

SEP Report

1. Student Information

Faculty/Major	Science, Life Science
Host University	University of Western Australia
NUS Semester and Year of Exchange (eg. AY14/15 Semester 1)	AY14/15 Semester 1

2. Study at Host University

Please provide information on the academics at your host university:

- Studying or learning culture at your host university. How were classes conducted?
- What did you like most or dislike most about the academics at your host University?
- Advice on module registration and module mapping

Lectures conducted were similar to those conducted in NUS except for a few modules which were entirely online, including practical lessons. On the topic of practical classes, UWA had more computer-stimulated learning rather than performing experiment on live cells or tissues. This might have been the result of tighter animal rights regulations in Australia.

Module mapping was not particularly tough but one thing to take note of is the timing of lessons which may not necessarily be reflected. Hence it is better to go with a few “extra” modules that you have gotten approval from the Dean’s office as some issues might surface while registering for modules.

Please list the courses that you took during SEP. (Please take note that the list of modules available to exchange students at the host university are subject to change. This table merely serves as reference.)

Host University			NUS Equivalent		
Module code	Course title	ECTS Credit	Module code	Course title	Modular credit
ANHB2214	Human Organs & Systems	6	LSM2212	Human Anatomy	4
ENVT2221	Global Climate Change and Biodiversity	6	LSM3272	Global Change Biology	4
PHAR2220	Human Pharmacology	6	LSM3221	Human Pharmacology	4
PUBH2208	Food & Nutrition in Public Health	6	FST2201	Introduction to Human Nutrition	4

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2. Accommodation

What kind of accommodation did you stay in during your exchange (eg. on campus / off campus)?
Would you recommend this accommodation to future outgoing students?
Do you have any other suggestions?

I lived off campus in a suburb called Stirling because accomdations in the colleges of UWA are very costly. It was a different experience staying off campus and I would recommend it to students if they are intending to save money. However for convenience it would be better to look for accomodations beside UWA as there are a few apartments near school that are owned by UWA.

3. Activities during SEP

Were there any activities organized by school/student group/external organizations at your host university which you would like to recommend to other students?

There are various activities organised by the school such as canoeing, the trip to the zoo and many more. There are different clubs in UWA too, one of them which organises activities for international students is called Perth International. Other than that, the university also hold various events throughout the year, thus it is good to keep checking your emails as they would keep you updated about the events.

4. Cost of Living

Please provide an estimation of how much money you spent during your SEP?
Please list travel expenses separately.

For the entire semester living in Perth, my estimated cost of living is around 8K, excluding travel expenses.
Cost of living is very high in Australia. Thus the average food price is around \$15 for a meal. I mostly cooked and was able to save due to this.

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5. Challenges

Did you face any challenging issues during your SEP stint? How did you overcome it/them?

Nothing major occurred and I had a rather pleasant stay in Perth.

6. Overall SEP Experience

Please write one paragraph about your exchange experience and attach some photos that represent your exchange experience.

The exchange experience that I had can only be described by one word, extraordinary. From the initial fears of not being able to settle down easily to having a great deal of fun while experiencing a different culture. Perth might be known as a sleepy town by locals as their night life isn't as exciting as Singapore, but their endless food fairs makes it all worthwhile; you can easily gain a few pounds. Their scenery is also captivating and be prepared to be awed by the types of wildlife you'll encounter. Nature lovers should not give Perth a miss.

7. Suggestions for future outgoing students

Please share any other suggestions for future outgoing students.

Racism was not a big issue in Perth but be prepared that you may encounter some experiences in the suburbs. Always check for your belongings and watch your surroundings while withdrawing cash. In Perth, many supermarkets offer the option of "cash out", which means you could withdraw cash while paying for your items. I have not experienced any issues thus these are merely precautions and not to be mistaken as risks.