

Information for Students applying for Exchange

A. University	Durham University https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/incoming/
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	https://www.dur.ac.uk/dates/ Orientation Session is held on the Friday morning the week before Induction Week.
iii) Exchange Duration	FULL-YEAR exchange only.
iv) Examination	<u>Modules (courses) are structured to run for the entire year.</u> Examinations are mostly held at the end of each academic year only.
v) Curriculum Structure	<p>The normal workload for a full-time student is 120 Durham credits per academic year. This normally equates to 6 modules per academic year at 20 credits each.</p> <p>Durham University has not adopted ECTS as the credits system, however, Durham credits can be translated into ECTS as follows: Durham credits x 0.5 = ECTS. E.g. 20 Durham credits x 0.5 = 10 ECTS. While the Module handbooks will list ECTS credits, all other University publications will list Durham credits.</p>
vi) Entry Requirements	<p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Be registered as a full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate student of NUS (b) Have successfully completed at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) one (1) semester of study at the NUS upon application for the Exchange Programme; and

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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 at NUS with:</p> <p>(i) a minimum 'B' average grade or 70% average marks or ranking in the top one-third of the class;</p> <p>(ii) NUS CAP of 3.75 (out of 5.0) or equivalent</p> <p>(ii) 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>For NUS students, Durham ask for a letter from NUS Registrar's Office verifying the students English Language proficiency.</p> <p>However, students may be expected to provide evidence of English language proficiency based on UK Visa and Immigration requirements due to the need to apply for a Student Visa to support full year exchange.</p> <p>Students should be prepared to submit photocopies of GCE "O" level certificate with English language of grade C or better, IB English with 5 or better, or confirmation that they have studied Singapore Integrated Programme Cambridge "A" Levels (SIPCAL) with General Paper of Grade C or better.</p> <p>Non-native English-speaking students from NUS may not need to provide an IELTS certificate. However, students may be asked to provide some additional proof of English such as a nomination letter from their home university. NUS students should look for NUS Registrar's Office for the standard letter to support the waiver of IELTS certificate.</p> <p>Full details can be found on Durham's website.</p>
<p>viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Arts & Humanities • Faculty of Science • Faculty of Social Science and Health • Durham University Business School
<p>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</p> <p>Please read!</p>	<p>Students can choose courses from up to three departments across the University. Certain restrictions might apply either in oversubscribed departments or on modules with pre-requisites and co-requisites.</p> <p><u>Postgraduate modules are not open to undergraduate exchange students.</u></p> <p>For pre-requisites and co-requisites please refer to the module description in the Faculty Handbook Course Catalogue: www.dur.ac.uk/faculty.handbook.</p>

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D. Application	
i) Procedures	<p>All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university.</p> <p>The entry requirements, required documents and the application procedure can be found here and/or in SharePoint. Students are advised to follow the application instructions and submit all relevant documents punctually in order to avoid delays in receiving their application results.</p> <p>Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.</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 in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
E. Accommodations	
i) University Accommodation	<p>Durham University is a ‘collegiate’ university, i.e. the colleges provide the social context for students including accommodation. The university has a central accommodation office managing university residence halls/dormitories.</p> <p>Overseas Exchange students coming to Durham for the full academic year are eligible for College accommodation at the university if they apply for the programme by the deadline.</p> <p>For more information, visit here and for information on the cost of different colleges can be found here. College prices include food (fully catered / part catered options only) and utility costs.</p> <p>Students will be notified of their college in their offer letter. The college will then contact the student with further details prior to arrival.</p> <p>Accommodation in most Colleges is limited to term time. However, accommodation options are available during semester breaks (Christmas and Easter only) at an additional cost. Students should contact their college for advice.</p> <p>https://www.dur.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/costs/</p>

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<p>ii) Private Accommodation</p>	<p>If looking for off campus private accommodation, students may contact the Accommodation Office on accommodation.office@durham.ac.uk</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:</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control</p> <p>You need a Student Visa for a full-year exchange in Durham.</p> <p>For more details on visa application, read the information available here.</p> <p>UK Visa and Immigration website is at https://www.gov.uk/visas-immigration. 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>Durham’s information on Visa and Immigration can be found here:</p> <p>https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/erasmus/programmeinformation/#visa</p> <p>Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</p>
<p>G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance</p>	
<p>i) Health/Medical Insurance</p>	<p>NUS students participating in the Exchange Programme at Durham can now choose to register with one of the medical practices in the vicinity rather than with the one designated University Health Centre.</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>

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	If the insurance coverage is not enough, students are advised to purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.
ii) Emergency Number at host university	+44 (0) 191 3342222
H. Cost of Living	
Estimated Annual Living Expenses	https://www.dur.ac.uk/undergraduate/live/colleges/ourcolleges/costs/ https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/exchange/overseas/programmeinformation/#fees
I. Useful Links	
Pre-Departure Information	https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/incoming/prearrival/
COVID-19 Updates	https://www.dur.ac.uk/coronavirus/

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