/study-abroad-incoming/accommodation.aspx</p>
<p>ii) Private Accommodation</p>	<p>Alternatively, students may decide to rent private accommodation. Housing Services at Birmingham offers a list of approved landlords for students who wish to rent privately. They also run a House Hunting Event at the start of each year. For more information on private accommodation, click here.</p>
<p>F. Visa</p>	
<p>Consular/Visa Regulation</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration</p> <p>For latest information on border control please see: https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control</p> <p><u>Standard Visitor Visa for Semester Exchange</u></p> <p>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 will request entry to the UK as a Standard Visitor when you arrive.</p>

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	<p>Singapore citizens do not normally need to meet with a Border Force agent, and will be able to enter the UK through E-gates. The E-gates will automatically grant you permission to stay in the UK for up to 6 months.</p> <p>You will not receive a stamp on your passport thus it is important that you retain evidence of when you entered the UK. Hence, please keep your boarding pass or evidence of your flight itinerary.</p> <p>Please refer here for more details on the Standard Visitor Visa.</p> <p><u>Student Visa for Full-Year Exchange</u></p> <p>You need a Student Visa for a full-year exchange in Birmingham.</p> <p>For more details on visa application, read the information available here.</p> <p>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 processes can take up to 2 months to process. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</p> <p>Birmingham’s information on Visa and Immigration can be found here:</p> <p>https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/study-abroad/study-abroad-incoming/preparing/visa.aspx</p> <p>Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</p>
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G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

<p>Health/Medical Insurance</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>All registered NUS students are covered under the group personal accident and medical insurance as well as the student travel insurance. For more information on the insurance coverage, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/.</p> <p>If the insurance coverage is not enough, students are advised to purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.</p>
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Emergency Number at Host University	Name : Security Office Tel : 0121 414 4444
H. Cost of Living	
Estimated Living Expenses	Details can be found at http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/study-abroad/study-abroad-incoming/preparing/finance.aspx
I. Useful Links	
Study Abroad Guide	http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/study-abroad/study-abroad-incoming/guidance.aspx
COVID-19 Updates	https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/student/coronavirus/coronavirus-fags-for-students.aspx#Questionsforstudentsonastudyabroadorexchangeprogramme

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