

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	<p>The University of Edinburgh</p> <p>http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad</p>
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.</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: Early September to Late December Semester 2: Mid-January to Late May</p> <p>https://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/diary</p> <p>NUS encourages all students to participate in The University of Edinburgh’s Welcome Week to meet their Personal Tutor and finalise their courses. http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/help-for-you/welcome-week</p>
iii) Compulsory Attendance	<p>All visiting students must attend and engage fully in the classes that they are enrolled in at The University of Edinburgh. If you consistently fail to attend or engage with your studies, the issue will be escalated within your College and may result in your termination from the exchange.</p> <p>Students will be encouraged to speak with their Personal Tutor or the Student Support team in their school if they are experiencing difficulties (i.e. academic, personal, health).</p>
iv) Exchange Duration	Semester based exchange is recommended. There is no overlapping semesters.
v) Examination	You <u>have to</u> finish the examinations at the host university before returning back to NUS.
vi) Curriculum Structure	<p>Majority of the semester-based courses are worth 20 credits each. Full-year courses are worth 40 credits each.</p> <p>Usually 60 credits per semester with typically three 20 credits each. Range of 50 to 70 credits per semester is allowed only if you are required to take a</p>

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	<p>particular course the only option being of 10 credits. Strictly no overloading above 70 credits per semester and under loading below 50 credits per semester.</p>						
<p>vii) Entry Requirements</p>	<p>You should:</p> <p>(a) Be registered as a full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate student of NUS</p> <p>(b) Have successfully completed at least:</p> <p>(i) one (1) semester of study at the NUS upon application for the Exchange Programme; and</p> <p>(ii) two (2) semesters of study upon admission to the host university</p> <p>(c) Be a student of good standing at NUS with:</p> <p>(i) a minimum 'B' average grade or;</p> <p>(ii) a NUS CAP of 3.75 over a 5.0 scale or;</p> <p>(iii) a GPA of 3.0 over a 4.0 scale</p> <p>(d) Show the aptitude, motivation and maturity, to thrive in the environment at the host university</p>						
<p>viii) Language Proficiency Requirements</p>	<p>Applicants from the National University of Singapore are no longer required to demonstrate their English language competence for admissions purposes, course enrolments or visa application. The University of Edinburgh trust that selected students meet the required English language proficiency level.</p> <p>Please note the above information is subject to change.</p>						
<p>ix) Compatibility</p>	<p>Suitable for students from the following faculties:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="472 1525 1425 1921"> <tr> <td data-bbox="472 1525 627 1644">FoE</td> <td data-bbox="627 1525 1425 1644"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Engineering • Mechanical Engineering </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="472 1644 627 1720">SoC</td> <td data-bbox="627 1644 1425 1720"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="472 1720 627 1921">FoS</td> <td data-bbox="627 1720 1425 1921"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry • Physics • Mathematics • Biology </td> </tr> </table> <p>Courses available for exchange students can be found in this web: http://www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/course. Courses available are subject to change.</p>	FoE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Engineering • Mechanical Engineering 	SoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science 	FoS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry • Physics • Mathematics • Biology
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	<p>Students must meet all required prerequisites as stated in the course finder. Please take note of the module restrictions and pre-requisites.</p> <p>If you need more information about a certain course, please submit your question at http://www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/contacts</p>						
<p>x) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</p>	<p>Honours courses (or third year classes) <u>with limited places</u>. There is no guarantee places for these popular courses.</p> <p>Please also note that Honours level courses can be in high demand and so there may not be any spaces left for you in your preferred courses.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="470 757 1425 1400"> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 757 683 1122">FASS</td> <td data-bbox="683 757 1425 1122"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Literature – extremely popular and oversubscribed. Exchange students should consider Edinburgh’s first and second year English Literature courses History History of Arts Philosophy Politics & International Relations </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 1122 683 1240">Architecture</td> <td data-bbox="683 1122 1425 1240"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only non-studio based courses offered in Edinburgh College of Art are available </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 1240 683 1400">Law</td> <td data-bbox="683 1240 1425 1400"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law – Only NUS Law students should be nominated as “Subject Specific International Exchange”. </td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High pressure courses that are in high demand or have limited space: www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/courses-credits Please read the academic guide provided by The University of Edinburgh College of Humanities and Social Science If you have to make changes to the course list after you have submitted your application to Edinburgh, you have to fill in Edinburgh’s online enquiry form: http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/visiting-exchange/studyabroad-enquiry-form <p>Postgraduate modules are <u>not</u> open to undergraduate exchange students.</p>	FASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Literature – extremely popular and oversubscribed. Exchange students should consider Edinburgh’s first and second year English Literature courses History History of Arts Philosophy Politics & International Relations 	Architecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only non-studio based courses offered in Edinburgh College of Art are available 	Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law – Only NUS Law students should be nominated as “Subject Specific International Exchange”.
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<p>D. Application</p>							
<p>i) Procedures</p>	<p>NUS Registrar’s Office will consolidate the nominations from NUS Faculties and Schools before submitting to The University of Edinburgh.</p>						

