

EXCHANGE @ NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE (NUS)

Undergraduate coursework-based exchange AY2018/19

VISION

A leading global university centred in Asia,
influencing the future

MISSION

To transform the way people think and do things
through education, research



QS UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

1

Asia
University
Rankings
2016

15

World
University
Rankings
2018

TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION

1

Asia
University
Rankings
2017

27

World
Reputation
Rankings
2017

22

World
University
Rankings
2018

4

Most
International
Universities
Rankings
2017

A Leader in Global Education

WE TAKE STUDENTS TO THE WORLD

&

WE BRING THE WORLD TO NUS

Inbound exchange students
Approx. **2,000** per year

Student exchange programmes with **> 300** top universities in **> 40** countries

80% undergraduates go overseas; **30%** for **> 6** months

Students & faculty from **>100** countries
18% undergraduates & **60%** graduate students from abroad





Student Exchange Programme (SEP)

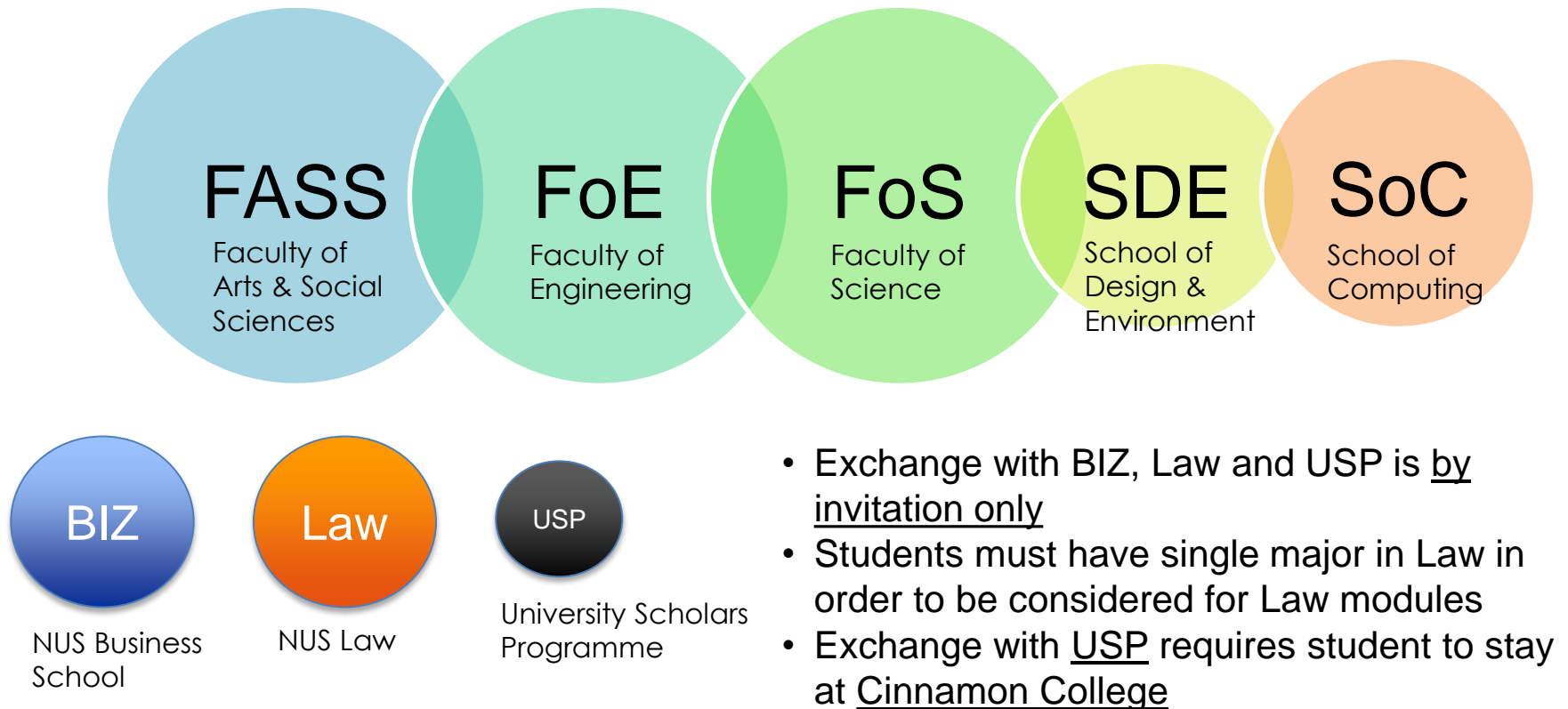
Student Exchange Programme



- English is the medium of instruction except in foreign language classes
- Undergraduate, coursework-based exchange
- Tuition fee waiver. Pay for your living and travel expenses
- A semester to a maximum of a full academic year
- Transfer of modular credits to fulfill graduation requirements back at home university
- Grading of modules taken during exchange is based on NUS' assessment mode

Participating Faculties & Schools

8 participating faculties and schools in NUS which offer undergraduate modules to exchange students



Modules for Exchange Students

Check

- Check [list of undergraduate modules](#) available
- Check [module restrictions](#)

Select

- Do your Study Plan
- Select up to 10 relevant modules during the online application

Secure

- Approval for modules is based on pre-requisites, availability and time-table
- 12 modular credits per semester is needed for Student's Pass application

Change

- Changes to the pre-registered modules should be made during "Add/Drop" period at the start of each semester

- Business, Law and USP exchanges are by invitation only.
- Economics, Psychology and Political Science modules are usually oversubscribed.
- Level 4000 and above modules are restricted.

Supporting Offices for SEP

- Identify partner universities and evaluate exchange agreements
- Negotiate for exchange places annually
- Involve in the overall operation and the administration of the exchange programme
- Oversee the GRO Peer Advising Programme
- **We can be your first stop** for enquiries on student exchange matters

GRO

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- Process [incoming SEP](#) applications
- Manage module registration
- Apply Student's Pass and NUS Student Card
- Keep students' academic records and print transcript
- Conduct examination

- Conduct student orientation
- Plan cross-cultural events and festival celebrations
- Offer Host Family Programme student Buddy Programme
- Manage accommodation matters
- Oversee [Disability Support Office](#)

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Faculties

- Decide on modules and quotas
- Approve of modules
- Provide module descriptions
- Set examination and class schedules

