

SEP Report

1. Student Information

Faculty/Major	Business / Finance
Host University	Warsaw School of Economics
NUS Semester and Year of Exchange (e.g. AY14/15 Semester 1)	AY15/16 Semester 2

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

Classes were conducted similar to that of National University of Singapore. Class participating is necessary for certain modules and the professor will be upfront with you on your participation grades. I like that the education system is liberal and the grades were fairly given. Furthermore, experience is prioritised over academic grades.

Module mapping stages :

- 1st stage – preliminary course choice is based on the course list provided in the SGH course guidebook (You can choose as many courses as you want but take note that not all courses will be available. Courses will be deleted at the 2nd stage if there are insufficient students taking up the course.)
 - o May – June – for Fall semester
 - o November – for Spring semester
- 2nd stage – modification of initial course list on pursuant to unopened courses and timetable clashes (During this stage, you'll need to remove courses with timetable clashes. My course selection for the first stage consisted of 10 NUS mods but only 7 was available to map after the 2nd stage)
 - o August – September – for Fall semester
 - o January – February – for Spring semester
- 3rd stage – final modification in course enrollment (Confirmation of courses! Do take note that it is still possible for courses to be deleted during this stage)

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- during the first week of the semester

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
139991	Fundamentals Of Management Accounting (Cima)	5.00	ACC2002	Managerial Accounting	4.00
132 211	It In Business Strategy	1.50	BSP3001	Strategic Management	4.00
120 861	International Competitiveness	3.00	BSP3001	Strategic Management	4.00
120201	Corporate Finance	4.50	FIN3101	Corporate Finance	4.00
120 181	International Finance	3.00	FIN3103	Financial Markets	4.00
222 341	International Financial Markets	3.00	FIN3103	Financial Markets	4.00
121031	Banking	4.50	FIN3117	Bank Management	4.00
137291	Financial Engineering In Project Management	3.00	FIN3120Z	Topics in Finance	4.00
136171	E-Banking	3.00	FIN3120Z	Topics in Finance	4.00

2. Accommodation

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

Would you recommend this accommodation to future outgoing students?

Do you have any other suggestions?

I stayed in the school dormitory during my exchange and I would highly recommend future outgoing students to stay in it too! I opted for the dorm as its much cheaper than renting an apartment and it gives us more opportunities to know more students from other parts of the world.

Accommodation wise, you can either stay in the school dormitory ([Sabinki](#)) or rent an apartment. The dorm is a shared room and exchange students have a higher chance to secure a place in the dorm. If you're intending to rent an apartment, I would recommend staying 1 or 2 metro stops away from SGH. Politechnika Metro Station and Centrum are good places to rent as they are near the city central and convenient to travel to school.

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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?

1. Orientation Week (A must!)
2. Sailing camp
3. 28km Kayaking

4. Cost of Living

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

SGD \$4000-\$5000 excluding traveling expenses.

5. Challenges

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

1. One of the main challenges would be the language barrier. However, the new generation of Polish do understand English so there is not a need to worry too much about it.
2. Insufficient cash
 - a. Plan well in advance. Have a way to withdraw cash from Singapore. For me I had a Citibank debit card and there are Citibank's ATM in Warsaw.

6. Overall SEP Experience

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

My exchange is not entirely smooth sailing. There are good and bad times but I could not ask for anything more. It has exposed me to lots of opportunities that I would never have had if I have not embarked on this program. Furthermore, the friends whom I have met through this exchange made the experience even better. I got to meet people from Europe, South America, America, Australia, and Southeast Asia.

Exchange have also taught me to be more independent and many important survival skills. On top of these, it allowed me to do things that I never thought I would do – skydiving and a solo backpacking journey. I decided to take a leap of faith and go backpacking around Europe for a month with 700 Euro and this experience have taught me a lot about the priorities in life as well as gratitude. With all of these

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memories, exchange is definitely a program that every student should strive for because it can provide a holistic experience – except for real job experience.

7. Suggestions for future outgoing students

Please share any other suggestions for future outgoing students.

Exchange is not all smooth sailing. There will be good and bad times, but embrace every moment of it because you will not have the chance to experience this journey with the people who you are going to be with. Also, future outgoing students should take a look at www.exchangebuddy.com where there are tons of exchange tips and experience being shared on the website.

Upon your arrival at SGH

- Participate in the activities during the Orientation Week
- Visit International Office at SGH
 - Hand in all the required documents
 - Original of approved Learning Agreement with all necessary signatures and seals
 - Copy of you ID or passport
 - Copy of your EHIC or any other document proof of your entitlement to health insurance cover during the study period at SGH
- Have the Certification of Arrival completed by Incoming Students Officer and send it back to your home International Office if you are an Erasmus student
- Pick up your SGH student ID card after paying the obligatory fee
 - The payment of the obligatory fee is not as straightforward. If you do not have a Polish bank account, which I highly recommend you to create once you reach Warsaw, you would have to go to Pekao bank located within SGH to queue for your turn to pay. The fee was 27 zł for the card and 7 zł for bank payment processing fee.
- Make sure you know your personal class schedule and that you are aware of any possible changes to it
- Buy yourself a 3-month travel card for Warsaw transportation (Get it! It's worth it and you wouldn't want to get fined for not having a transport ticket)