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	<p>Only students nominated by NUS will receive an invitation email from Edinburgh to apply via Edinburgh’s online application system with access to the latest application guide.</p> <p>Edinburgh’s past year application procedures can be found at http://www.ed.ac.uk/study-abroad/how-to-apply</p> <p>Students are encouraged to upload the following supporting documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scanned copy of their official academic transcript – please approach NUS Registrar’s Office for the latest transcripts During the application stage, applicants to the College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences will be required to provide a transcript, which demonstrates that they have completed at least 1 full year of study. Applicants to the College of Science and Engineering will be required to provide a transcript demonstrating that they have completed 1 semester of study. • A personal statement of 500 words <p>Nominated international exchange students are not required to submit a reference at the time of application. However, both College Visiting Student Offices reserve the right to request a reference from an exchange applicant at any point during the application period.</p> <p>Please read Edinburgh’s International Exchange Factsheet in SharePoint. Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p>
<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 will result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p> <p>Online nomination for exchange to Edinburgh should be submitted before 1 May for semester 1 exchange and 1 October for semester 2 exchange.</p> <p>Students are expected to complete Edinburgh’s online application by 31 May for semester 1 and full academic year exchange and 31 October for semester 2 exchange.</p>

E. Accommodations

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<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>Students must have accepted an unconditional offer to study at The University of Edinburgh before they can apply for accommodation. Exchange students are guaranteed accommodation if their application is submitted on time. However, preferred room type cannot be guaranteed.</p> <p>The final deadline for receipt of accommodation applications for semester 1 exchange is 16 August and for semester 2 is 30 November.</p> <p>You should regularly check your University of Edinburgh email account after you have applied for Edinburgh’s accommodation.</p> <p>For more information about the criteria, please visit: https://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/living-edinburgh/accommodation</p> <p>Information and support provided by Edinburgh’s Res Life team can be found at http://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/residence-life/ and http://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/for-students/visiting-and-exchange/</p>
<p>ii) Private Accommodation</p>	<p>If you need to look for accommodation in the Private Sector, please take note that there are various scams operating in the Private Sector. Therefore please take note of the advice and guidance found here: http://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/for-students/private-housing/</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>Short-term Study Visa for Semester Exchange 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> <p>(1) single-entry Short Term Study entry stamp at the port of entry to the UK (free) or;</p> <p>(2) multiple-entry Short Term Study visa prior to leaving your home country.</p> <p>The Short Term Study single-entry stamp 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 unconditional offer letter and other supporting documents.</p> <p>Alternatively if you think you are likely to leave and re-enter the UK during your course you could apply for a multiple entry short-term study visa in advance of travelling to the UK.</p>

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	<p>If you enter the UK as a Short-Term Student (either a visa or single entry stamp) you are required to leave the UK within 30 days of the course end date given on your unconditional offer letter, or before your Short Term Study permission expires (whichever is sooner). If you wish to travel within the UK after this time you will need to exit the UK and re-enter as a Standard Visitor which you can do at port of entry.</p> <p>Citizens from a country that need 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 do not need a Tier 4 Student Visa, please do not apply for it.</p> <p>Please refer to Edinburgh's visa information page: https://www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/immigration/applying-for-visa</p> <p>All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they receive the official offer letter/email from their host university.</p> <p>Some visa application process 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.</p> <p>Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</p>
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G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

<p>i) Health/Medical Insurance</p>	<p>NUS students participating in the Exchange Programme at Edinburgh for a full- year need to pay an immigration health surcharge when applying for the Tier 4 visa.</p> <p>Short term students are recommended to get travel insurance which includes medical insurance. Please read up more information found at http://www.ed.ac.uk/students/new-students/</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>
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	<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 Numbers at host university</p>	<p>http://www.ed.ac.uk/contacts/emergency</p>
<p>H. Cost of Living</p>	
<p>Estimated Monthly Living Expenses</p>	<p>Detailed breakdown of living costs is available at http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/finance/cost-of-living</p>
<p>I. Useful Information</p>	
<p>Transcripts</p>	<p>You should provide NUS Registrar’s Office mailing address when completing your application to The University of Edinburgh. Otherwise your transcript will not be posted to NUS.</p> <p>NUS Registrar’s Office National University of Singapore University Hall, Lee Kong Chian Wing #04-01, 21 Lower Kent Ridge Road Singapore 119077</p> <p>You may also request electronic copies of their Transcript from: www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/electronic-document-service</p>