Incoming Student Satisfaction Survey AY2016/17

82%

selected NUS as their first choice for exchange

93%

were either satisfied or extremely satisfied
with their exchange at NUS

90%

would recommend NUS as an exchange
destination to their peers

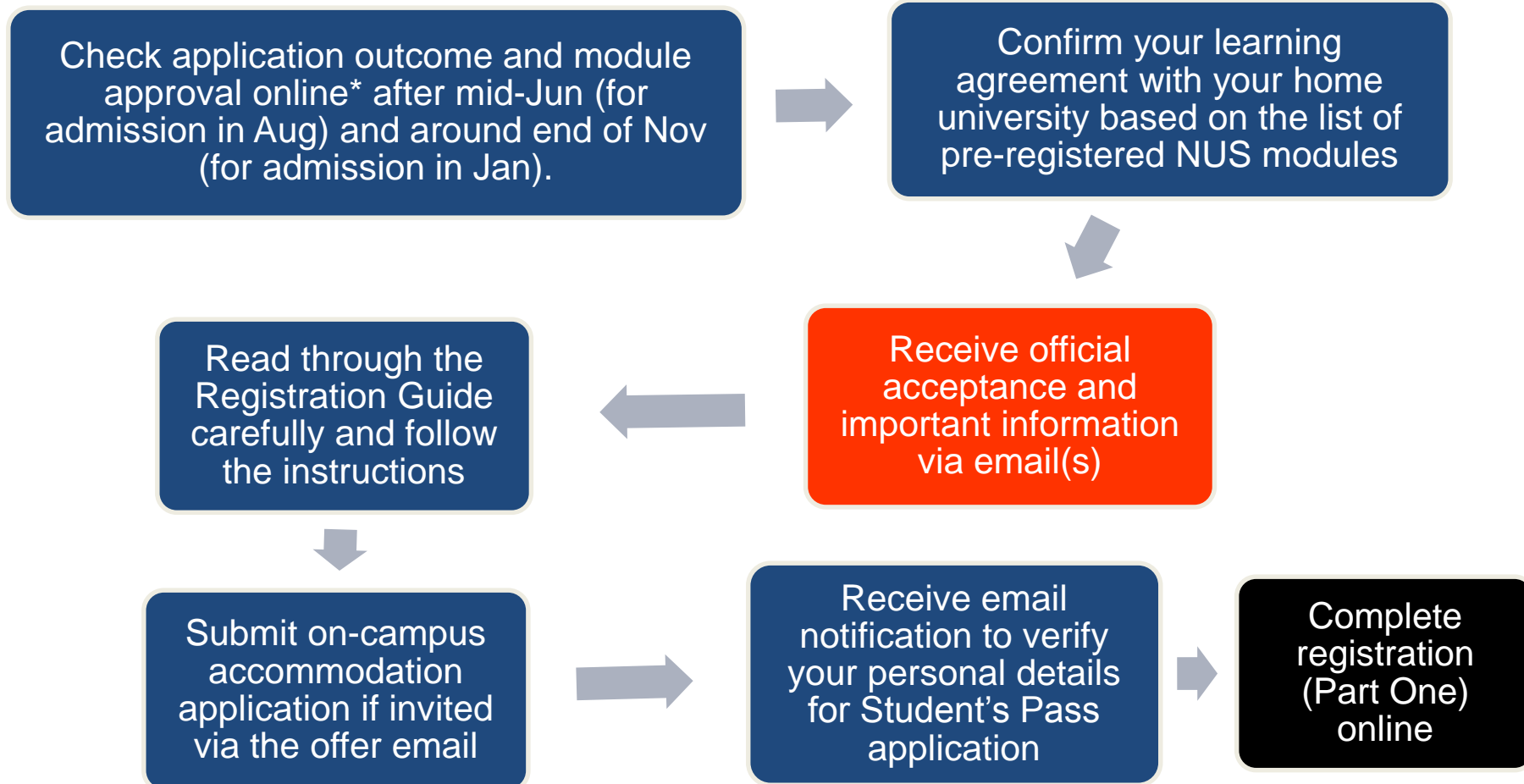
Important Dates & Deadlines

ACTIVITY	WHEN	HOW
Online application	Sem 1: 21 Mar to 15 Apr Sem 2: 1 Sep to 1 Oct	Students should apply online after their nomination is accepted. All supporting documents have to be uploaded online, otherwise stated on the checklist .
Acceptance outcome	Sem 1: mid-Jun Sem 2: end of Nov	Students can login to the online portal with the application ID and password to view their application status closer to the release of application results.
On-campus accommodation application	Upon acceptance of exchange	Successful students may apply for on-campus accommodation if they receive the invitation. More details on accommodation application can be found in the offer email.

AFTER YOU HAVE APPLIED...

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After application...



*The approved modules have been pre-registered for you. If you are taking Law modules, you will be informed to go through a separate module registration with the Faculty of Law. You will see that you have been pre-registered for 3-4 modules. Additional modules can be added during the module add/drop period at the start of each semester.

Before Accepting NUS Offer



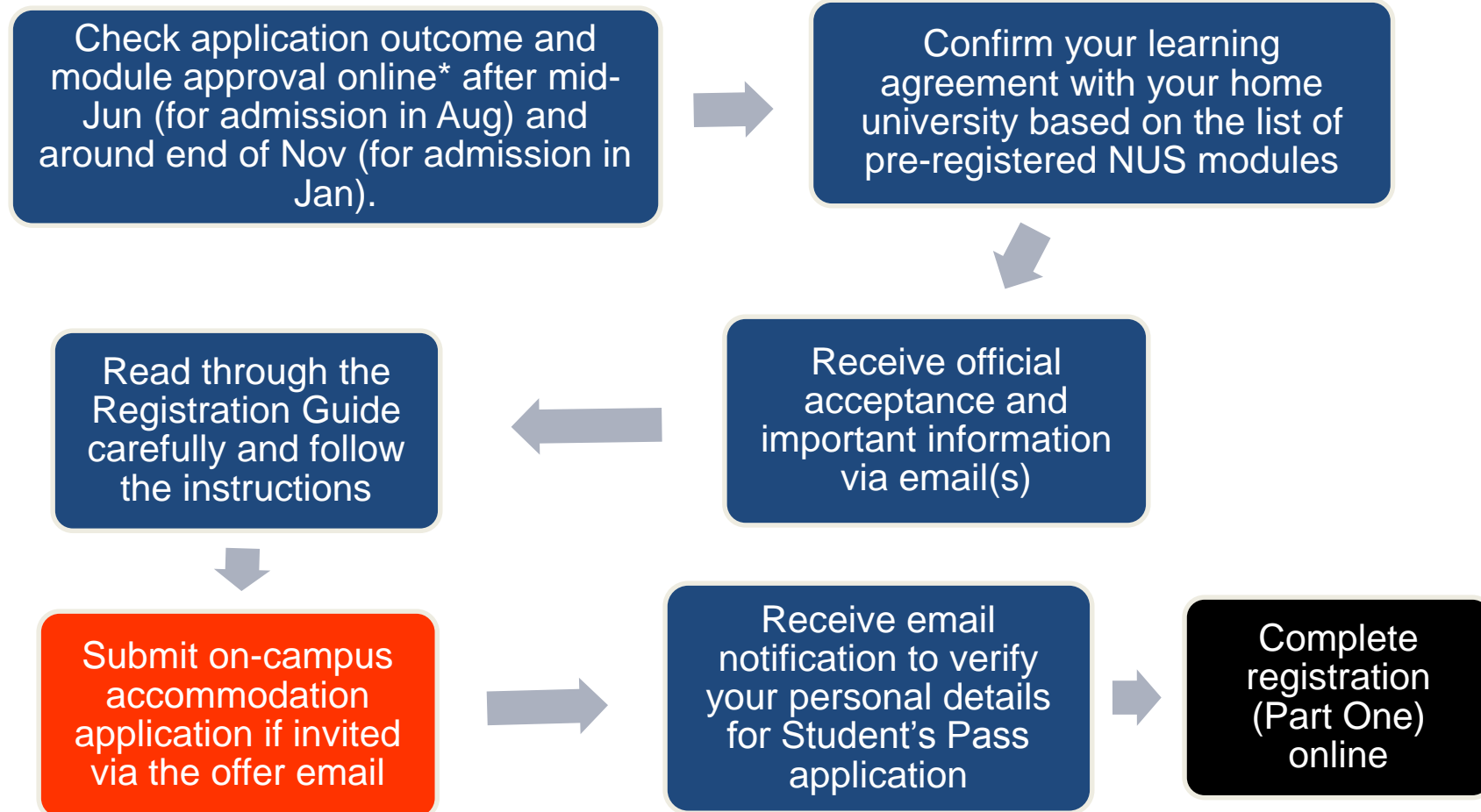
Students will be contacted for the following reasons during the application evaluation period:

1. Reselection of modules to meet the minimum 12 modular credits per semester
2. Request for missing or additional supporting documents

Upon offer,

1. Read the [NUS Registration Guide](#)
2. If necessary, change your pre-registered modules only during the “Add/Drop exercise” which happens in the first two weeks of the school term

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University's On-campus Accommodation



Halls of Residences

- Eusoff Hall
- Kent Ridge Hall
- King Edward VII Hall
- Raffles Hall
- Sheares Hall
- Temasek Hall



Student Residences

- Prince George's Park Residences
- UTown Residence



Residential Colleges (RCs)

