

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	University College London http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl
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 (Autumn): Late September to mid-December Semester 2 (Spring & Summer): Early-January to mid-June</p> <p>Students entering in Spring Term must register for 2 terms: Spring & Summer. Please refer to the academic calendar. https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/life</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	<p>Single semester exchange is recommended but some programmes only accept full-year exchange students.</p> <p>Please take note that most of the programmes at UCL are still meant for a year-long curriculum and therefore it is more suitable to go on exchange in semester 2.</p>
iv) Examination	<p>Students have to take the coursework assessment/ department examination at UCL at the end of the semester before returning back to NUS.</p> <p>UCL modules which run for the full year are assessed at the end of the academic year only.</p>
v) Curriculum Structure	<p>The credit system has changed from the 2018/19 academic year onwards. Students must now take courses that total 60 UCL credits per semester or 120 credits for a full academic year. More information can be found at the following webpage under 'Module level and credits' http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/study-options</p>

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	60 UCL credits is equivalent to 16 US credits or 30 ECTS.
vi) Minimum Requirements to Apply	<p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3/4.0 or its equivalent of at least an average “B” grade in the major of studies at NUS. UCL admission is very competitive and some subject areas will only accept students with A grades. • be currently studying in a similar area to the department of admission and UCL Admission Tutors need to be confident that students have sufficient academic background in their subject to enable them to take classes alongside degree-seeking students at UCL. • be competent in the English language and provide evidence of the same on request by the UCL. <p>Any other programme specific entry requirements as notified by UCL to NUS in writing before the nomination deadline in each semester.</p>
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	<p>A good command of English is important.</p> <p>The level of English proficiency that is required varies depending on the department. There is now information on English language requirements by subject area on the UCL Study Abroad Guide - please see: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/subjects.</p> <p>UCL reserves the right, in individual circumstances, to specify an additional language requirement for an applicant if it is felt to be necessary.</p>
viii) Modules Compatibility	<p>Students are requested to take at least 50% of their modules from their main admitting department. The remaining 50% of the modules can be taken from other departments subject to approval of those departments.</p> <p>Students who need to take higher level modules meant for third year of undergraduate studies are expected to provide evidence such as the detailed module descriptions of the courses which they have taken or are still taking at NUS to show that they have met the necessary pre-requisites.</p> <p>Students are reminded to review the list of courses carefully on UCL's website: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/subjects and to read the Study Abroad Guide: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide before applying to NUS for exchange at UCL.</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.

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<p>ix) Module restrictions</p>	<p>Postgraduate modules are not open to undergraduate exchange students.</p> <p>Please note UCL may impose further restrictions.</p> <p>Undergraduate modules with restrictions:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 1077 579 1200">FASS</td> <td data-bbox="587 1077 1436 1200"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics – Level 2 and above modules are only available to Economics major </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 1211 579 1559">FoE</td> <td data-bbox="587 1211 1436 1559"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biochemical Engineering – http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/subjects/biochemical-engineering • Chemical Engineering – Semester 2 or full-year only • Electronics and Electrical Engineering - Semester 2 or full-year only • Management Science and Innovation - Semester 2 or full-year only </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 1570 579 1715">FoS</td> <td data-bbox="587 1570 1436 1715"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistical Science - Semester 2 or full-year only • Mathematics - Semester 2 or full-year only • Physics and Astronomy – Semester 2 or full-year only </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 1727 579 1805">SoC</td> <td data-bbox="587 1727 1436 1805"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science – not accepting students for AY19_20 </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="475 1816 579 1917">Law</td> <td data-bbox="587 1816 1436 1917"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law – Full-year ONLY. Only students majoring in law may take law modules in UCL Faculty of Law </td> </tr> </table>	FASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics – Level 2 and above modules are only available to Economics major 	FoE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biochemical Engineering – http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/subjects/biochemical-engineering • Chemical Engineering – Semester 2 or full-year only • Electronics and Electrical Engineering - Semester 2 or full-year only • Management Science and Innovation - Semester 2 or full-year only 	FoS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistical Science - Semester 2 or full-year only • Mathematics - Semester 2 or full-year only • Physics and Astronomy – Semester 2 or full-year only 	SoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science – not accepting students for AY19_20 	Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law – Full-year ONLY. Only students majoring in law may take law modules in UCL Faculty of Law
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<p>D. Application</p>											

