

## Information for Students on Exchange

<b>A. University</b>	<b>Newcastle University</b>  <a href="http://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/newcastle/outside-europe/">http://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/newcastle/outside-europe/</a>
<b>B. Country</b>	United Kingdom
<b>C. Academics</b>	
<b>i) Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</b>	<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>
<b>ii) Academic Calendar</b>	<p><b>Semester 1:</b> Late September to late January  <b>Semester 2:</b> Late January to mid-June</p> <p><a href="http://www.ncl.ac.uk/regulations/docs/terms-semester.html">http://www.ncl.ac.uk/regulations/docs/terms-semester.html</a></p>
<b>iii) Exchange Duration</b>	<p>Semester 2 exchange is recommended due to overlapping academic calendar.</p> <p>NUS students who wish to go to Newcastle for exchange in semester 1 should seek permission from their Dean's office for late return to NUS before they apply for the exchange.</p>
<b>iv) Examination</b>	<p>Alternative assessments at Newcastle might not be available.</p> <p><u>If the module requires the taking of an examination, then students must take the examination at Newcastle during the stipulated examination date before returning to NUS.</u></p>
<b>v) Curriculum Structure</b>	<p>Exchange students should take a maximum of 60 credits per semester and 120 credits for a full year exchange. <b>NO overloading on credits is allowed.</b></p>
<b>vi) Entry Requirements</b>	<p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Have completed a minimum of one year's undergraduate study at NUS;</li> <li>(ii) Have obtained a minimum overall 'B' average grade in the current/intended discipline/major, or 65% to 70% average marks, or ranking in the top one-third of the class at NUS;</li> <li>(iii) Be in possession of a valid visa to study in the UK before registering as a student at Newcastle University;</li> <li>(iv) Propose an appropriate programme of study at Newcastle University;</li> </ul>

	<p>(v) Show the aptitude, motivation and maturity, to thrive in the environment at the Newcastle University; and</p> <p>(vi) Have sufficient funds for all fees, personal and living expenses for the duration of the study abroad at the Newcastle University.</p>				
<p><b>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</b></p>	<p>NUS students do not need to take an additional English language test for admission to a Newcastle University Exchange Programme, including students requiring a Tier 4 Student Visa.</p> <p>However, NUS students should submit the same English language qualification (including grade) which they have used to gain acceptance to NUS' degree programme. Newcastle needs the English language qualification (e.g. GCE "O" / "A" Level certificate, IB, etc.) as supporting documents for auditing purposes.</p> <p>Newcastle's Visa Team may wish to interview a student now and again during their period of exchange.</p>				
<p><b>viii) Modules Compatibility</b></p>	<p>Semester based exchange is most suitable for Humanities / Social Sciences students.</p> <p>A lot of Newcastle Science / Engineering modules are designed for full-year exchange.</p> <p>Students are reminded to carefully review the list of courses available: <a href="http://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/module/">http://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/module/</a> before applying for exchange at Newcastle.</p> <p><b>Students may only study the subjects listed in the Bilateral Agreement with the NUS (i.e. Business, Economics, Psychology and Mechanical Engineering are excluded from the exchange).</b></p> <p>The online Module Catalogue can be found at: <a href="http://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/newcastle/module-catalogue/">http://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/newcastle/module-catalogue/</a></p> <p>Suitable for students from the following faculties:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="469 1671 1426 2036"> <tr> <td data-bbox="469 1671 628 1872"><b>FASS</b></td> <td data-bbox="628 1671 1426 1872"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Politics</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="469 1872 628 2036"><b>FoE</b></td> <td data-bbox="628 1872 1426 2036"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Engineering</li> <li>• Electrical and Electronic Engineering</li> <li>• Chemical Engineering</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>	<b>FASS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Politics</li> </ul>	<b>FoE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Engineering</li> <li>• Electrical and Electronic Engineering</li> <li>• Chemical Engineering</li> </ul>
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<p><b>D. Application</b></p>									
<p>i) <b>Procedures</b></p>	<p>NUS Registrar’s Office will consolidate the nominations from NUS Faculties and Schools before submitting to Newcastle University. <u>Nominated students must apply for exchange via Newcastle’s online application portal and submit all supporting documents via the portal before the stipulated deadlines.</u></p> <p>The secure link to Newcastle’s online application portal and password will be sent to you via NUS Registrar’s Office colleagues. Students will not have direct access to the online portal.</p> <p><b>Students will not be able to submit their application if supporting documentation is missing or the application form is not fully complete.</b></p> <p>Student will require the following supporting documentation:</p>								