- Cinnamon (USP) College
- Tembusu College
- College of Alice & Peter Tan
- Residential College 4
- Ridge View Residential College

- Unique culture in each residence or hall
- Compulsory meal plans for Halls of Residences and RCs
- Check the [rental costs](#) for each type of on-campus accommodation

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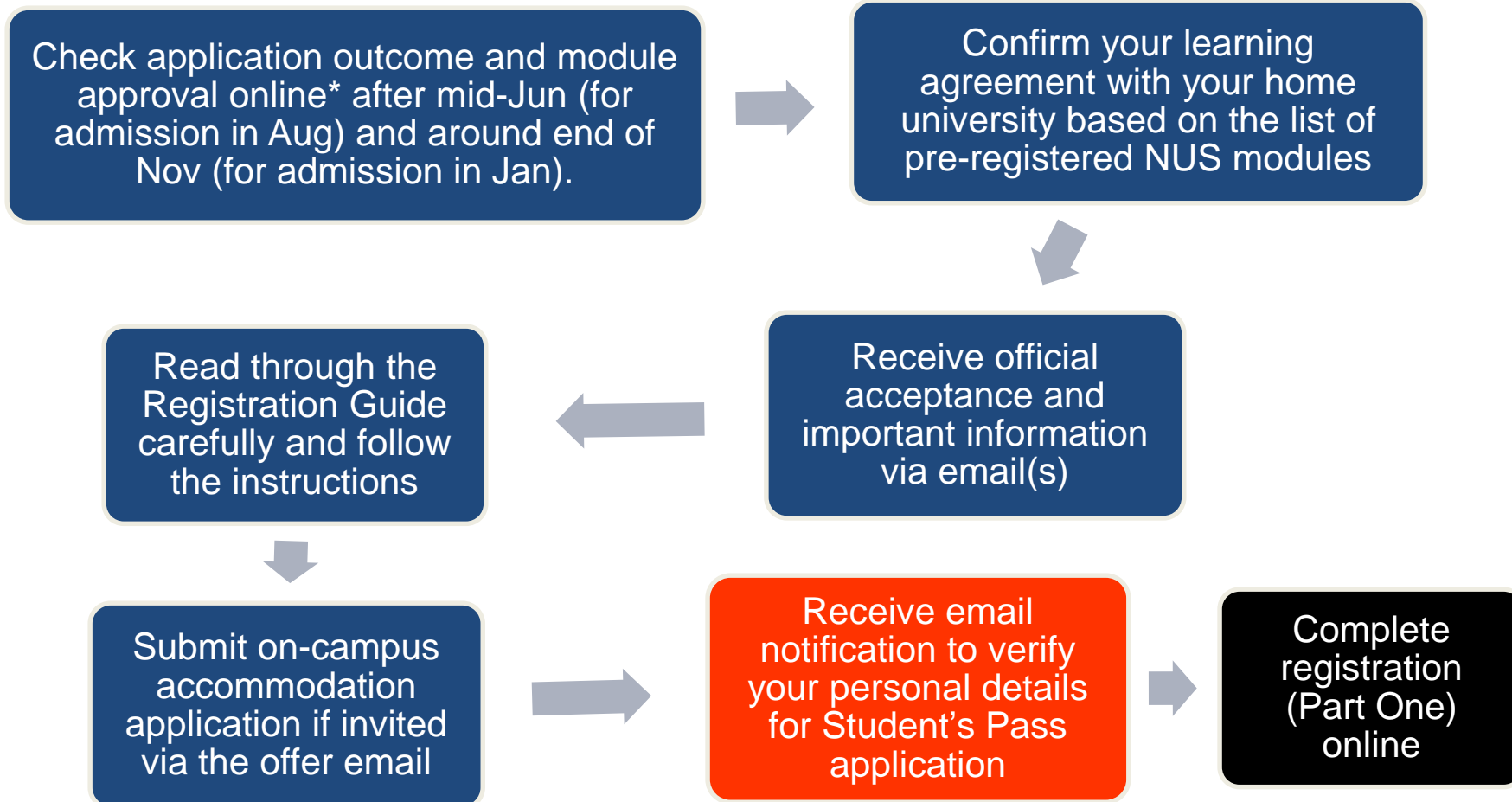
- On-campus accommodation is **NOT** guaranteed at NUS
- Majority of exchange students will stay in **Halls** or **Residences**
- Students can use UTown facilities (i.e. infinity pool and gym) even if they stay in another Residency or are staying off campus
- Check-in is available on weekday during office hour from 9am to 5pm



Accommodation while on exchange

University's on-campus accommodation	Private off-campus accommodation
Not guaranteed	Source for your own accommodation
Students can choose among the various on-campus accommodation options available to them	Office of Student Affairs can recommend some private vendors for your consideration
Majority of the on-campus accommodation include compulsory meal plans	No meal plans
Utilities and internet costs are included in the rental	Verify the utilities and internet costs with the vendor
Abide to NUS' accommodation rules and regulations	Abide to the legal terms of the rental agreement which you signed with the vendor
Closer to students' events and support services at NUS	Travel to attend students' events. NUS' student support services are only available on campus
Generally more affordable	Could be affordable depends on location, type of rooms, etc.
Mostly single-rooms with no air-conditioning	You can decide your preferred room type with air-conditioning
Available at Kent Ridge Campus only	Choose your accommodation location
Do housekeeping of your room. Common toilets will be cleaned by janitors	Do housekeeping or you could pay to engage private cleaning services

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Student's Pass Application

Check with your embassy or high commission on whether you need an entry visa to Singapore

Entry visa is required

(1). NUS Registrar's Office will liaise with the Singapore Immigration and Checkpoint Authority (ICA) to obtain the In-Principle Approval (IPA) letter which acts as an entry visa to Singapore

(2). On your assigned date of registration in NUS, the ICA officers will be on-campus to stamp the IPA letter for you to support your Student's Pass application

Entry visa is not required

You are required to report on your assigned date of registration in NUS to get the stamped IPA letter to support your Student's Pass application

- [NUS Registration Guide](#) shows the official registration date(s) at NUS
- Full-year exchange students are required to submit medical report
- Admission is only confirm once the application of Student's Pass is successful

Have Sufficient Insurance Coverage



- All incoming exchange students need to purchase the medical and hospitalisation insurance at NUS. The payment for the insurance is included in the [mandatory Miscellaneous Student Fees \(MSFs\)](#)
- Once matriculated, exchange student will be covered under the scheme
- Check the insurance [coverage](#) NUS purchase for you
- Purchase your own health insurance as well as travel insurance if necessary

