

Information for Students

<p><b>A. University</b></p>	<p><b>Texas A&amp;M University</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.tamu.edu/">http://www.tamu.edu/</a>   <a href="#">Webpage for Incoming Exchange Students</a></p> <p><a href="#">Texas A&amp;M Exchange Student Handbook</a></p>
<p><b>B. Location</b></p>	<p>College Station, Texas, USA</p>
<p><b>C. Academics</b></p>	
<p><b>i) Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</b></p>	<p>Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or 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>
<p><b>ii) Academic Calendar</b></p>	<p><b>Semester 1 (Fall):</b> August to December  <b>Semester 2 (Spring):</b> January to May</p> <p><a href="http://registrar.tamu.edu/Catalogs,-Policies-Procedures/Academic-Calendar">http://registrar.tamu.edu/Catalogs,-Policies-Procedures/Academic-Calendar</a></p>
<p><b>iii) Exchange Duration</b></p>	<p>One semester</p>
<p><b>iv) Examination</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>v) Curriculum Structure</b></p>	<p>ALL reciprocal exchange students are enrolled as “non-degree seeking” students. Because you will receive your degree from your home institution, at Texas A&amp;M you are classified as non-degree seeking. Additionally, all exchange students must be enrolled as full-time students, defined below for undergraduate and graduate students. Whether you are classified as undergraduate or graduate student often depends on the actual terms of the exchange agreement, not always your actual academic level. If you are classified as an undergraduate, you may not take graduate level courses.</p> <p>Full-time requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergraduate: minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. Undergraduate courses are all numbered 499 and below.</li> <li>• Graduate: minimum of 9 credit hours per semester. Graduate courses are numbered 600 and above.</li> </ul>
<p><b>vi) Entry Requirements</b></p>	<p>CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C</p>

<b>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</b>	English
<b>viii) Modules Compatibility</b>	Texas A&M is a comprehensive university and is suitable for <b>FASS, FoS, FoE</b> and <b>SoC</b> students. For more information the academic units at Texas A&M, please refer to the following link:  <a href="https://www.tamu.edu/about/departments.html">https://www.tamu.edu/about/departments.html</a>
<b>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</b>	All academic colleges are open to exchange students except for Biomedical Sciences; Mays School of Business courses (limited); Industrial and Systems Engineering.
<b>D. Application</b>	
<b>i) Procedures</b>	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.
<b>ii) Deadlines</b>	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.
<b>E. Accommodation</b>	
<b>i) University Accommodation</b>	Exchange students are encouraged to live on campus in university housing during their exchange. Housing is arranged in the residence halls (also called dormitories or “dorms”) for these students unless the student chooses to live off campus. Once you sign the contract, you are committed for the full length of your exchange.  Furthermore, we strongly advise living on campus with U.S. students to facilitate cultural immersion, language enhancement, and involvement in campus life. One way to achieve this is through our Global Living Learning Community (LLC). Opening in fall 2018, incoming exchange students will be paired in a dormitory with domestic A&M students and participate in cultural events and activities as well as intercultural dialogue each month. Learn more at <a href="http://reslife.tamu.edu/living/llps/available/global">http://reslife.tamu.edu/living/llps/available/global</a> .  Exchange students can choose, however, to live off campus. Students who live off-campus must arrange their own housing. The off-campus housing

	<p>website for Texas A&amp;M can be accessed at <a href="http://studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss">http://studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss</a> or at <a href="http://aggierearch.tamu.edu">http://aggierearch.tamu.edu</a> if you are seeking a roommate. Visit these websites to help locate an affordable place to live in the College Station area. Note that many apartment complexes are located on Texas A&amp;M bus routes.</p>
<p><b>F. Visa</b></p>	
<p><b>Consular/Visa Regulation</b></p>	<p>When entering the United States, exchange students MUST have the following documentation with them and easily accessible while traveling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valid passport</li> <li>• J-1 or F-1 visa for the U.S.</li> <li>• DS-2019 or I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility which should be stamped upon your entry into the U.S.)</li> </ul> <p>Once you receive the DS-2019 or I-20 Certificate of Eligibility from Texas A&amp;M, you will need to make an appointment with the U.S. Embassy/Consulate in your country to get your student visa for the U.S. Students who participate on reciprocal exchanges are issued J-1 or F-1 visas for exchange visitors. Check with the U.S. Consulate or Embassy responsible for issuing your visa to find out the details about what you need to do and how. Currently all persons seeking student visas for the United States are required to have a personal interview with a U.S. consular agent. Advance planning can save you much time, travel, and money. If you experience problems with the visa issuance process (before you leave home), please e-mail both the Study Abroad Programs Office (SAPO) <a href="mailto:studyabroad@tamu.edu">studyabroad@tamu.edu</a> and International Student Services (ISS) <a href="mailto:iss@tamu.edu">iss@tamu.edu</a>.</p>
<p><b>G. Safety, Health &amp; Medical Insurance</b></p>	
<p><b>i) Health/Medical Insurance</b></p>	<p>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></p> <p>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></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><i>All exchange students must be covered by health insurance which meets both the requirements of the J-1 (or F-1) visa program as well as university requirements for the duration of the student's stay in the United States. Exchange students are required to purchase the approved Texas A&amp;M health insurance for international students (see page 16 of <a href="#">Handbook</a>).</i></b></p>

<b>ii) Emergency Number at host university</b>	<a href="https://safety.tamu.edu/">https://safety.tamu.edu/</a>
<b>H. Cost of Living</b>	
<b>i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses</b>	(Tuition is waived for exchange students): <a href="http://admissions.tamu.edu/freshman/cost">http://admissions.tamu.edu/freshman/cost</a>