

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	University of Bristol http://www.bristol.ac.uk/international/study/study-abroad/
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. You can check with the SEP Coordinator in the Dean's Office of your home faculty.</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>
ii) Academic Calendar	<p>Semester 1: Late September to Late January Semester 2: Late January to Late June</p> <p>http://www.bristol.ac.uk/global-opportunities/at-bristol/academic-life/academic-dates/</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	NUS students are recommended to go for a full year or semester 2 exchange.
iv) Examination	<p>Semester 1 exchange students are expected to stay in Bristol for their exams which could take place in late January. Alternative assessments can sometimes be arranged but are not guaranteed. Please contact global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk if you have any questions.</p> <p>Semester 2 students are required to be in Bristol for the May/June exam period.</p> <p>Bristol modules which run for the full year are assessed at the end of the academic year only.</p>
v) Curriculum Structure	<p>A full year's work is 120 Bristol credit points, and students are expected to take the full load regardless of their graduation requirements. If they are studying in a range of departments, they may not be able to take precisely 120 credits, so margins of 100 to 120 are acceptable and are still considered to be a standard year's work for transfer purposes.</p>

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	<p>A semester's work is 60 Bristol credit points, and rules are as for the full year. Margins of 50 to 60 are considered acceptable.</p>						
<p>vi) Minimum Requirements to Apply</p>	<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 a GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 or the equivalent NUS CAP of 3.75 out of 5.0; iii) have a minimum 'B' average grade; and no single grade below 'C' in the current/intended discipline/major; iv) not be in the graduating semester when they go for exchange at Bristol 						
<p>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</p>	<p>All exchange students nominated to study at Bristol are required to demonstrate that they have an appropriate level of spoken and written English for full academic and social participation.</p> <p>It is recommended that students submit photocopies of GCE "O" level certificate with English language of grade C or better, IB English with 5 or better, or certificate for Singapore Integrated Programme Cambridge "A" Levels (SIPCAL) with General Paper of Grade C or better.</p> <p>If none of the above supporting documents is available, students might have to apply for IELTS test in advance and submit IELTS results together with the other supporting documents to Bristol. More information on the English language proficiency requirements can be found here.</p> <p>Bristol reserves the right, in individual circumstances, to specify an additional language requirement for an applicant if it is felt to be necessary.</p>						
<p>viii) Modules Compatibility</p> <p>Students are reminded to review the online unit catalogue carefully as it contains important information which is often ignored. Please read so that you will save time, effort and have less stress in your application process.</p>	<p>Unit catalogue for exchange students: http://www.bristol.ac.uk/global-opportunities/at-bristol/study-abroad/how-to-create-your-programme/</p> <p>The list of units taken by exchange students can only be finalised when they are in Bristol.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="475 1680 1449 2105"> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 1680 635 1921"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FASS </td> <td data-bbox="635 1680 1449 1921"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History • English Literature • Politics • Sociology • Philosophy </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 1921 635 2000"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FoE </td> <td data-bbox="635 1921 1449 2000"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (All areas – Full-Year or Semester 2 only) </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 2000 635 2105"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FoS </td> <td data-bbox="635 2000 1449 2105"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry – Full-Year only • Physics - Full-Year or Semester 2 only • Biology - Full-Year or Semester 2 only </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FASS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History • English Literature • Politics • Sociology • Philosophy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FoE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (All areas – Full-Year or Semester 2 only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FoS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry – Full-Year only • Physics - Full-Year or Semester 2 only • Biology - Full-Year or Semester 2 only
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<p>ix) Module restrictions</p>	<p>Postgraduate modules are not open to undergraduate exchange students.</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FASS Economics – If going in Semester 1, students might have to sit for examination at Bristol in late January before returning to NUS. Leave of Absence from NUS is subject to approval by FASS. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law Full-year exchange only. NUS Law students should apply under NUS Law exchange agreement with University of Bristol.
<p>D. Application</p>	
<p>i) Procedures</p>	<p>Students should be nominated by NUS to Bristol before applying to Bristol via Bristol’s online application platform.</p> <p><u>Supporting documents</u> required by Bristol:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed application form by you and by your home faculty Official University transcript – please get it from NUS Registrar’s Office Proof of English language proficiency Copy of passport information page <p>The entry requirements, required documents and the application procedure can be found <u>here</u>. Students are advised to follow Bristol’s application instructions and submit all relevant documents punctually in order to avoid delays in receiving their application results.</p>
<p>ii) Deadlines</p>	<p>All NUS student 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 and the necessary supporting documents to Bristol will result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>

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	<p>Application deadline for exchange in semester 1 is 15 June and for semester 2 is 25 October.</p>
<p>E. Accommodations</p>	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>Students who have already been accepted by Bristol for the Study Abroad Programme should refer to the email received when they accepted their offer for the link to the Accommodation Application Form. There is higher possibility of securing on-campus accommodation in semester 1. For more information, please visit: http://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/accommodation/ and http://www.bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/</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. https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration</p> <p><u>Short-term Study 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 can apply for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) single-entry Short Term Study Visa to the UK at the port of entry (free) or; (2) multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa prior to leaving your home country. <p>The single-entry Short Term Study Visa is free but if you leave the UK during your home university registration period you will need to re-apply as a short-term student when you re-enter; for this reason you should always travel with your short-term study visa support letter.</p> <p>Alternatively if you think you are likely to leave and re-enter the UK during your course you should apply for a multiple entry short-term study visa in advance of travelling to the UK.</p> <p>Non-visa nationals who enter the UK on a short-term study visa are required to leave the UK after the course end date given on your Short-term Study visa support letter. If you wish to travel within the UK after your studies you will need to exit the UK and re-enter as a Standard Visitor which you can do at port of entry.</p>

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	<p>Citizens from a country that needs a visa to enter the UK should apply for the multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa prior to leaving for your overseas exchange. You can contact the external visa office approved by UK Visa and Immigration to apply for multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa.</p> <p>Applying for a single-entry Short-Term Study Visa is usually an easier and cheaper process than applying for a Tier 4 Student Visa, if you <u>do not</u> need a Tier 4 Student Visa, please do not apply for it.</p> <p><u>Tier 4 Student Visa for Full-Year exchange</u></p> <p>For students who need Tier 4 Student Visa, Bristol will issue the necessary CAS statement for Tier 4 Student Visa application. Applicants should ensure that they are fully aware of what they will need to do in order to successfully apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa. The application for Tier 4 Student Visa can take up to three months and students are advised to apply for the visa in advance of their intended date of travel to the UK. More information on this can be found online here.</p> <p>Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</p>
<p>G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance</p>	
<p>i) Health/Medical Insurance</p>	<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 university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/services/billing-insurance/insurance-matters.html.</p> <p>For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/InsuranceCoverforOfficialNUSTrips.html</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>
<p>ii) Emergency Number</p>	<p>Tel : +44 117 33 11 22 33</p>

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H. Cost of Living	
i) Estimated Living Expenses per month	Information on cost of living can be found at http://www.bristol.ac.uk/fees-funding/advice/living-expenses/
I. Useful Links	
	<p>Pre-arrival guide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://www.bristol.ac.uk/media-library/sites/global-opportunities/UniversityofBristol_StudyAbroadGuide2019_WEB.pdf• http://www.bristol.ac.uk/global-opportunities/at-bristol/student-life/• http://www.bristol.ac.uk/international/living/ <p>International Student Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• http://www.bristol.ac.uk/international-office/