

### **Information for Students**

| A.           | University                                    | Carnegie Mellon University   |
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|              |   | http://www.cmu.edu/  |
| В.           | Location                                      | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA  |
| C. Academics |   |  |
|              | i) Module<br>Mapping &<br>Credits<br>Transfer | Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange.  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. |
|              | ii) Academic<br>Calendar                      | Semester 1 (Fall): August to December Semester 2 (Spring): January to May  http://www.cmu.edu/hub/calendar.html  |
|              | iii) Exchange<br>Duration                     | One semester   |
|              | iv) Examinatio                                | Students should check the exam timetable at their host university, and ensure they can stay at their host university until after the end of the official exam period.  |
|              | v) Curriculum<br>Structure                    | Undergraduates who are registered as full-time students as of the 10th day of classes are expected to remain full-time for the duration of the semester. Full-time is defined as registered for a minimum of 36 units.   |
|              | vi) Entry<br>Requireme                        | CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C  |
|              | vii) Language<br>Proficiency<br>Requiremei    | o that the term of the term of the term  |





a. TOEFL

b. IELTS,

c. For native English speakers, Carnegie Mellon University's Office of International Education will be having a conversation with these students via Skype, FaceTime, or phone, in order to document proficiency.

Though Carnegie Mellon University understand this interview is an added requirement, the reason behind this requirement is to allow students the greatest success while in the U.S.

Here is some information to assist in overall English measurements:

- a) For native English speakers: an interview with Carnegie Mellon's Office of International Education
- b) For non-native English speakers: TOEFL requirement 84 iBT (with no one subscore less than Reading 22, Listening 22, Speaking 18, Writing 22); IELTS score 6.5. If students do not have a recent TOEFL, Carnegie Mellon will accept an unofficial copy of the scores from Bocconi, if that test, or IELTS, was used for acceptance into the relevant student's current program.

(Non-native English speakers are students whose native language [first language / mother tongue] is not English. Any student who is a non-native English speaker should be tested regardless of citizenship).

### viii) Modules Compatibility

CMU is a comprehensive university and suitable for **FASS**, **FoS**, **FoE** and **SoC** students. For more information on CMU academic units, please refer to the following links:

- http://www.cmu.edu/academics/index.html
- http://coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu/

# ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites

Enrollment can be undertaken in CMU's undergraduate programs in six colleges:

- Mellon College of Science
- College of Fine Arts
- Carnegie Institute of Technology
- Tepper School of Business
- School of Computer Science
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Course restrictions may be limited as pre-requisites may be required. Maximum of two Business courses may be taken per semester. CMU's School of Design, within their College of Fine Arts, is unable to welcome students at this time due to special constraints. This may be possible in the future.





### D. Application

### i) Procedures

All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university.

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.

<u>University Exchange</u> students send their application materials to CMU Office of International Education (OIE). Upon determining that the University Exchange student meets basic criteria, OIE forwards the materials to the department that best matches the student's academic goals and ambitions. The host department will assign an advisor to guide the student through registration and other key academic processes.

### ii) Deadlines

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.

Failure to submit a formal application to the host university by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.

### E. Accommodation

### i) University Accommodation

The Housing and Dining Services offers traditional single-gender residence halls, coeducational residence halls, suites, apartments, houses, fraternity and sorority houses and special interest housing. Please note that room rates differ for each of these categories.

University housing is available both on and off campus to all first-year students 17 years of age or older. First-year students under the age of 17 are asked to contact the Office of Housing Services. Transfer student housing is subject to availability and transfer students should contact the Office of Housing Services for more information. Housing facilities, located on the campus proper, are conveniently close to the academic buildings. The Oakland Community Apartments are located within a 5-10 minute walking distance to campus. The Oakland Community Apartments are serviced by the University's shuttle service on a regular basis.

https://www.cmu.edu/housing/





### F. Visa

# Consular/Visa Regulation

All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they receive the official offer letter/email from their host university.

Some visa application processes 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.

Critical immigration procedures are discussed in the cover letter which accompanied your Certificate of Eligibility. Read this information very carefully to know the correct procedures for your particular situation. For a list of US Embassies, Consulates and web sites, <u>click here</u>. For more information, check the <u>OIE web site</u>.

When you are traveling to the US, make sure you carry your original documents (passport, DS-2019, evidence of admission and financial resources) with you in your carry-on luggage.

### G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

# i) Health/Medical Insurance

All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to the following link: <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html">http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html</a>

For more information on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/docs/FAQs.pdf">http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/docs/FAQs.pdf</a>

If the insurance coverage is not enough, students are advised to purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.

Health insurance is required for all enrolled students by the University and is a necessity for everyone living in the US because the cost of routine and emergency health care as well as prescription medicine is extremely expensive.

Note: international students and scholars are not eligible for public benefits available to many US citizens with low incomes. Accepting any such public benefits can cause you to lose your legal status in the US and create a bar to your re-entry to this country. J visa holders (J-1 students, scholars and their dependents) are required by US federal law to have health insurance which meets minimum standards set by the government.

http://www.cmu.edu/health-services/student-insurance/



### **Global Relations Office**

| ii) Emergency                              | https://www.cmu.edu/police/  |  |
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| Number at host university                  |  |  |
| H. Cost of Living                          |  |  |
| i) Estimated<br>Monthly Living<br>Expenses | Please refer to the following link to see the estimated cost of living at CMU. Do note that NUS students going to CMU on SEP will not pay tuition fees to CMU: <a href="https://www.cmu.edu/sfs/tuition/undergraduate/index.html">https://www.cmu.edu/sfs/tuition/undergraduate/index.html</a> |  |