<p>i) Procedures</p>	<p>Applicants should ensure that they upload proof of nomination, signed by NUS, along with their supporting documents onto UCL’s online application portal. The nomination letter will be provided by NUS Registrar’s Office.</p> <p>For full details on application procedures, please refer to http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/how-to-apply</p> <p>All application enquiries should be directed to UCL’s Admissions Office via affiliatestudents@ucl.ac.uk email.</p> <p>Students should wait for communication from the UCL Admissions Office, who will liaise with the relevant academic department regarding a student’s application and will then communicate the outcome to the student. If students need to discuss particular module requirements, they can contact the listed affiliate contact on the Study Abroad Guide: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/subjects</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>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 in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p> <p>Application deadline for exchange in semester 1 is 31 March and for semester 2 is 30 September.</p>
<p>E. Accommodations</p>	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>Once you’ve accepted your offer to study at UCL, UCL will send you more information about accommodation. The deadline to apply for accommodation if you are arriving in September for the full year or Autumn Term is 31 May.</p> <p>UCL guarantees accommodation to only exchange students who have been accepted to study at UCL for a full academic year, provided that they submit their housing application form by the deadline set by the Student Residences Office.</p>

	<p>Students who study at UCL for <u>less than a full academic year</u> are not guaranteed university accommodation. We recommend that you apply for accommodation as soon as possible after you have received your offer.</p> <p>On-Campus Accommodation:</p> <p>Please note that all inquiries about housing at UCL should be directed to the Student Residences Office. The information on accommodation and its FAQ can be found at: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/accommodation and http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/accommodation/faqs</p>
<p>ii) Private Accommodation</p>	<p>Independent organisations offering accommodation to students in London can be found at http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/accommodation/residences/private-providers</p> <p>https://housing.london.ac.uk/</p> <p>Alternatively, students can arrive 2-3 weeks before term begins in order to search for suitable accommodation. There is enormous demand for accommodation in London. The search starts in August and increases throughout September/October.</p> <p>Students should note that it is always advisable to view private accommodation in advance and read the fine print in order to ascertain that it suits your requirements.</p>
<p>F. Visa</p>	
<p>Consular/Visa Regulation</p>	<p>UK Visa and Immigration update their immigration policy regularly. It is the student's responsibility to check on the requirements via their website before they leave for the exchange.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration</p> <p>https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/immigration-and-visas</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> <p>(1) single-entry Short Term Study Visa to the UK at the port of entry (free) or;</p> <p>(2) multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa prior to leaving your home country (there is a charge).</p>

	<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 a Tier 4 Student Visa, UCL will issue the necessary CAS statement for the 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 CAS statement will contain a number that allows a student to apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa. Students are advised to apply for the visa in advance of their intended date of travel to the UK.</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</p>

	<p>university health insurance coverage, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.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>Please read https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/international-students/pre-arrival-information/health-advice for more information on the requirements on health before arrival at UK. Health support at UCL: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/life-at-ucl.</p>
<p>ii) Emergency Number</p>	<p>UCL Security Services Tel: +44 20 7679 2222</p>
<p>H. Cost of Living</p>	
<p>i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses</p>	<p>Information on cost of living can be found at https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/funding/manage-your-money and http://international.studentcalculator.org/</p> <p>As the tuition fee for your exchange at UCL is waived (though you will still pay NUS tuition fees), your main costs as a student will be living expenses including accommodation, food, travel, entertainment, books, clothes, etc. Estimates for this will obviously vary, as everyone will have different personal tastes and circumstances, but a total of GB£400 per week is considered to be a reasonable average.</p> <p>It is recommended that you have a minimum of GB£1,600 for your monthly expenses and sufficient money in your bank account to last you for the entire duration of exchange at UCL.</p>
<p>I. Useful Links</p>	
	<p>Pre-arrival guide & Orientation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/international-students/pre-arrival-information • https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/international-students/isop <p>Student Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Centre services: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/status • https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/student-support-and-wellbeing

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