Estimated Cost of Living

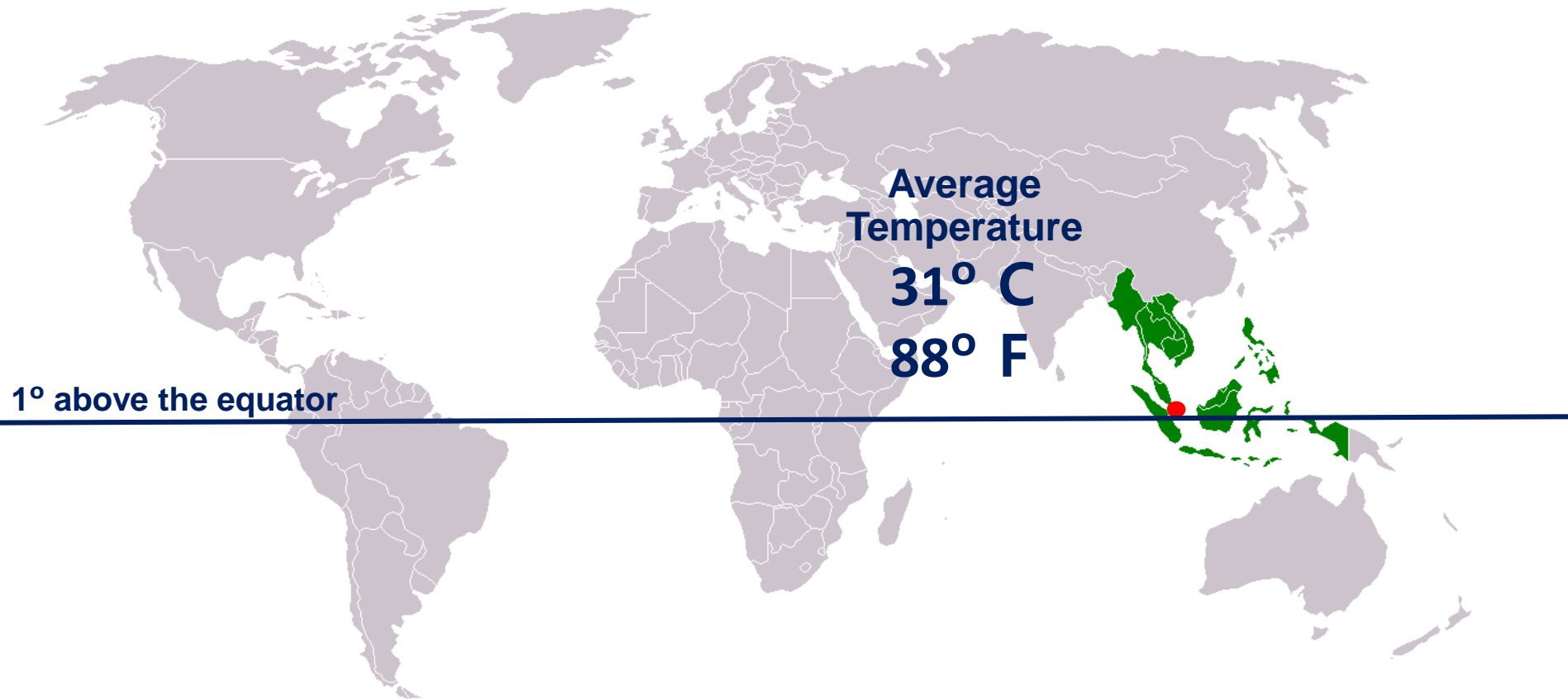
Item	On-campus	Off-campus
Accommodation	S\$300 - S\$800	S\$500 - S\$1,200
Food (3 meals a day)	S\$250 - S\$400	S\$400 - S\$800
Public Transport	S\$100 - S\$150	S\$200 - S\$300
Books & Stationery (depends on course of study)	S\$200 – S\$350	S\$200 – S\$350
Personal expenses (Telecommunication, toiletries, clothing etc. excluding overseas travel)	S\$250 - S\$350	S\$250 - S\$350
Total	S\$1,100 – S\$2,500	S\$1,550 – S\$3,000

Note: This is an estimated expenditure a student may likely incur during his or her stay in Singapore. The costs vary accordingly to student's personal needs and lifestyle.

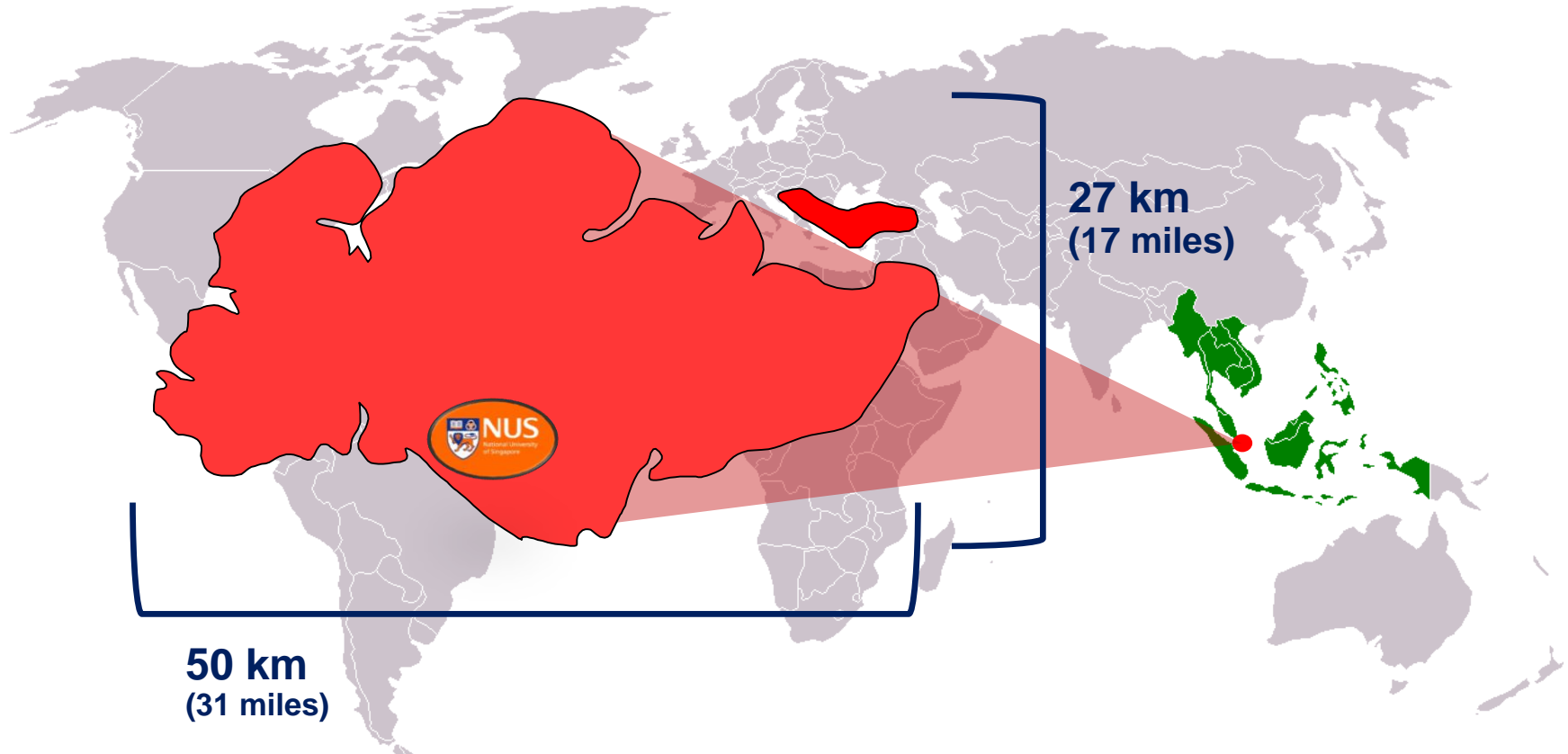
HOW TO GET TO NUS...

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Where is Singapore?



