

Information for Students

A. University	Pennsylvania State University http://www.psu.edu https://global.psu.edu/category/incoming-exchange-students
B. Location	State College, Pennsylvania, USA
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	<p>Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>Modules approved in the past may not be offered by the host university or approved by your Faculty when it is time for your SEP. Please check the latest course offerings at the host university while you develop your Study Plan.</p>
ii) Academic Calendar	<p>Semester 1 (Fall): August to December Semester 2 (Spring): January to May</p> <p>https://www.registrar.psu.edu/academic-calendars/</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	One semester
iv) Examination	Students should check the exam timetable at their host university, and ensure they can stay at their host university until after the end of the official exam period.
v) Curriculum Structure	<p>Participants in the Penn State Education Abroad (EA) exchange program are enrolled as non-degree undergraduate students.</p> <p>Undergraduate students are required to enrol in 12 credits per semester, with an average semester load of 15 credits.</p>
vi) Entry Requirements	CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	<p>English</p> <p>For exchange students who are enrolled at an institution where English is the primary language of instruction, PSU will accept a document that they have created called the "EA Exchange Proof of English Proficiency" form. PSU ask that an academic adviser, dean, or other official university representative please fill out the form, sign it, and put the NUS institutional seal or stamp on the form.</p>

	<p>PSU will make sure that the students who they are working with from NUS receive a copy of this form so that they can get it filled out by the appropriate individual and upload it to PSU's Exchange Application e-form.</p>
viii) Modules Compatibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will be enrolled in courses based on the requests that you submit in your Advance Course Registration Form in the EA application. PSU cannot guarantee enrollment in any course. Academic departments do their best to accommodate your choices, however all of your course selections may not be available. Please be as flexible as possible in selecting courses! Course descriptions, pre-requisites and credits can be found in Penn State's Course Catalog. Refer to Penn State's Class Search for course availability for a specific semester. Exchange students will finalize their schedule of courses after arriving on campus and in consultation with an assigned academic adviser.
ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites	<p>Course descriptions, pre-requisites and credits can be found in Penn State's Course Catalog. Courses listed in the Bulletin are not offered every semester. Penn State's LionPATH schedule of courses indicates course availability for a specific semester. Penn State will try to enroll students in courses ahead of time, but exchange students will finalize their course schedule after arriving on campus and in consultation with an assigned academic adviser. Penn State cannot guarantee enrollment in requested courses.</p> <p>Some colleges and academic departments at Penn State restrict enrollment in specific courses. The departments/colleges listed below may not be able to accommodate students' requests.</p> <p><u>College of Arts & Architecture</u> Spaces in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Graphic Design studio courses are limited. Spaces in Music, Theatre, and Dance performance courses are limited. Musical Theater courses are not available.</p> <p><u>College of Communications</u> Studio and production courses are not available.</p> <p><u>College of Business</u> Students must be business majors to take business courses at Penn State. Exchange students who qualify may take up to two business courses each semester. Students will be provided with a list of approved Business courses that they may select from.</p> <p><u>College of Engineering</u> Courses fill quickly. Students should have back-up options.</p>

	<p><u>College of Health & Human Development</u> Kinesiology courses are very limited. Nursing courses are not available unless specified in the exchange agreement.</p> <p><u>College of Information Sciences and Technology</u> Limit of three (3) College of Information Science and Technology courses per semester.</p> <p><u>College of The Liberal Arts</u> Courses in Political Science and History fill quickly. Students should have back-up options.</p> <p>Website for course restriction (for exchange students): https://global.psu.edu/article/academics-penn-state</p>
D. Application	
<p>i) Procedures</p>	<p>All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university. The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint. Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean's Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p> <p>Once you have been nominated by your home institution, you will receive instructions for logging in and completing the Penn State application.</p> <p>At Penn State, the international student exchange process is managed by two offices within Global Programs, the Directorate of Education Abroad (EA) and the Directorate of International Student and Scholar Advising (DISSA). The student can expect to be in communication with staff from both offices throughout the application process.</p> <p>EA is responsible for processing non-degree enrollment, academic matters such as course scheduling and setting academic advising, coordinating housing, and providing general information about the exchange program. EA can be reached at eaexchanges@psu.edu.</p> <p>Once you are granted access to the application system, you will need to complete the following:</p> <p>Application Questionnaires:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upload an academic Transcript 2. Complete the Advance Course Registration Form 3. Complete the Non-Degree Enrollment Form 4. Complete the On Campus Housing request Form <p>DISSA is responsible for items pertaining to the students' immigration documents, including the DS-2019, visa related questions, and pre-arrival</p>

	<p>information. After the EA application is completed by the student, a DISSA adviser will contact the student and make available the materials to be completed for the DS-2019 visa document. DISSA will indicate separate due dates for these materials.</p> <p>Items to be completed once the student has been contacted by their DISSA adviser:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EA Exchange: Passport & Biographical Information 2. EA Exchange: Financial Documentation 3. EA Exchange: Academic Information 4. EA Exchange: Submit Request for Review of Visa <p>You will receive your DS-2019 from DISSA via express mail service. You are responsible for the mailing fee and will receive instructions about this.</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 by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
E. Accommodation	
i) University Accommodation	<p>On-campus housing is available for exchange students, but it is not guaranteed. If available, the Housing Assignments Office will send an online housing contract to the student's Penn State email account for the applicant's review and acceptance. The housing contract is a legally binding agreement. Details about housing and meal plans, including cost, are available on the Housing website. Students can visit Off-Campus Living to find resources for apartments off campus in the event on-campus housing is not available, or if the student prefers to live off campus.</p>
F. Visa	
Consular/Visa Regulation	<p>Students must apply for the J-1 visa. The Certificate of Non-Immigrant Eligibility for J status is the DS-2019. This is also a non-immigrant visa status. The rules for the J-1 are similar to the F-1. However, there are two important differences. Those in J-1 status may be subject to what is referred to as the "two-year home residency requirement" or subject to 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The other difference is that dependents may apply for work permission. The two-year home residency requirement means that those individuals must return home for two years before applying for the H, L, or permanent residency visas. In addition, those subject to the two-year home residency requirement cannot change status to another within the U.S. A J-1 becomes subject to 212(e) by coming from a country and</p>

	<p>studying a field on the skills list, being sponsored by the U.S. government or the home country government, or studying in a program for graduate medical education.</p> <p>For more information please refer to: https://global.psu.edu/category/immigration</p>
G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance	
i) Health/Medical Insurance	<p>All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to the following link: https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</p> <p>Students are strongly encouraged to purchase a supplemental travel insurance to ensure they are adequately covered during their exchange semester.</p> <p>In addition, students will be required to enrol in the compulsory health insurance policy or scheme at their SEP host university.</p> <p>Health insurance is mandatory while at Penn State. Exchange students are required by The Student Health Insurance Office to purchase the Penn State Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). Waivers will NOT be accepted for exchange students.</p>
ii) Emergency Number at host university	<p>For emergency contact information, please refer to the following link: https://police.psu.edu/</p>
H. Cost of Living	
i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses	<p>Please refer to the following link https://cce.ais.psu.edu/tuition-calculator-ui/#/ to estimate the cost of attending PSU. Kindly disregard tuition fees as these will be waived under the exchange agreement between NUS and PSU.</p>

Please refer to the Penn State links for the most up-to-date information.