

Information for Students

A. University	University of Pittsburgh http://www.pitt.edu/ http://internationalexchanges.pitt.edu/
B. Location	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits 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 Calendar	Semester 1 (Fall): August to December Semester 2 (Spring): January to May http://www.provost.pitt.edu/information-on/calendar.html
iii) Exchange Duration	One semester
iv) Examination	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 Structure	The average course load at U Pitt is 12 credits per term. Full-time classification requires between 9 and 15 credits in the fall or spring term. Students who register for fewer than 9 credits per term are considered part-time and ineligible for a visa.
vi) Entry Requirements	CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	English Non-native English speakers must meet one of the following requirements: IELTS Band Score 6.5 TOELF iBT 80 TOELF pBT 550 TOEFL computer-based 213 According to University of Pittsburgh policy, students who score less than 100 on the TOEFL iBT, 600 on the PBT, or Band 7.0 on the IELTS must take

	<p>an additional test of English language proficiency administered by the English Language Institute (ELI) on campus upon arrival.</p> <p>All exchange applicants who are non-native English speakers should submit either the TOEFL/IELTS scores as a part of their admissions application.</p> <p>If the students do not have these credentials, then a signed verification letter by NUS, on a case-by-case basis will be pursued. It is at University of Pittsburgh's discretion as to whether or not they will accept this letter. It is recommended that students applying to the University of Pittsburgh who are from a non-English speaking background, should submit TOEFL/IELTS scores as part of their application.</p>
viii) Modules Compatibility	<p>U Pitt Faculties and Schools accepting undergraduate exchange students can be found here. U Pitt is a good fit for FASS, FoS, FoE and SoC students.</p> <p>For more information, please refer to the following School-specific links:</p> <p>Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences: http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/ College of Business Administration: http://www.cba.pitt.edu/ Swanson School of Engineering: http://www.engineering.pitt.edu/</p>
ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites	<p>Exchange students may select any of the courses offered within the college that they are admitted into, granted there is availability and that they meet the prerequisites.</p>
D. Application	
i) Procedures	<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>
ii) Deadlines	<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>

E. Accommodation	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>Due to high demand for housing, on-campus housing is <i>not</i> guaranteed for exchange or guest students. Therefore, it is highly recommended that incoming students should also look into making off-campus housing arrangements.</p> <p>Incoming exchange students who are interested in on-campus housing indicate such interest on the online application. After admitted students commit to the studying at Pitt, students who have indicated their interest will receive instructions from Panther Central on how to begin the on-campus housing application.</p> <p>As the on-campus hub for variety of services, Panther Central may aid incoming students on locating on-campus housing. Pitt's Pittsburgh campus has over 21 housing options, which are mostly residence halls and a small number of apartment-style accommodations. If available, housing may be reserved with a USD\$325 deposit paid in advance.</p> <p>Depending upon the option selection, the average rent per semester is may range from USD\$3100 to USD\$4200, which equals approximately USD\$775 to USD\$1050 a month. Pricing for the various options may be found on Panther Central's website. Click on "Room Information" on each hall's page for details. The least expensive option is Tower A, and the most expensive is Bouquet Gardens. Students planning to live on-campus should budget and prepare to purchase bed linens as well as a few dormitory furnishes, such as a microwave or a small refrigerator. Depending on the residence hall, these are not provided.</p> <p>For specific questions contact Panther Central, by clicking on "Contact Us Here!" or emailing pc@pc.pitt.edu.</p>
F. Visa	
<p>Consular/Visa Regulation</p>	<p>After admitted students commit to studying at Pitt as either an international exchange or guest student from the Study Abroad Office, students will receive information from the Office of International Services (OIS) regarding the overall visa application process. As non-degree-seeking, international students, exchange or guest, will typically receive a J-1 visa status for the duration of study. OIS will then direct you to initiate the overall visa process through their online portal myOIS.pitt.edu. Visit the J-1 Visa Exchange Visitor Program website for general information as well as a list of required documents for the application.</p>
G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance	
<p>i) Health/Medical Insurance</p>	<p>All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the</p>

blanket travel insurance, please refer to the following link:

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html>

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

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

All international students are required to have health insurance coverage during the time of their exchange terms or visiting terms. According to U.S. federal government standards, J1 visa applicants and their dependents are required to have medical insurance coverage with the following minimum benefits [22 CFR 62.14].

- ***Medical benefits of at least \$100,000 per accident or illness***
- ***Repatriation of remains in the amount of \$25,000***
- ***Expenses associated with the medical evacuation of the exchange visitor to his or her home country in the amount of \$50,000***
- ***A deductible not to exceed \$500 per accident or illness.***

Students have the option of purchasing coverage through the [official UPMC Student plans](#) or through a private provider. ***According to Pitt policy, all plans, however, must be a U.S.-based plan that meets the minimums required for J-1 visa holders. International insurance plans will not be accepted. Therefore, plans must be purchased through a U.S. company.***

It is highly recommended that international students studying at Pitt for only one semester purchase their coverage through a private U.S. company, as it affords flexibility that is not available through the UPMC Student plan. The private plans often do not require the students to list a domestic U.S. address and coverage begins at a date designated (date of U.S. arrival) by the policyholder. The UPMC Student plan's coverage does not begin until September and will last for a full 12 months. For UPMC student plan holders, they will be charged a monthly premium for the full 12 months.

Since understanding health insurance requirements in the U.S. can be very challenging due to many unfamiliar terms, Pitt has put together a [glossory of commonly used terms](#). When choosing between health insurance policies to purchase, please consult the list of terms to understand the various components of the policies. The following [video](#) is also a great resource to understanding the complexities of U.S. Health Insurance.

Consult the [OIS's website](#) for private U.S.-based insurance options.

ii) Emergency Number at host university	For emergency contact information, please refer to the following link: https://www.police.pitt.edu/
H. Cost of Living	
i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses	For more information, please refer to the following link: http://internationalexchanges.pitt.edu/costs