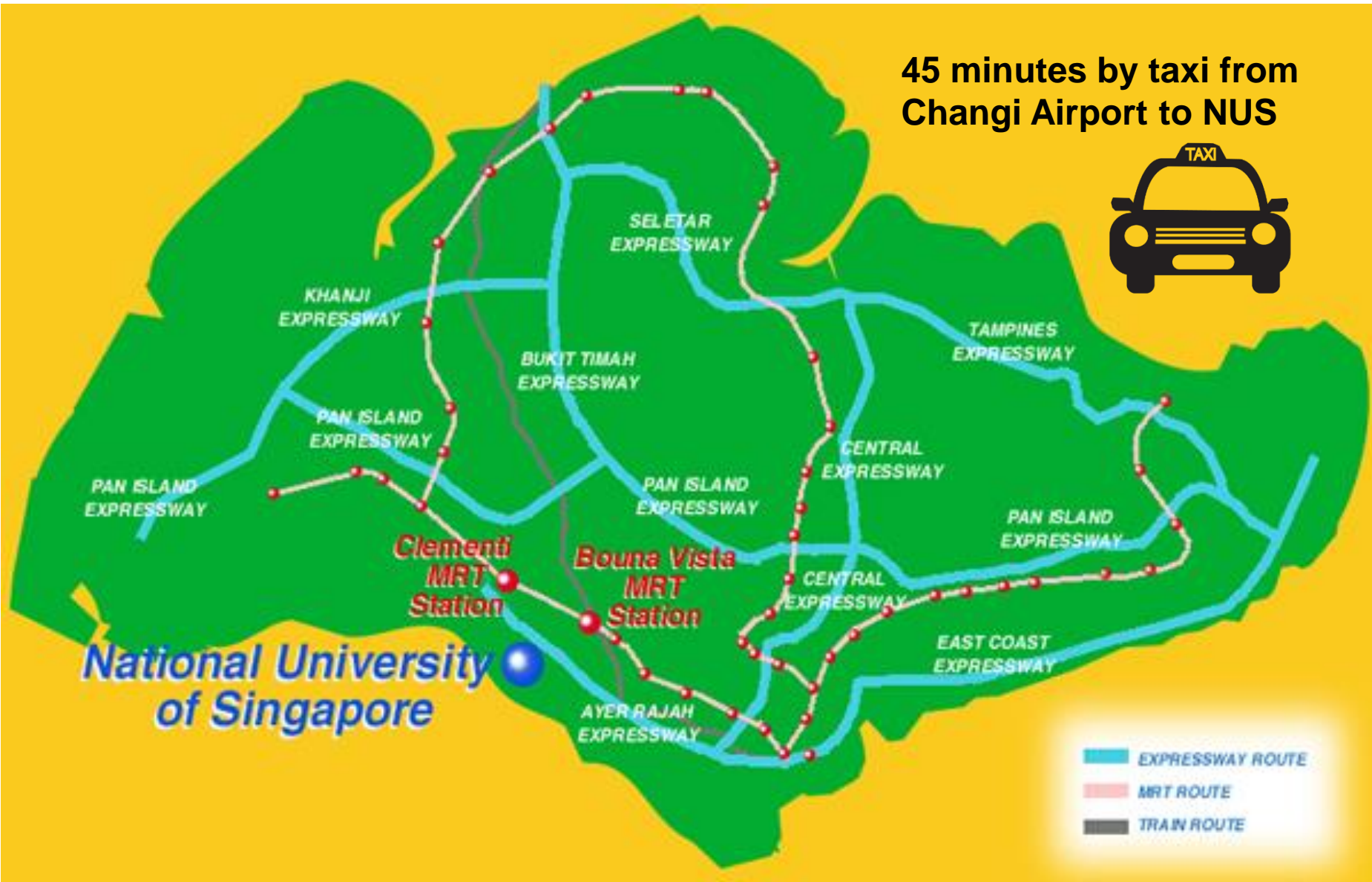
Where is NUS?



London is more than 2 times the size of Singapore

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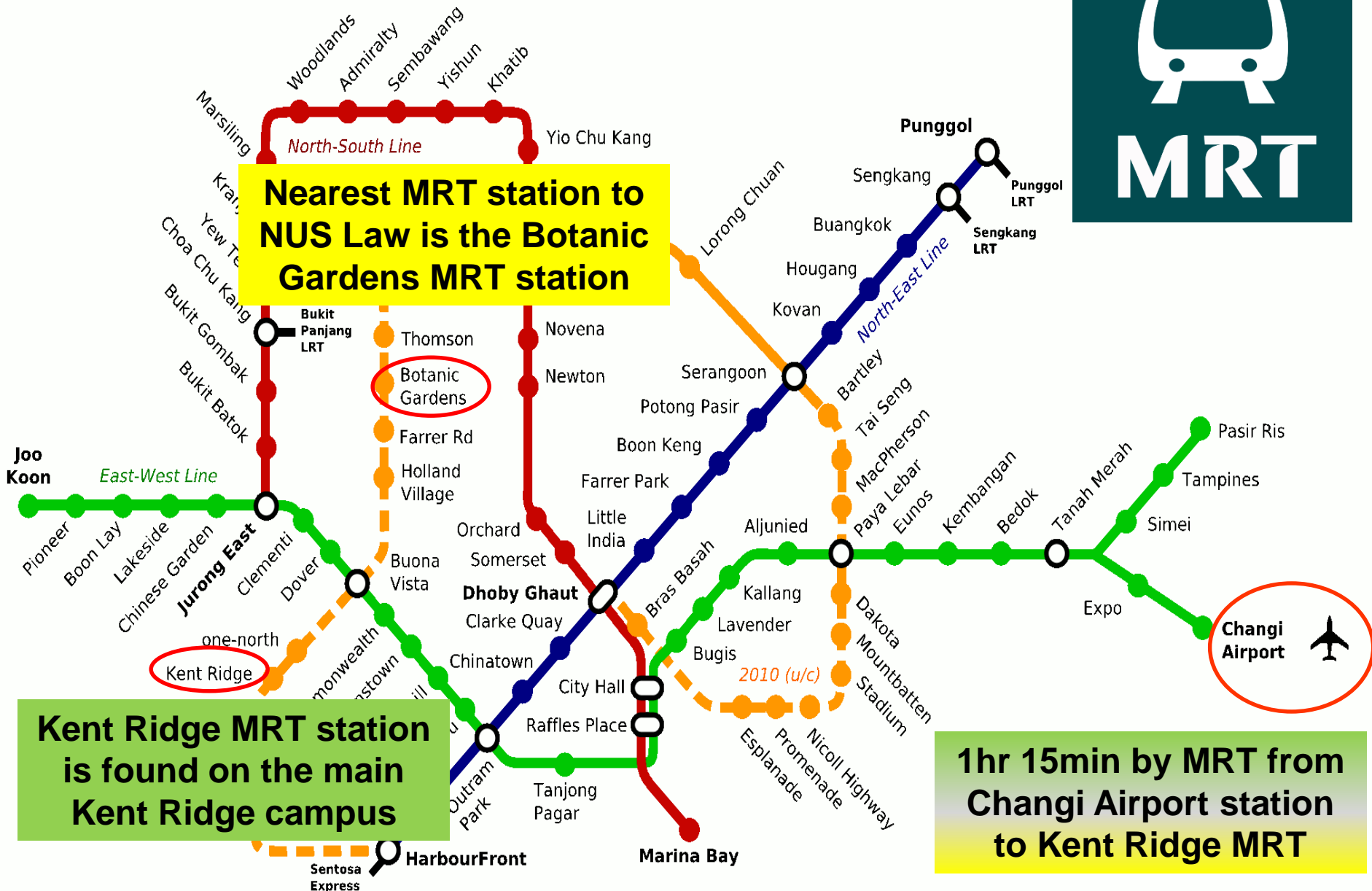
**45 minutes by taxi from
Changi Airport to NUS**



