

## STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

UNIVERSITY	Princeton University	
	(Webpage for Incoming Exchange Students)	
LOCATION	New Jersey, USA	
ACADEMICS		
Academic Calendar	Fall Semester: August to December Spring Semester: January to May	
	Exchange students will be required to arrive on a day the week prior to the start of classes, to be determined by Princeton's Office of International Programmes.	
	Students arriving earlier than required will need to make alternative housing arrangements until the official start date of the programme. Students may not arrive later than the official start date except in certain emergency circumstances.	
	The full calendar for Princeton University can be found <u>here</u> .	
Exchange Duration	One semester	
Course Load	Exchange students on F-1 visas are required to maintain full-time status while studying in the United States. Students must enrol in a minimum of 12 credits per semester during the academic year (equivalent to 3 courses).	
Entry Requirements	No specific GPA requirement. In general, students should be academically strong and are evaluated by the relevant department based on a review of the application materials (transcript, essay responses, faculty recommendation, etc.)	
Language Proficiency Requirements	Given that the language of instruction at NUS is English, NUS exchange students are not required to provide proof of English language.	
Course Catalogue	Exchange students will be required to take a full course load (equivalent to 4 courses) unless alternative requirements are agreed upon with the sending/home university.	
	For specific course offerings in all departments, please consult <u>Princeton University Course</u> <u>offerings database</u> . For the full list of areas of study, please see <u>here</u> .	
Course restrictions and pre-requisites	Exchange students are unable to take courses from Princeton's School of Engineering and Applied Science (including Computer Science) and the Department of Economics.	
APPLICATION		
Procedures	All NUS students must be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university.	
	Nominated students will be contacted by Princeton's Office of International Programmes with further instructions on accessing the online application via the Global Programmes System.	



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The following documents must be submitted by the nominated student as part of the online application:

- Application form
- Course or research plan (included on form)
- Personal statement about your background and academic goals
- Résumé /CV
- Official Home School Transcript
- One letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- Billing/Emergency Contact Information

#### **Deadlines**

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 must take note of the application deadline set by the host university.

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.

Princeton's application deadlines:

Fall Semester: April 15

Spring Semester: September 15

### **ACCOMMODATION**

## University Accommodation

On-campus housing is guaranteed for exchange students.

Princeton on-campus housing consists of <u>Residential Colleges</u> and upper-classmen housing. Students will indicate a housing preference in their application, but please know that housing is tight on campus, and, therefore, a student's first choice is not guaranteed. If students are placed in upperclassmen housing, students will be affiliated with a Residential college and will be fully included in the college's advising system and of all the college activities.

If you are placed in a residential college, you are required to sign a dining contract. Information on these can be found on <a href="Princeton's Dining Services website">Princeton's Dining Services website</a>.

#### **VISA**

# Consular/Visa Regulation

All exchange students who are not US citizens are required to have a student visa for their studies in the United States. Princeton's Office of International Programmes will provide information regarding student visa applications to all accepted exchange students.

All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they receive the official offer letter/email from their host university.

Some visa application 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.



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SAFETY, HEALTH & MEDICAL INSURANCE		
Health/Medical Insurance	All registered NUS students are covered under the <u>university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance</u> .	
	As an exchange student, you have the option to enroll in the Princeton student healthcare plan (SHP) for a fee (~US\$1,500) or demonstrate that you have comparable coverage under some other plan. The SHP is very comprehensive and provides optimal coverage given the specifics of the USA healthcare system.	
	Students may waive the SHP coverage and fee only if the specific criteria are met under their family's health insurance. Most exchange students enroll in the SHP. More information about the SHP, including benefits, can be found <a href="here">here</a> .	
Emergency info	In case of emergency, contact Princeton after regular business hours (9am to 5pm during the academic year; 830am to 430pm during the summer), please call Princeton University Public Safety at +1-609-258-1000.	
	Contact the Princeton Davis International Center immediately if you encounter any problems at the Port of Entry at +1-609-258-5006 or puvisa@princeton.edu.	
COST OF LIVING		
Estimated Monthly Living Expenses	Please keep in mind tuition fees are waived for exchange students. For more information on financial matters, please refer to the following <u>link</u> .	