

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	University of St Andrews https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/
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: Early September to Mid-December Semester 2: End January to End May</p> <p>https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/semesterdates/2017-2018/</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	Single semester exchange is recommended.
iv) Examination	<p>There is no overlapping of academic term with NUS. Students will not be allowed to leave early due to commitments at home such as work placements, internship, etc. All exchange students are expected to complete the examination / assessment at University of St Andrews before returning to NUS.</p>
v) Curriculum Structure	<p>A full-time course load is 60 credits per semester but students may take slightly fewer (usually 50) or slightly more (usually 70) as most modules come in values of 10, 15, 20 or 30 credits. This means that you might take fewer classes at St Andrews than you would at NUS (e.g. two 30 credit modules), but that each module has a high workload.</p> <p>The contact hours will vary across Faculties, subjects and levels. Students are advised to check the details from the course catalogue and seek their NUS home faculties' advice for modules mapping and credits transfer when preparing their Study Plan as well as after the modules are confirmed at St Andrews.</p> <p>More information is available at here.</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 GPA of 3.2/4.0 and above (equivalent to NUS CAP of 4.0/5.0 and above) in order to be eligible for the exchange at University of St Andrews; or have a minimum 'B' average grade or 65% - 70% average marks or ranking in the top one-third of the class; and no single grade below 'C' in the current/intended discipline/major; iii) not be in the graduating semester when they go for exchange at St Andrews 		
<p>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</p>	<p>All exchange students nominated to study at St Andrews are required to demonstrate that they have an appropriate level of spoken and written English for full academic and social participation.</p> <p>Students have to 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. 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 St Andrews. More information on the English proficiency is found here.</p> <p>St Andrews 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 and Restrictions</p> <p>Students are reminded to review the online course list 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are considering modules at 3000 level or above, you should have significant background knowledge of the subject (usually two years of study at university). • Students who wish to take modules in the School of Physics & Astronomy should consult the School's web information for Exchange and Study Abroad students to ensure they have the appropriate background for Physics modules. • Course catalogue for exchange students: http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/academicinformation/coursecatalogue/ • Postgraduate modules are not open to undergraduate exchange students. <table border="1" data-bbox="475 1854 1457 2054"> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 1854 635 2054"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FASS </td> <td data-bbox="643 1854 1457 2054"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography • Psychology • History • International Relations • Philosophy </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FASS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography • Psychology • History • International Relations • Philosophy
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FoS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemistry Biology Physics Mathematics Statistics
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SoC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Science
<p>D. Application</p>	
<p>i) Procedures</p>	<p>Students should be nominated by NUS to St Andrews before applying via St Andrews' online application platform.</p> <p>The entry requirements, required documents and the application procedure can be found here. Students are advised to follow St Andrews' application instructions and submit all relevant documents punctually in order to avoid delays in receiving their application results.</p> <p>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>Supporting documents can be uploaded in the online application portal.</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 to the host university will result your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p> <p>The application deadline for exchange in semester 1 is 15 April and in semester 2 is 31 October.</p>
<p>E. Accommodations</p>	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>Exchange students who are undergraduates are guaranteed university housing provided you return the housing form by the deadlines. But preference of room is not guaranteed. For more information, please refer to www.st-</p>

	andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/practicalinformation/accommodation/.
<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 (£93). <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 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, St Andrews 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>Information on insurance can be found here: http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/practicalinformation/feesexpensesandinsurance/#insurance</p>
<p>ii) Emergency Number</p>	<p>Tel: 0133 446 2020 (advice and support centre – office hours) 0133 447 6161 (emergency - out of office hours)</p>
<p>H. Cost of Living</p>	
<p>i) Estimated Living Expenses per month</p>	<p>Information on cost of living can be found at https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/money/internationalstudents/ugcoa/</p>

I. Useful Links

Pre-arrival guide

- <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/practicalinformation/travelandorientation/>

International Student Support

- <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/helpandadvice/>

Student life

- www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/why/life/

Policy

- www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/policy-inboundstudents/