MRT Stations in Singapore



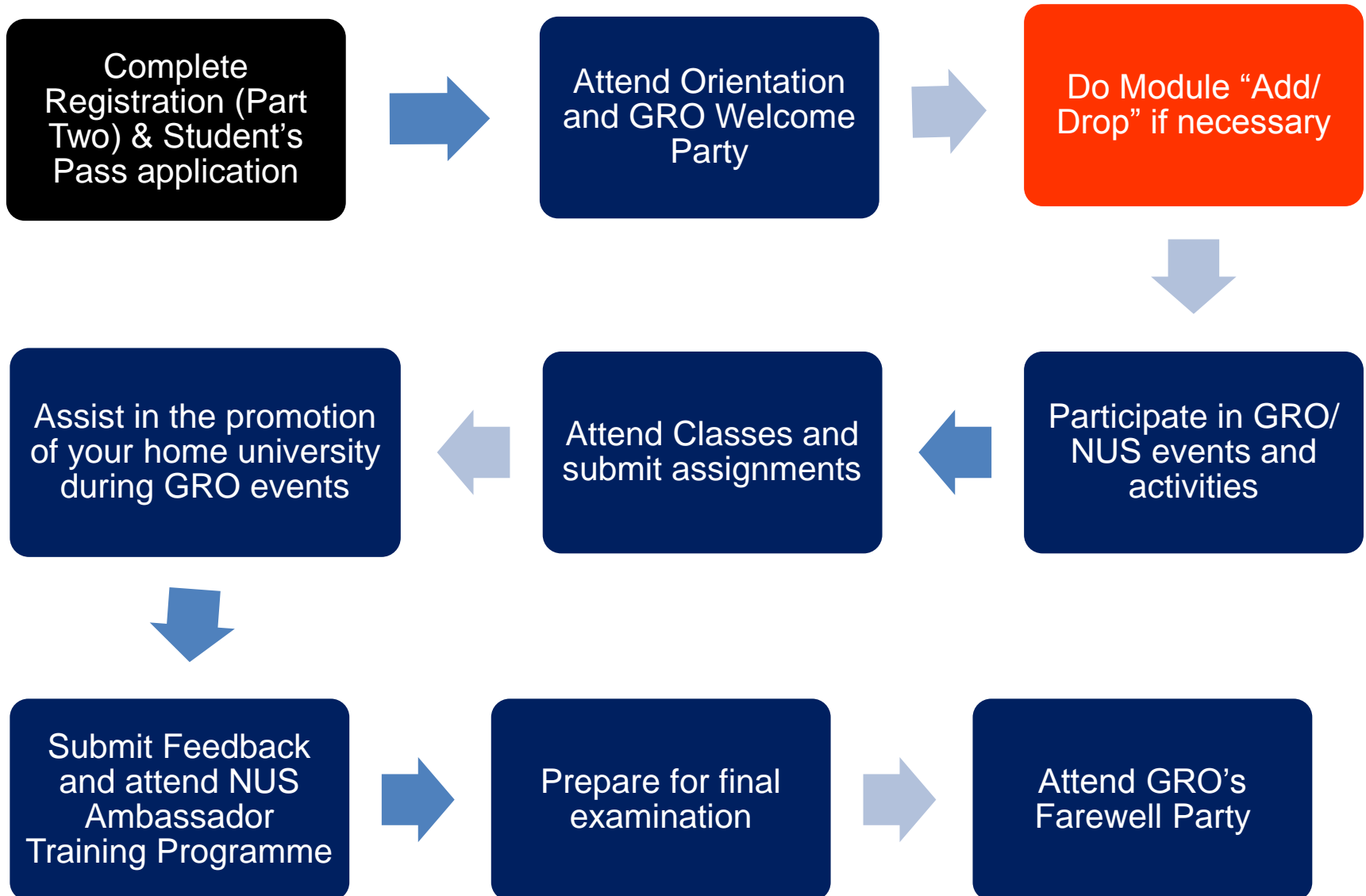
**Nearest MRT station to
NUS Law is the Botanic
Gardens MRT station**



WHILE @ NUS...

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While at NUS



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- Changes to the pre-registered modules should be made during “Add/Drop” period at the start of each semester
- **NUS Business School and NUS Law has a separated module registration system each.** Students should check their emails for the module registration instruction and deadlines



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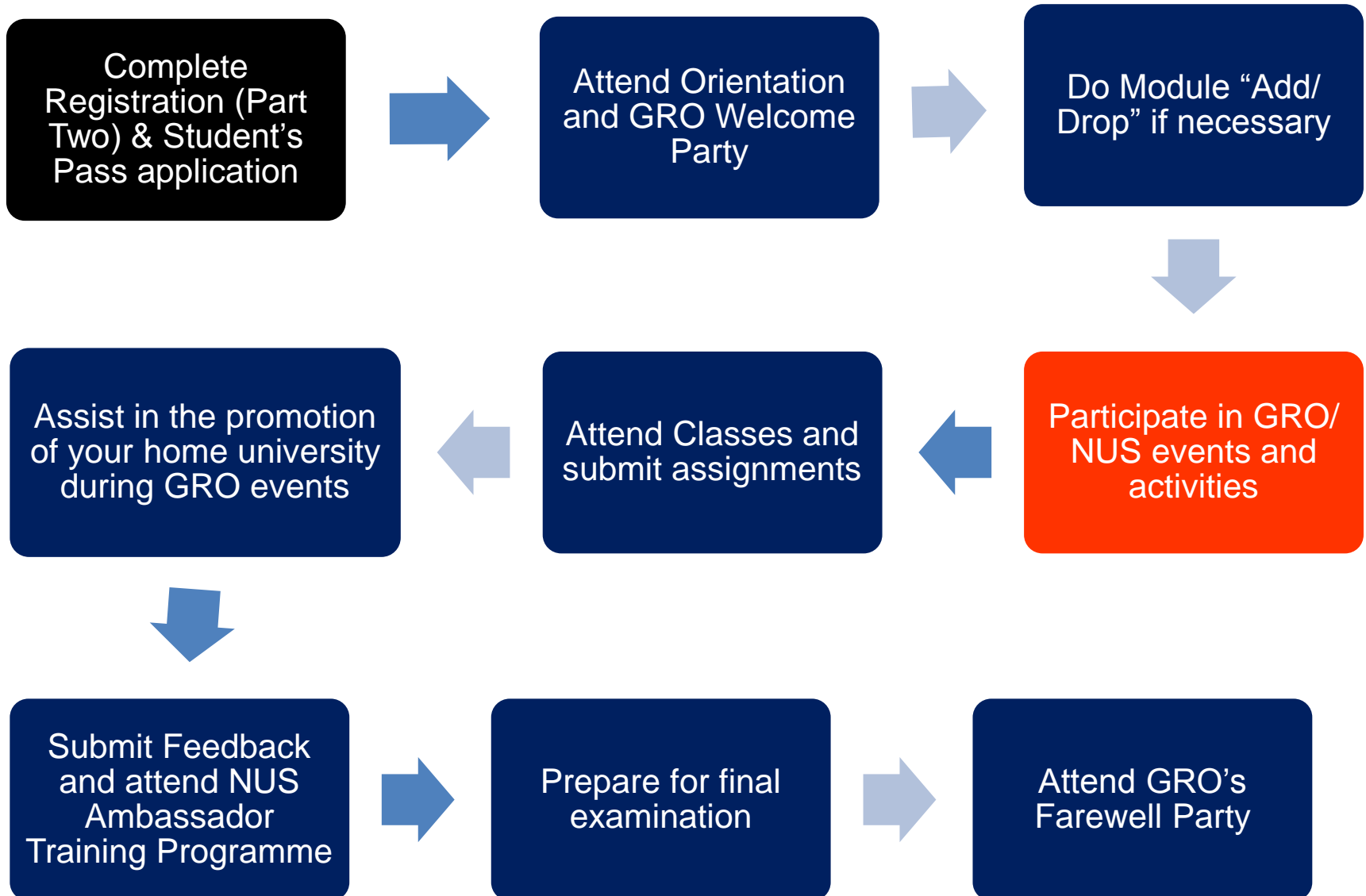
- **Students who did not secure any Business and Law modules at the point of offer will not be able to add them during “Add/Drop” period**
- Check [list of undergraduate modules](#) available
- Check [module restrictions](#)
- Provide more supporting documents (e.g. course descriptions of modules read at home university) if required



Confirm

- All modules should be confirmed by the end of the second week
- There will be penalty for changes made to confirmed modules after the deadlines
- All pre-registered and confirmed modules are set to examinable by default
- Students who wish to audit modules need to seek approval from their home university before making the request at NUS

While at NUS



Campus Life

Student Organisations

Performing Arts, Sports Clubs, Societies and Interest Groups

>100



100

Community Engagement Programme Network

Community Projects

GRO & Peer Advising Programme

Welcome Party, Orientation Week, Sports Activities and Information Sessions

40+



15+

Orientation Briefing, International language exchange, Heartland tour, etc.

