A. University

Xiamen University

http://en.xmu.edu.cn/

Xiamen University (XMU) was founded in 1921 by Tan Kah Kee, the well-known patriotic overseas Chinese leader. XMU has close ties with Singapore as Mr Tan Kah Kee was founding member of Tao Nan School and Hwa Chong Institution in Singapore. It was the first university in China founded by an overseas Chinese. At present it is the only university in any of five special economic zones and is one of China's higher-level universities designated for the state key construction of the Project 211 and the Project 985.

XMU's strength lies in Economics, Southeast Asia Studies, International Studies and it was a Think-Tank for Taiwan Policy.

XMU is very strong in life science and mathematics. NUS Department of Life Science has a joint laboratory with XMU.

B. Country

China

C. Academics

i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer

Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange.

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.

Click here for a step-by-step guide on applying for module mapping.

ii) Academic Calendar

Semester 1: September to January
Semester 2: February to June

iii) Exchange Duration

One semester or Full-Year exchange, depending on your home Faculty.

iv) Examination

Students are expected to sit for the mandatory examinations at Xiamen University before returning to NUS for the next semester.

v) Curriculum Structure

Study workload:
Spring Academic Semester: 16 weeks
Autumn Academic Semester: 18 weeks
## Student Exchange Programme (SEP)

| vi) Entry Requirements | • be enrolled at the National University of Singapore (NUS) as a full-time student;  
|                         | • have completed at least two semesters of study before embarking on the exchange programme;  
|                         | • have a sound academic record, i.e. minimum CAP of 3.0, and should not have any grade below grade ‘C’ (grade point of 2.0) in any module;  
|                         | • have sufficient financial means to cover the necessary expenses for the duration of the SEP (ranging from S$5,000 to S$15,000 per semester, subject to the country and local conditions at the overseas Partner University during the period of exchange). When applying for your student visa, a number of countries may demand documentary proof of your financial status;  
|                         | • obtain the Faculty’s approval for the SEP;  
|                         | • satisfy partner institution and host country entry requirements; and  
|                         | • check with the issuer of any scholarship he or she is receiving to ensure there are no restrictions involving overseas study (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Ministry of Education). |

| vii) Language Proficiency Requirements | Mandarin is the medium of instruction for classes at the host university (with limited English modules). NUS students with Chinese background may be exempted from the HSK Chinese language proficiency requirements to read Chinese courses at Xiamen University. |

| viii) Modules Compatibility | Suitable for students from the following faculties: |
|                           | **FASS**  |
|                           | • Chinese Language and Literature  
|                           | • History  
|                           | • Philosophy  
|                           | • Journalism & Communication  
|                           | • Foreign Languages & Cultures  
|                           | • Economics  
|                           | • Public Affairs  
|                           | • International Relations  
|                           | **FoE**  |
|                           | • Aerospace Engineering  
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      • Life Sciences  
      • Pharmaceutical Sciences  
      • Ocean & Earth Sciences  
      • Environment & Ecology |
| SDE | • Architecture  
     • Urban Planning |
| SoC | • Computer Science  
     • Cyber Space Security |

Please refer to the Schools & Departments at Xiamen University for course offering details: [http://en.xmu.edu.cn/colleges/list.htm](http://en.xmu.edu.cn/colleges/list.htm)

ix) **Module restrictions and pre-requisites**

Students should select courses within a faculty per semester. In principle, undergraduate exchange students can only select undergraduate courses and postgraduate exchange students can only select postgraduate courses. Exchange students should get approval from both colleges for cross college course selection.

### D. Application

i) **Procedures**

Students can apply for SEP one year in advance through their home faculty in NUS between September and June. Please look out for your faculty’s announcement regarding the application period.

Once you have been selected by your home faculty for SEP, your faculty will contact you and provide information regarding application with your host university. Please prepare the necessary documents before the start of the application period at your host university.

ii) **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 have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.
### E. Accommodations

#### i) University Accommodation

**Siming Campus:** The overseas student apartment buildings on the Siming Campus are set in picturesque surroundings and enjoy a view of the sea and fresh air. The dorms are equipped with a range of amenities.

Newly enrolled students on Siming campus should apply online for on-campus accommodation.

Detail information about on-campus accommodation application will be available in the Enrolment Instruction for New Students.

#### ii) Private Accommodation

**Off-Siming Campus accommodation:** Living off campus provides greater opportunities for international students to interact with the locals and to learn about the local community and culture. Students can choose to rent off-campus apartments and the monthly rental is around RMB 2,500 per room. When living off-campus, international students will enjoy a quite learning environment.

### F. Visa

#### Consular/Visa Regulation

Exchange students in China are required to apply for student visa (X2 visa for those intending to study in China for a period of no more than 180 days and X1 visa for those intending to study in China for a period of more than 180 days).

You will receive the admission letter and visa application form (JW202) once you are accepted by the host university for the student exchange programme. Exchange students are required to apply for the student visa in person at the China Visa Application Service Centre in Singapore with the relevant documents before the start of the academic semester.


### G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

#### i) Health/Medical Insurance

All registered NUS students are covered under the University health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the University health insurance coverage, please refer to...
For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/InsuranceCoverforOfficialNUSTrips.html

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

Please check with host university.

H. Cost of Living

i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses

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ii) Relevant Awards/Scholarships

Bursaries:

Scholarships:

I. Useful Links

Admission Office for International Students

Office of International Cooperation and Exchange
- [http://ice.xmu.edu.cn](http://ice.xmu.edu.cn)