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NUS Transcript - purchase from NUS Registrar's Office</li> <li>2. English language proficiency test certificates (e.g. GCE "O" / "A" Level, IB, IELTS, etc. The same certificate used to apply to NUS)</li> <li>3. Module Choices / NUS approved Study Plan</li> <li>4. Colour scan or copy of Passport (page containing personal details)</li> <li>5. Personal Statement (minimum of 500 words)</li> </ol> <p>Students who wish to be considered for higher level modules when on exchange at Newcastle need to provide the course descriptions for the modules which they are currently studying but are not listed in the official transcript as evidence that they will achieve the pre-requisites for the higher level modules by the time the exchange term starts at Newcastle.</p> <p>Please read Newcastle's application information found in SharePoint. Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean's Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p>
<p><b>ii) Deadlines</b></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 to the host university will result your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p> <p>Nominated students are expected to complete Newcastle's online application by <b>15 April</b> for exchange in Semester 1 and by <b>31 October</b> for exchange in Semester 2.</p>
<p><b>E. Accommodations</b></p>	
<p><b>i) University Accommodation</b></p>	<p>Newcastle recommends that you <b>apply online for accommodation as soon as you have accepted their offer to study.</b></p> <p>Semester only accommodation is extremely limited and Newcastle <b>cannot guarantees</b> that students will be housed in University accommodation.</p> <p>Semester only students who are offered a place in University accommodation will be informed of their offer in early September. If you are going in semester two (January-June), you have a better chance of securing accommodation at Newcastle.</p>

	<p>More information about university accommodation can be found at <a href="http://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/newcastle/support/#accommodation">http://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/newcastle/support/#accommodation</a> and <a href="http://www.ncl.ac.uk/accommodation/students/accommodation/">http://www.ncl.ac.uk/accommodation/students/accommodation/</a>.</p>
<p><b>ii) Private Accommodation</b></p>	<p>If Newcastle is unable to allocate a place in University accommodation, they will provide information and guidance on how to look for accommodation in the private sector.</p> <p>More details about private accommodation providers, please refer to <a href="http://www.ncl.ac.uk/accommodation/students/partnership/">http://www.ncl.ac.uk/accommodation/students/partnership/</a>.</p>
<p><b>F. Visa</b></p>	
<p><b>Consular/Visa Regulation</b></p>	<p><b>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.</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration</a></p> <p><b><u>Short-term Study Visa for Semester Exchange</u></b></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"> <li>(1) single-entry Short Term Study Visa to the UK at the port of entry (free) or;</li> <li>(2) multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa prior to leaving your home country (£93).</li> </ul> <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> <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</p>

	<p>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><b>Applying for a single-entry Short-Term Study Visa is usually an easier and cheaper</b> 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><b><u>Tier 4 Student Visa for Full-Year exchange</u></b></p> <p>For students who need Tier 4 Student Visa, Newcastle’s International Office 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. Further information can be found here: <a href="http://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/visa/">http://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/visa/</a>. The CAS statement will contain a number that allows student to 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.</p> <p><b>Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</b></p>
<p><b>G. Safety, Health &amp; Medical Insurance</b></p>	
<p><b>i) Health/Medical Insurance</b></p>	<p>Short Term Study Visa students are recommended to get travel insurance which includes medical and hospitalisation insurance. Please read up more information found at <a href="http://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/newcastle/support/#insurance&amp;finance">http://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/newcastle/support/#insurance&amp;finance</a>.</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 <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/services/billing-insurance/insurance-matters.html">http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/services/billing-insurance/insurance-matters.html</a>.</p> <p>For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/InsuranceCoverforOfficialNUSTrips.html">http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/InsuranceCoverforOfficialNUSTrips.html</a></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><b>ii) Emergency Numbers</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/about/opening/HelpinaCrisis.htm">http://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/about/opening/HelpinaCrisis.htm</a></p>
<p><b>H. Cost of Living</b></p>	

<b>Estimated Monthly Living Expenses</b>	Detailed breakdown of living costs is available at <a href="http://www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance/money/living/">http://www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance/money/living/</a>
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