International Student Support



GRO and PALs Activities

Join the [activities](#) organised specially for you!



- Orientation Briefing
- Welcome Party
- Welcome Week – Around the Campus Tour, Local Games
- International Coffee Catch-up
- Dragonboat Race
- Explorasia
- International Exchange Day

Aug to
Sep

Oct to
Nov

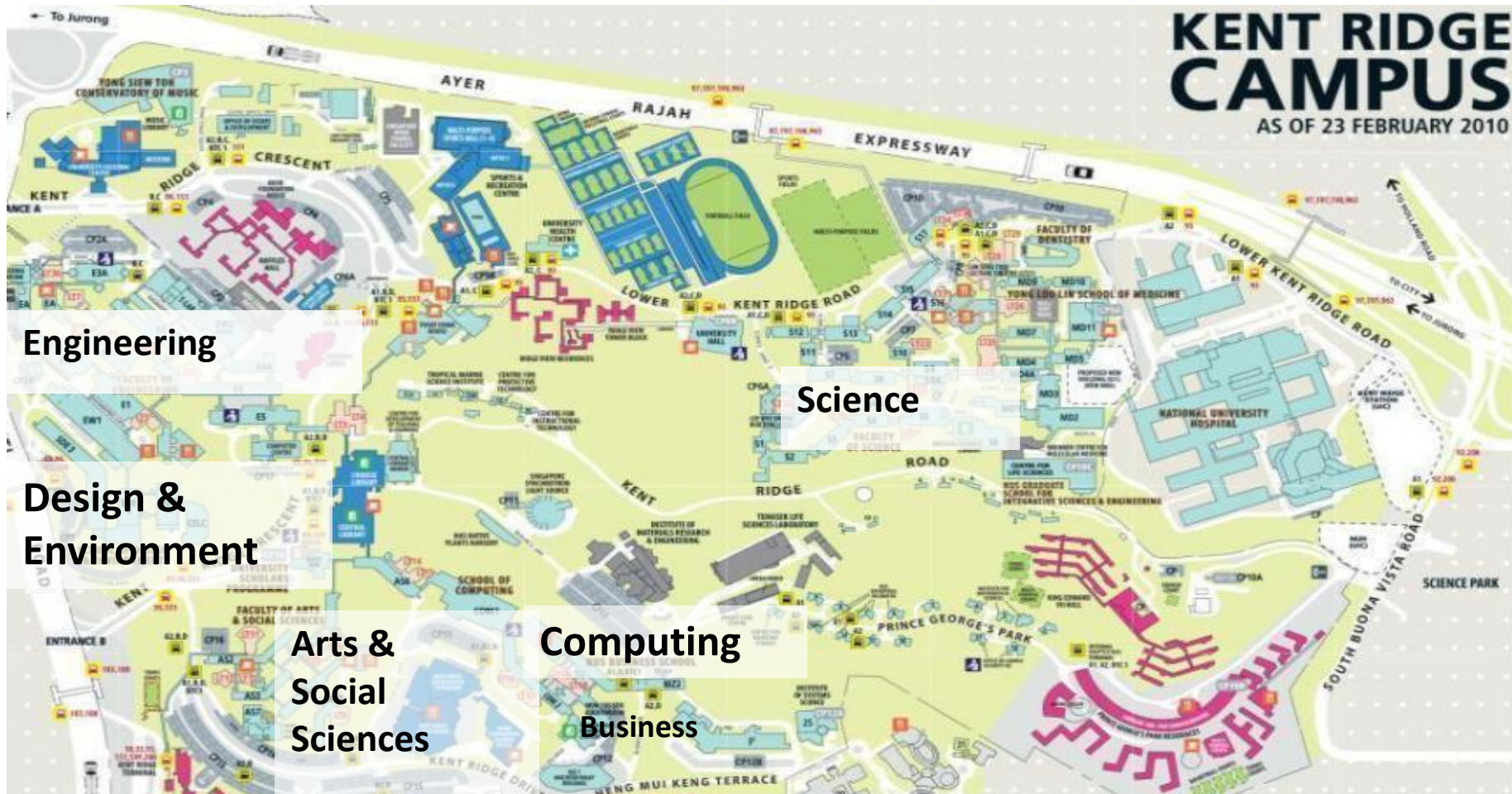
Jan to
Feb

Mar to
Apr

- Pulau Ubin Cycling Trip
- Bridge Networking Session
- Go Away Fair
- Feedback Session
- SEP Ambassador Training Programme
- Farewell Party



Map of Kent Ridge Campus



NUS Law is situated at the Bukit Timah Campus

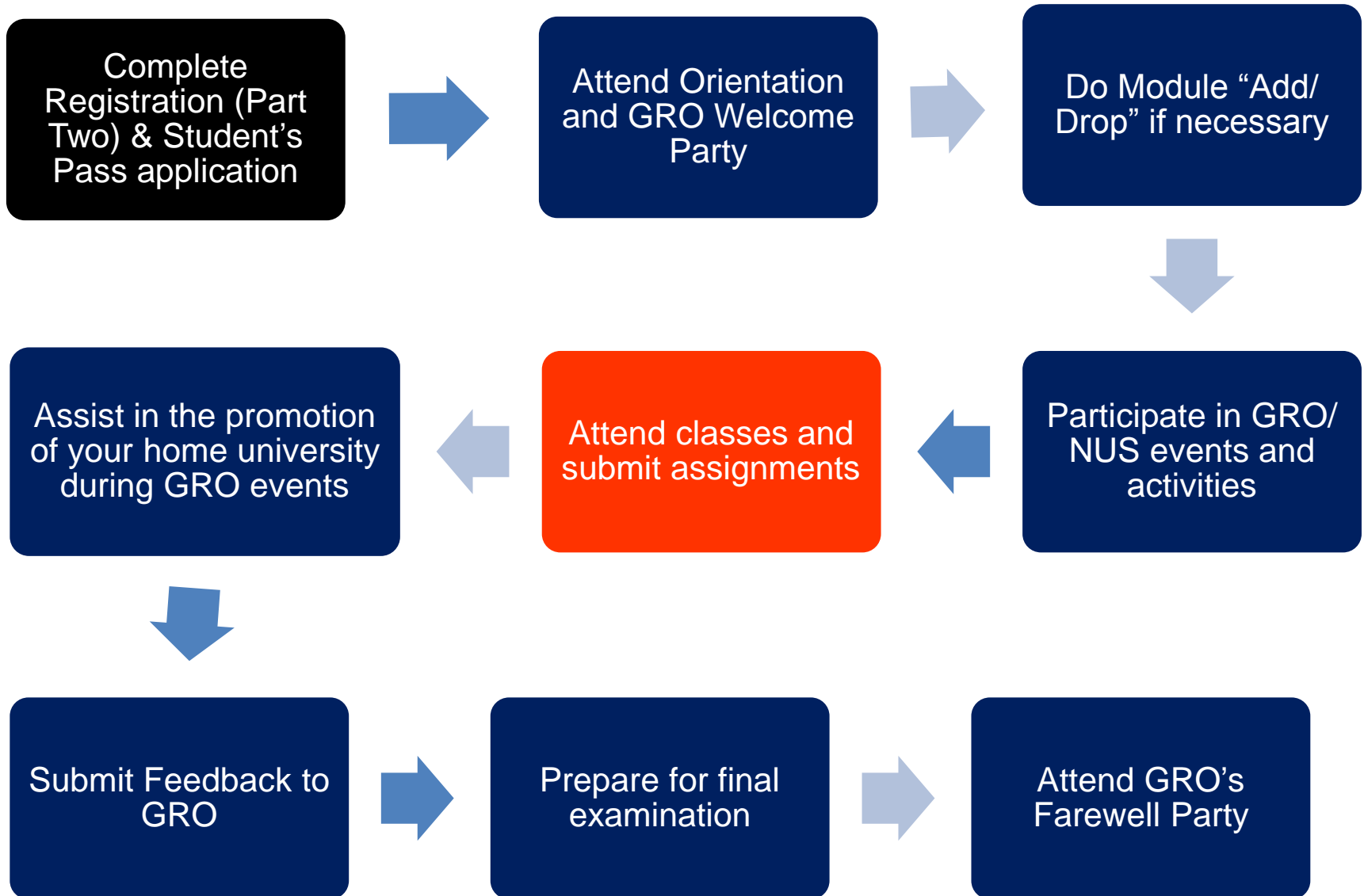
NUS Campus map: <http://map.nus.edu.sg/>

