

## Information for Students

<b>A. University</b>	<b>University of Illinois Urbana Champaign</b>  <a href="http://illinois.edu/">http://illinois.edu/</a>   <a href="#">Webpage for Incoming Exchange Students</a>
<b>B. Location</b>	Champaign, Illinois, USA
<b>C. Academics</b>	
<b>i) Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</b>	<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>
<b>ii) Academic Calendar</b>	<p><b>Semester 1 (Fall):</b> August to December  <b>Semester 2 (Spring):</b> January to May</p> <p><a href="http://illinois.edu/calendar/list/557">http://illinois.edu/calendar/list/557</a></p>
<b>iii) Exchange Duration</b>	<i>One semester</i>
<b>iv) Examination</b>	<i>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.</i>
<b>v) Curriculum Structure</b>	You must enrol in at least 12-18 credit hours per semester to maintain full-time student status.
<b>vi) Entry Requirements</b>	CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C
<b>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</b>	<p><b>English</b></p> <p>Due to some changes in the federal requirements for J-1 Exchange Visitors that went into effect on January 5, 2015, UIUC's process for verifying exchange student's English language proficiency has changed. UIUC have updated their online exchange application to reflect these changes. Students will now see several questions relating to the English language proficiency.</p> <p>There are several ways that a student's English language proficiency may be verified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Satisfactory TOEFL or IELTS score</li> <li>· Documentation from an academic institution</li> <li>· Student is a native English speaker or their first language is English</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Student received a degree from or is currently enrolled in an institution where English is the medium of instruction</li> <li>· Student has been a J program participant at UIUC previously</li> <li>· Personal interview (conducted by someone at their home university)</li> <li>· Other type of verification not listed</li> </ul> <p>Students will answer a number of English Verification questionnaires to indicate which one of the above assessments they are using to prove their English language proficiency. Students <b>MUST</b> answer <u>all</u> of the questionnaires, but they only have to choose one type of assessment as their proof of English language proficiency.</p> <p>Once the questions have been completed, students will respond to a question requiring them to print out a form which must be completed by an NUS official (Registrar's Office) verifying the information the students have provided in their application. The completed form is then uploaded back into the student's application.</p> <p>There are instructions for the students in the UIUC application.</p>
<b>viii) Modules Compatibility</b>	<p>UIUC is comprehensive university making it suitable for <b>FASS, FoE, FoS, SoC</b> and <b>Law</b> students. Review the <a href="#">undergraduate course offerings</a> during the term you plan to attend UIUC and <a href="#">complete a tentative course form</a> to share with your academic advisor at your home school or faculty Dean's Office. Ensure that you have maximum flexibility as the availability of courses may change and some course offerings may be restricted to only degree-seeking students. Please be advised that UIUC cannot guarantee enrolment in classes, even if the home university requires that course.</p>
<b>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</b>	<p>As you identify courses of interest and as you work with your home university on your study plan, please consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You should enrol in courses at a variety of levels. You are strongly discouraged from taking more than three courses at the 300-level or higher.</li> <li>• We do not recommend taking more than three courses in your major, especially in engineering and the sciences.</li> <li>• You must enrol in at least 12-18 credit hours per semester to maintain full-time student status.</li> <li>• Undergraduate students are limited to courses at the 100- to 400-levels; enrolment in courses at the 500-level or higher are by permission only, and permission may not be granted.</li> <li>• To facilitate academic advising, you should limit your course choices to 2-3 academic departments.</li> </ul> <p>Important note: The Tentative Course Form is not a registration form and will not be used to reserve a seat for you in a class. Please be advised that UIUC</p>

cannot guarantee enrolment in any class, even if your home institution requires it.

Courses within the following programs/departments/schools/colleges are **not** open to incoming exchange students admitted to Illinois through our office.

- Department of Advertising
- Department of Journalism
- College of Business (ACCY, BADM, and FIN courses)
- Department of Bioengineering
- Department of Computer Sciences
- Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering
- Division of General Studies
- Graduate College
- School of Labor and Employment Relations
- Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences
- College of Medicine
- Department of Recreation, Sport, and Tourism (online graduate courses only)
- Technology and Information Management Program
- College of Veterinary Medicine
- Any internships, co-op programs, or teaching practicums in local schools.

Courses within the following departments/colleges experience high demand. Consequently, you will need to be flexible when choosing courses from these departments.

- Architecture (College of Fine & Applied Arts)—limited access to studio classes
- Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (College of Liberal Arts & Sciences)
- Chemistry (College of Liberal Arts & Sciences)
- Economics (College of Liberal Arts & Sciences)—VERY limited enrollment
- College of Education
- Electrical and Computer Engineering (College of Engineering)
- Kinesiology (College of Applied Health Sciences)—VERY limited enrollment
- Landscape Architecture (College of Fine & Applied Arts)—enrollment in studio classes must be pre-arranged
- Sociology (College of Liberal Arts & Sciences)

<b>D. Application</b>	
<b>i) Procedures</b>	<p>All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university.</p> <p>The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint.</p> <p>Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p>
<b>ii) Deadlines</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>E. Accommodation</b>	
<b>i) University Accommodation</b>	<p>UIUC does not reserve housing for students. <b>You are responsible for arranging your own housing.</b> There are many <a href="#">housing options available to exchange students</a>. You may also find listings for subleases on the <a href="#">Study Abroad Housing Board</a> (you will need your UIUC NetID / password to login).</p>
<b>F. Visa</b>	
<b>Consular/Visa Regulation</b>	<p>Once you are accepted to the exchange programme at UIUC, your admission packet will be shipped to NUS Registrar’s Office. The admission packet includes your University of Illinois welcome letter and Notice of Acceptance, and your DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If you hold a J-1 visa status, please pay your SEVIS fee once you receive your DS-2019 from the University of Illinois. The SEVIS fee can be paid on the <a href="#">Department of Homeland Security website</a> (I-901 fee). Remember to print the receipt to present at your visa interview.</li> <li>2. Schedule an appointment <b>as early as possible</b> for your non-immigrant entry visa with a <a href="#">U.S. Embassy</a>. Please bring the required documents to your visa interview as listed on the embassy website.</li> <li>3. What you will need to show at the United States Port of Entry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport</li> <li>• Entry visa</li> <li>• Original DS-2019 (no copies)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

<b>G. Safety, Health &amp; Medical Insurance</b>	
<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>You must complete the Immunization History Form and TB Screening Form prior to your arrival on campus. You will need to submit the completed <a href="#">TB Screening Form</a> to the McKinley Health Center when you arrive on campus.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>For more information on UIUC Student Health Insurance, please refer to the following two links:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Student Health Insurance</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Frequently Asked Questions</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>ii) Emergency Number at host university</b></p>	<p><a href="http://police.illinois.edu/about/contact-us/">http://police.illinois.edu/about/contact-us/</a></p>
<b>H. Cost of Living</b>	
<p><b>i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.studyabroad.illinois.edu/incoming-students/incoming-student-finances/">http://www.studyabroad.illinois.edu/incoming-students/incoming-student-finances/</a></p>