

SEP Report

1. Student Information

Faculty/Major	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences/Political Science
Host University	Fudan University
NUS Semester and Year of Exchange (eg. AY14/15 Semester 1)	AY15/16 Semester 2 Year 3

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

As Fudan University is located in Shanghai (China), most of the classes are conducted in Chinese. However, there is still a wide range of English-taught classes for students to choose from. Concurrently, I was under the faculty-exchange programme (between FASS and SSDPP) and therefore, all the classes that were offered to me by the faculty (SSDPP) that I was attached to were taught in English.

Depending on the number of credits awarded for the class, lesson time can vary with a 2 credit class having 1 hour 30 minutes of lesson time per week and a 3 credit class having 2 hours 15 minutes of lesson time per week. At the same time, classes are normally conducted as lectures and there are no tutorials for the classes over in Fudan.

There are a lot of interesting classes over in Fudan that are not offered by NUS so students who are on exchange can try very different classes from that taught in NUS. However, as there are no tutorials over in Fudan, there is very little interaction between students and professors. Hence, if you want to learn more about the professor's views towards an issue, you will need to find the professor during his/her consultation hours.

As I was under the faculty-exchange programme, I had to do my module registration using two different systems. One was for modules offered by the partner faculty (SSDPP) and the other was the general system used by all Fudan students. While module registration can be quite competitive with a lot of people trying to get the same module at the same time and with the fastest finger getting the module, I did not face the above problem with the modules I took. Hence, the above problem may vary with the kind of modules students are planning to take over in Fudan.

With regards to module mapping, one should map as many modules as possible as there may be instances where Fudan University is not offering the modules you want in the semester you are on exchange or the module intake may already be full. Concurrently, for some modules, information necessary for module mapping such as the summary of the module can be found on the website for incoming exchange students and hence, students can start doing their module mapping while still in Singapore. However, for modules where information are unavailable on the website, it is very likely that the professors will provide a module outline in the first class. If not, you will need to ask for a module outline from the professor.

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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
POLI13 0120.0 1	A Research on the Communist Party of China (中国共产党研究)	2	PS22CP	Dummy Code	3
POLI13 0033.0 1	Japanese Politics and International Relations (日本政治与对外关系)	2	PS22IR	Dummy Code	3
POLI13 0154.0 1	Western Political Thought: State Theory (西方政治思想概论)	2	PS2204	Modern Western Political Thought	3
SOCI13 0039.0 1	Political Economy of China	3	PS3238	International Political Economy	4
HIST13 0047.0 1	中国古代城市史	2	CH3000	Dummy Code	3
HIST13 0050.0 1	中国古代礼制研究	2	CH3243	Chinese Cultural History	3
HIST13 0127.0 1	中国古代社会生活史	2	CH3882	Topics in Chinese History I	3

2. Accommodation

What kind of accommodation did you stay in during your exchange (eg. on campus / off campus)?

International Relations Office (IRO)

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Would you recommend this accommodation to future outgoing students?

Do you have any other suggestions?

For exchange students, there are two types of accommodations that are recommended. One is the Foreign Student Dormitory of Fudan University that is on campus and the other is the Tohee (Tonghe) International Student Village that is just across the streets.

I stayed in the main building of the Foreign Student Dormitory and I would recommend this accommodation to future exchange students as there is a 24 hours information counter where you can report any problems in your room and they will try and solve it for you. Moreover, there are also a lot of foreign students from many different countries staying in this dormitory so students will be able to make friends with people from all over the world.

For students who want to stay in the Foreign Student Dormitory, it is very important to take note of the dates to book a room in the dormitory online as rooms in the dormitory run out very fast.

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?

As I was under the faculty-exchange programme, the partner faculty (SSDPP) that I was attached to organized many different events for us such as trips out of Shanghai to places like Wuzhen and Suzhou. Hence, for exchange students who are on faculty-exchange programme and are attached to the above faculty, I highly recommend that they joined the different events organized by the partner faculty.

In terms of school-wide events, there is a CCA fair organized during the first few weeks of school where all the CCAs will set up booths to promote their CCA and students can join the different CCAs on the spot. Hence, exchange students can learn more about the different CCAs in Fudan University from this fair and they can also decide to join a CCA that interest them.

Concurrently, there is also a Fudan University Singapore Students Association (FUSSA) in the university. Therefore, exchange students can join the association during their makan session at the start of the semester as well as their outdoor trips to meet more Singaporeans who are full-time students of Fudan

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4. Cost of Living

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

Around \$6000
(Air tickets: around \$1600)

5. Challenges

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

To obtain 20 credits for a full load in NUS, I had to take about 7 modules over at Fudan and most of them were taught in Chinese. Therefore, the workload was quite heavy as for the Chinese-taught modules, I had to produce essays that were at least 4000-5000 words in length. Hence, while I still find time to explore China, I also make sure that I start my work early so that I do not have to rush when the datelines were approaching.

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6. Overall SEP Experience

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

Overall, I believe that my exchange experience has been a very enriching one and I am very glad that I have chosen to come to Fudan University for my exchange as I have learnt a lot from the best professors and the brightest students over in China. Exchange does teaches one many life lessons as you now have to live in a foreign country for at least one semester. Concurrently, even though I experienced some culture shock when I first arrived in China, the students and teachers from the partner faculty (SSDPP) over at Fudan University as well as the other Singaporeans who are here on exchange or studying full-time made me got over the above very quickly. While China may not be the top destination for many students who are planning to go on exchange, I believe that it is a country that is worth going on exchange to as it is a country with a lot of potential. Furthermore, Shanghai is also one of the best places to go on exchange to in China as Shanghai is the financial center of China and therefore an exchange there will allow one to better understand the economic miracle that China has experienced and is continuing to experience albeit at a slower rate.

7. Suggestions for future outgoing students

Please share any other suggestions for future outgoing students.

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