Campus Service and Facilities



- 36 Food venues and kiosks
- 7 Libraries
- 3 Museums
- 2 Sports & recreation centres
- 1 University Cultural Center
- 1 Bank
- [Disability Support Office](#)
- [University Health Centre](#)
- National University Hospital
- 24-hour security and emergency call points
- Internal shuttle bus

While at NUS



Semester 1	Mon, 6 Aug – Sat, 8 Dec 2018
Orientation Week	Mon 6 Aug – 11 Aug 2018
Instructional Period: Week 1 to Week 6	Mon, 13 Aug – Fri, 21 Sep 2018
Recess Week:	Sat, 22 Sep – Sun, 30 Sep 2018
Instructional Period: Week 7 to Week 13	Mon, 1 Oct – Fri, 16 Nov 2018
Reading Week:	Sat, 17 Nov – Fri, 23 Nov 2018
Examination:	Sat, 24 Nov – Sat, 8 Dec 2018

Learning Style & Grading Policy



- For level 1000 and 2000 modules, there will be lectures for big group of students
- For level 3000 and 4000 modules, tutorials are usually conducted in smaller classes of about 30 students
- Online **IVLE portal** is accessible with NUS ID and password. Students can read full module descriptions, download lecture notes and submit tutorial assignments using the portal
- Read [NUS Grading Policy](#)
- Assessment mode depends on individual programme coordinator
- [Attendance](#), class participation, assignments, projects and final examination performance counts towards final grade for each module
- Possible moderation of grades for some modules

- Mandated by Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) of Singapore
 - Students have to sign the declaration form before the collection of their Student's Pass
 - More details, please refer to this [link](#)
- 15. You are required to attend class regularly. If you fail to attend classes for a continuous period of 7 days your Student's Pass is liable to be cancelled with effect from the 8th day. The letter of cancellation will be sent to your place of residence as registered with ICA. Remaining in Singapore unlawfully after the cancellation of your Student's Pass is an offence under Section 15 of the Immigration Act and you would be liable for prosecution.**
- 16. You understand that your Student's Pass will be cancelled by the Controller of Immigration if you fail to remain or cease to be retained as a student in your educational institution.**

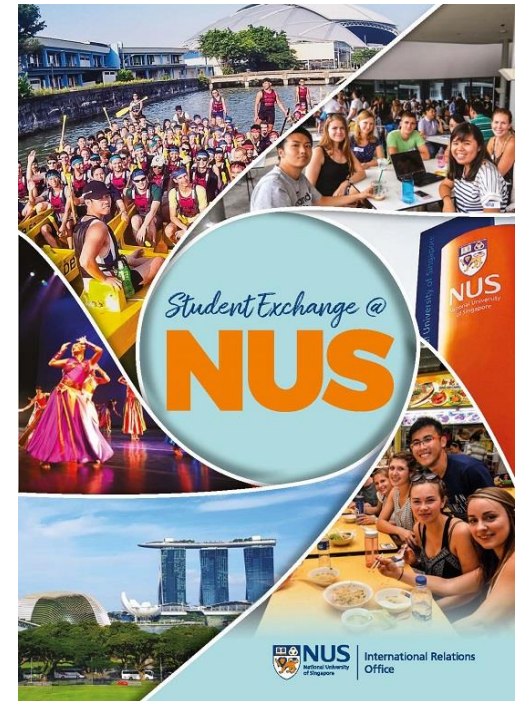
- Read [NUS Code of Student Conduct](#)

(excerpt:)

- Academic Integrity (cheating, plagiarism, violation of intellectual and copyright laws)
- Vandalism, mutilation and theft
- Inappropriate behaviour (threats, intimidation, drunkenness, lewdness, etc.)
- Smoking is prohibited on NUS campus
- Alcohol should not be sold or consumed on NUS campus unless in approved food outlets or during approved events
- Trafficking, manufacturing, importing and exporting of drugs carries a death penalty. Unauthorised consumption carries heavy penalty
- IT resources in NUS should not be used for transmission of obscene or inflammatory information nor should they be used for personal and/or private monetary profits

Useful References

1. [Journey Beyond Your Shores](#)
2. [Step-In](#)
3. [Information Sheet](#)
4. [Around NUS](#)
5. [Student Life Video](#)
6. [NUS Corporate Video](#)
7. [Apps for smart phone](#)



WHILE IN SINGAPORE...

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Internet Connectivity



Tropical flora and fauna



Robust Economy



Accessibility and
affordable
transportation



Safety and healthcare



Rich heritage and culture



Things to do in Singapore



Enjoy the Festivals!

New Year's Day
(Jan)



Chinese New Year

(Jan/Feb)

Vesak Day
(May/Jun)



Hari Raya Puasa
(Jun)

Hari Raya Haji
(Sep)



Deepavali (Oct)

Good Friday
(Mar/Apr)



Labour Day
(May)

National Day
(Aug)



Christmas
(Dec)

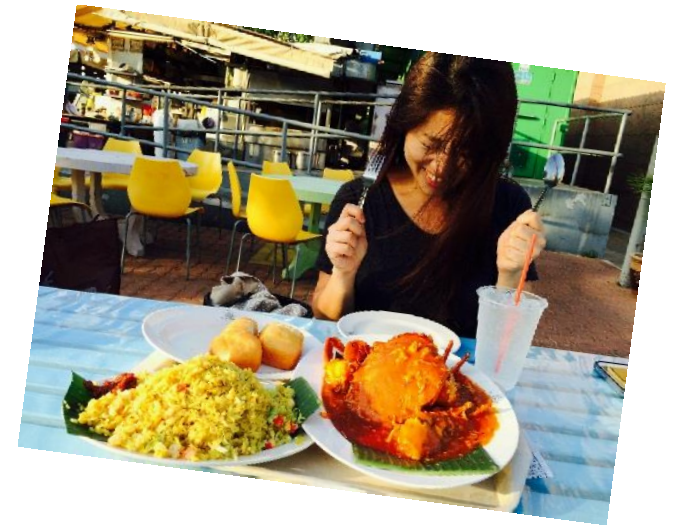
Things to do in Singapore



EAT!

A strong food culture - **eating is a national pastime!**

Hawker Centres offer a variety of foods at very affordable prices!



Travel outside of Singapore



Myanmar (3 hr.)



Thailand (1.5-3 hr.)

Vietnam (2-3 hr.)



Cambodia (2.75hr.)



Malaysia (1-2 hr.)



Singapore

Indonesia (1-3 hr.)



Gateway to Southeast Asia

(within 3 hours flight journey)

Students' Comments

“I've thoroughly enjoyed my exchange at NUS. It's been amazing to meet and study with people from all around the world . . . My exchange has definitely been an enriching experience and I can't wait to come back.”

New Colombo Plan Scholar from University of Melbourne, Australia.



“The best university I have had the pleasure to attend. The friendly nature of all on campus, the safety provided on campus and the academic support are just a few select reasons that I would highly recommend NUS to other students. The list goes on.”

Student from King's College London, UK.





See you
@
NUS!

Find us at www.nus.edu.sg/gro

24/7 Self-service online FAQ portal: <http://nusgro.custhelp.com/app/home>