

Information for Students

A. University	University of Pennsylvania <i>[Commonly referred to as U Penn or just Penn; exchange is with College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) only]</i> http://www.upenn.edu Webpage for Incoming Exchange Students
B. Location	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange. 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.
ii) Academic Calendar	Semester 1 (Fall): August to December Semester 2 (Spring): January to May https://almanac.upenn.edu/penn-academic-calendar
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	https://www.college.upenn.edu/courseload
vi) Entry Requirements	CAP of 3.75 out of 5.0 (equivalent to 3.0 out of 4.0 GPA), with no grade below C
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	English
viii) Modules Compatibility	The NUS-Penn exchange is through Penn's College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) only, therefore it is a suitable SEP destination for FASS, FoS and SoC students. The College of Arts and Sciences will only accept students whose majors at their home institutions are equivalent to a major offered through CAS. http://www.college.upenn.edu/

<p>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</p>	<p>Any graduate (500-level or above) courses, including courses in the Medical School, Law School, School of Education, etc.</p> <p>Wharton courses are restricted to students on Wharton exchange. Students on CAS exchange may be able to take 1-2 courses per semester in Wharton, though they should not count on it. Students should select primarily courses from their schools of study. CAS will only accept students whose majors at their home institutions are equivalent to a major offered through CAS.</p>
<p>D. Application</p>	
<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>Students must be nominated to Penn Abroad by NUS. Once nominated, Penn Abroad will send prospective exchange students a link to access the online application portal and application instructions.</p> <p>Nominated students must submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biographical information • Scanned copy of the biographical page of their passport, showing validity of at least 6 months past the end of the exchange program • Electronic transcript(s) showing all undergraduate work • Short essays • Proof of English proficiency (if applicable)
<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 by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p> <p>Regarding Penn's application, all application components must be submitted by the application deadlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Semester (Sem 1): 15 March • Spring Semester (Sem 2): 20 September

	Students will be informed of admissions decisions approximately one month after the deadline. More information can be found on our Accepted Students page.
E. Accommodation	
i) University Accommodation	<p>All exchange students are required to live in on-campus housing and enroll in a dining plan.</p> <p>For more information, please refer here: https://www.upenn.edu/life-at-penn/housing-and-dining</p>
F. Visa	
Consular/Visa Regulation	<p>Once you have received a notice of your acceptance, you must log into the PASSPORT application portal and commit to the exchange program by the relevant deadline.</p> <p>All exchange students who are not US citizens are required to obtain an F-1 or J-1 student visa for their exchange studies in the United States. More information is provided upon acceptance.</p> <p>Please note, to obtain a student visa, students must produce financial documentation showing that they have at least USD \$14,323 (for one semester) in assets. These numbers are accurate for 2021-2022 but will change for 2022-2023. Penn's International Student and Scholar Services office's website for more information.</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><i>You are required to maintain approved health insurance coverage for the duration of their stay at U Penn.</i></p> <p><i>You must provide U Penn with immunization records after acceptance.</i></p>
ii) Emergency Number at host university	https://www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/contact/

H. Cost of Living

**i) Estimated
Monthly Living
Expenses**

Tuition fee charges are waived for exchange students. However, you must budget adequate funds to cover living and personal expenses in Philadelphia. Exchange students who are not US citizens will be required to show adequate financial documentation to prove they can sustain themselves during the duration of their exchange. For more information, please refer to the following link (scroll down to Costs to Consider section).

<https://global.upenn.edu/pennabroad/exchangeapplication>

Information correct as of July 2021. Please refer to the Penn links for the latest information.