

SEP Report

1. Student Information

Faculty/Major	Arts and Social Sciences (Global Studies)
Host University	College of William and Mary
NUS Semester and Year of Exchange (eg. AY14/15 Semester 1)	AY 15/16 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

The classes at William and Mary are conducted in a seminar style i.e. not more than 20-25 people in a class, or at least that was so in the departments that I took classes in (Government, Sociology, Art History and Chinese). The students are expected to have a lot of independent learning and professors expect that students have done all the readings beforehand.

What I liked most about the academics at William and Mary was the collaborative learning spirit. Instead of a lecture style class, there was a lot more conversation not only between the professor and the student but also among students as professors encouraged discussion and debate.

In terms of module mapping, it was not so difficult as a lot of the classes at William and Mary map on quite well with FASS modules in terms of content. However, do remember to register for classes in the very first e-mail that the university sends you as they specially request overrides on prerequisites as well as extra seats for exchange students. If you decide to change your modules later on, they may not be able to guarantee a seat and then you will have to email the professor yourself asking to be added to the class.

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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
GOVT325	International Organizations		PS3251	International And Regional Organisations	
GOVT312	Politics of Developing Countries		PS3263	Comparative Study of Development	
SOCL340	Cultural Construction of Violence		SC3000 Dummy Code	Dummy Code	
CHIN201	Intermediate Chinese		LAC320 1	Chinese 3	
ARTH393	Arts of China		CH2000 Dummy Code	Dummy Code	

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 stayed in an on-campus hall called Barrett Hall, where the rooms are double, triple or quadruple however I was in a double room. I would recommend Barrett Hall as it is one of the newly renovated halls so it was cleaner and there no mould unlike in some other halls. The location is good as it is close to two dining halls as well as many of the academic departments. However, the only downside is that it is very far from the gym and sports facilities.

3. Activities during SEP

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

The international student's office organized a few trips to near by cities and towns at very affordable (sometimes free) rates and these were really good! I got to go to Virginia Beach for the whole day with many other exchange students and it was good mingling. Another good activity was organized by the Recreational Center at William and Mary where every semester they organize trekking, hiking and rafting trips to near by national parks. They are a good way to spend Fall Break or Thanksgiving Break.

4. Cost of Living

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

Accommodation and dining: USD 5000
Textbooks and supplies: USD 500
Travel: USD 3000

5. Challenges

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

I felt like my workload was a little heavy so towards the end I struggled in finishing a paper on time. However, I went to meet the professor of the class and explained my situation and she gave me an extension of one week, which is really great.

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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.

I would do it all over again in the blink of an eye. I distinctly remember emailing IRO and asking them if I could extend my exchange by a semester, just because William and Mary was amazing! The students, professors and the campus just make you fall in love. Williamsburg is a great city as it is a good mix of town and urban. As the oldest college in America, you will take your time absorbing the large amount of history attached to the William and Mary experience and it is unforgettable.

7. Suggestions for future outgoing students

Please share any other suggestions for future outgoing students.

Definitely go for orientation! It is the best experience.

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8. Report Submission

Please submit your report (including photos*) at <https://share.nus.edu.sg/goabroad/Lists/SEPReport/AllItems.aspx>. Please note that you can only upload one document. As such, please **zip your report and photos into one file** and name the file in this format 'Host University_Full Name ' (eg. Waseda University_Tan Mei Ling).

*Photo submission:

- 1 image of you with host university landmarks in the background
- 2 images of you with your exchange friends or local students
- Submit the photos in JPEG format. Good quality photos between 2MB and 5MB are preferred.
- Please name all photos in this format '**Host University_Full Name_Caption**' (eg. Waseda University_Tan Mei Ling_Visit to Mt Fuji with exchange friends).

Kindly note that we may share your report on the NUS/IRO website and relevant information at SEP information sessions and/or in publicity collaterals.