

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students applying for Exchange

A. University	Newcastle University https://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/experience-newcastle/studyabroad/
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> <p>Modules get finalised after meeting with the assigned School Coordinator at Newcastle University.</p>
ii) Academic Calendar	<p>Semester 1: Late September to late January Semester 2: Late January to mid-June</p> <p>https://www.ncl.ac.uk/regulations/docs/term-dates/#currentandfutureyears</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	<p>Semester 2 exchange is recommended due to overlapping academic calendar.</p> <p>NUS students who wish to go to Newcastle for exchange in Semester One should seek permission from their Dean's office for late return to NUS before they apply for the exchange.</p>
iv) Examination	<p>Alternative assessments at Newcastle may be available for Semester One only students. It is normally offered during the last week before the Christmas holidays.</p>
v) Curriculum Structure	<p>Exchange students should take a maximum of 60 credits per semester and 120 credits for a full year exchange. NO overloading on credits is allowed.</p>
vi) Entry Requirements	<p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Have completed a minimum of one year's undergraduate study at NUS; (ii) Have obtained a minimum overall 'B' average grade in the current/intended discipline/major, or 65% to 70% average marks, or ranking in the top one-third of the class at NUS;

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	<p>(iii) Be in possession of a valid visa to study in the UK before registering as a student at Newcastle University;</p> <p>(iv) Propose an appropriate programme of study at Newcastle University;</p> <p>(v) Show the aptitude, motivation and maturity, to thrive in the environment at the Newcastle University; and</p> <p>(vi) Have sufficient funds for all fees, personal and living expenses for the duration of the study abroad at the Newcastle University.</p>
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	<p>NUS students do not need to take an additional English language test for admission to a Newcastle University Exchange Programme, including students requiring a Student Visa.</p> <p>However, NUS students should submit the same English language qualification (including grade) which they used to gain acceptance to NUS's degree programme. Newcastle needs the English language qualification (e.g. GCE "O" / "A" Level certificate, IB, etc.) as supporting documents for auditing purposes.</p> <p>Newcastle's Visa Team may wish to interview a student now and again during their period of exchange.</p>
viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanities and Social Science • Medical Sciences • Science, Agriculture and Engineering <p>*Note: Business, Economics, Psychology and Mechanical Engineering modules are excluded from the exchange</p>
ix) Modules Compatibility	<p>Students are reminded to carefully review the list of courses available: https://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/experience-newcastle/module-catalogue/ before applying for the exchange to Newcastle.</p> <p>Read the information on the Module Guidance Page before choosing modules.</p>
x) Module restrictions and pre-requisites	<p>Postgraduate modules are not open to undergraduate exchange students.</p> <p>Business, Economics, Psychology and Mechanical Engineering modules are excluded from the bilateral exchange.</p> <p>Please see here for information on subject area limitations.</p>
D. Application	
i) Procedures	<p>NUS Registrar's Office will consolidate the nominations from NUS Faculties and Schools before submitting to Newcastle University. <u>Nominated students</u></p>

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	<p><u>must apply for exchange via Newcastle’s online application portal and submit all supporting documents via the portal before the stipulated deadlines.</u></p> <p>The secure link to Newcastle’s online application portal and password will be sent to you by the NUS Registrar’s Office. Students will not have direct access to the online portal.</p> <p>Students will not be able to submit their application if supporting documentation is missing or the application form is not fully complete.</p> <p>Student will require the following supporting documentation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NUS Transcript - purchase from NUS Registrar’s Office 2. English language proficiency test certificates (e.g. GCE “O” / “A” Level, IB, IELTS, etc. The same certificate used to apply to NUS) 3. Module Choices / NUS approved Study Plan 4. Colour scan or copy of Passport (page containing personal details) <p>Students who wish to be considered for higher level modules when on exchange at Newcastle need to provide the course descriptions for the modules which they are currently studying but are not listed in the official transcript as evidence that they will achieve the pre-requisites for the higher level modules by the time the exchange term starts at Newcastle.</p> <p>Please read Newcastle’s application information found in SharePoint. 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>Nominated students are expected to complete Newcastle’s online application their stipulated deadlines: please check Newcastle’s webpages for confirmed deadline date.</p>
<p>E. Accommodations</p>	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>Newcastle recommends that you apply online for accommodation as soon as you have accepted their offer to study.</p>

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	<p>Semester-only accommodation is extremely limited and Newcastle cannot guarantee that students will be housed in University accommodation.</p> <p>Semester only students who are offered a place in University accommodation will be informed of their offer in early September. If you are going in semester two (January-June), you have a better chance of securing accommodation at Newcastle.</p> <p>More information about university accommodation can be found at https://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/experience-newcastle/support-and-services/#accommodation.</p>
<p>ii) Private Accommodation</p>	<p>If Newcastle is unable to allocate a place in University accommodation, they will provide information and guidance on how to look for accommodation in the private sector.</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> <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>

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	<p>You need a Student Visa for a full-year exchange in Newcastle.</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>Newcastle's information on Visa and Immigration can be found here:</p> <p>https://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/visa/</p> <p>Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</p>
G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance	
i) Health/Medical Insurance	<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>
ii) Emergency Numbers	+44 (0) 191 208 6817
H. Cost of Living	
Estimated Monthly Living Expenses	Detailed breakdown of living costs is available at https://www.ncl.ac.uk/study/student-life/cost/
I. Useful Links	
Pre-arrival information	http://www.ncl.ac.uk/pre-arrival/international/
COVID-19 Updates	https://www.ncl.ac.uk/study/covid-19/