Information for Students on Exchange

A. University

Dalhousie University

https://www.dal.ca/

https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/international-centre/inbound_exchange/Exchange_guide.html

B. Country

Canada

C. Academics

i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer

Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before your exchange. You may check with the SEP Coordinator(s) in the Dean's Office of your home faculty.

Modules approved in the past may not be offered by the host university or approved by your faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.

ii) Academic Calendar

Semester 1 (Fall Term): September – December
Semester 2 (Winter Term): January – April

For more information, please refer to Dalhousie’s Academic Calendar:
https://academiccalendar.dal.ca/Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx?pageid=viewcatalog

iii) Exchange Duration

One semester

iv) Examination

https://www.dal.ca/academics/exam_schedule/halifax_campus_exam_schedule.html (Halifax Campus)

v) Curriculum Structure

You must take at least 9 credits (3 courses) per term. A standard full-time course load is 15 credit hours (5 courses). Some courses require previous knowledge in an area of study usually demonstrated through completing a specific course beforehand. You can request special permission to register in these courses and the instructor will evaluate your background on a case-by-case basis before granting permission.

You can also refer to the following links to plan for your modules:

- Academic timetable (please select Halifax campus):
  https://dalonline.dal.ca/PROD/fysktime.P_DisplaySchedule

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- Courses with local or Canadian content: [https://cdn.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/campuslife/studentervices/International%20Centre/Exchange/Canadian%20Courses.pdf](https://cdn.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/campuslife/studentervices/International%20Centre/Exchange/Canadian%20Courses.pdf)

| vi) Entry Requirements | (a) be registered as a full-time undergraduate student of NUS
|                        | (b) have successfully completed at least two (2) semesters of study at NUS upon admission to the host university;
|                        | (c) not be eligible for exchange in the graduating year
|                        | (d) be a student of good standing at NUS with
|                        |   a. a minimum upper division second class honours or;
|                        |   b. a minimum B average grade or ;
|                        |   c. a CAP of at least 3.5 (out of 5) for NUS students

| vii) Language Proficiency Requirements | The language of instruction at Dalhousie University is English. You must demonstrate the required level of English proficiency prior to admission to Dalhousie, regardless of citizenship status or country of origin.

| viii) Modules Compatibility | Suitable for students from the following Faculties/Disciplines:
|                            |  - FASS
|                            |  - FoS
|                            |  - SoC
|                            |  - SDE (Architecture)
|                            | For a list of courses offered by Dalhousie please use the following link and specify 'Halifax Campus': [https://dalonline.dal.ca/PROD/fysktime.P_DisplaySchedule](https://dalonline.dal.ca/PROD/fysktime.P_DisplaySchedule)

| ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites | Most courses are open to exchange students, but some are restricted: Faculties of Dentistry, Health Professions, and Medicine, the School of Planning, and most Engineering classes are restricted from exchange students.

D. Application

| i) Procedures | Students must first be nominated by NUS in order to participate in the exchange programme with Dalhousie University.
|               | For more information on the application process, please refer to the following link: [https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/international-centre/inbound_exchange/apply-now.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/international-centre/inbound_exchange/apply-now.html)

| ii) Deadlines | All NUS student must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.

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Semester 1 (Fall term): 1 May
Semester 2 (Winter term): 1 Oct

Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.

E. Accommodations

i) University Accommodation

If you are going to Dalhousie for SEP in Semester 1 (September–December), unfortunately there is no space available in residence during this period. Please see Private Accommodation Section below.

For students heading for SEP to Dalhousie in Semester 2, housing is available but not guaranteed. Students may choose from a variety of different styles of residence – all of which are conveniently located and offer meal plans. You can find out more about Dalhousie’s Residence Housing here: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/residence_housing/residence.html.

ii) Private Accommodation

There are many off-campus housing options within walking distance or along bus routes and meal plans are also available to non-residence students if you choose to live off campus. View listings on Dalhousie's Off-Campus Living website (http://www.dal.ca/campus_life/residence_housing/off-campus-living.html) which can also help with your search and provide tips to prepare you for off-campus living.

F. Visa

Consular/Visa Regulation

It is your responsibility to obtain the correct documents from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) prior to your exchange semester(s) in Canada.

Depending on nationality, students may need any other following documentation before their arrival in Canada:

(a) Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) - As of March 15, 2016, visa-exempt foreign nationals are expected to have an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to fly to or transit through Canada. Exceptions include U.S. citizens, and travellers with a valid Canadian visa. To find out if you need an eTA prior to your exchange, please refer to the following link. http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp

(b) Visitor Visa - If you do not qualify for an eTA, you will need to obtain a Visitor Visa prior to your arrival in Canada. Please contact the High Commission of Canada in Singapore to start the process of obtaining the appropriate visa. The High Commission Officer might advise you to obtain a Study Permit instead since your time in Canada is primarily

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for studying. To determine if you need a Visitor Visa, please refer to the following link, http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp

(c) **Study Permit** – Study Permits are usually reserved for students studying more than 6 months at a Canadian institution. To be eligible for a Study Permit, students must.

- have been accepted by a designated learning institution in Canada.
- prove that you have enough money to pay for your tuition fees (no applicable for SEP), living expenses for yourself and any family members who come with you to Canada and return transportation for yourself and any family members who come with you to Canada.
- be a law-abiding citizen with no criminal record and not be a risk to the security of Canada. You may have to provide a police certificate.
- be in good health and willing to complete a medical examination, if necessary.
- satisfy an immigration officer that you will leave Canada at the end of your authorized stay.

For more information on Study Permits, please refer to the following website, http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp

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**G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance**

**i) Health/Medical Insurance**

All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/docs/FAQs.pdf

For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/InsuranceCoverforOfficialNUSTrips.html

If the insurance coverage is not enough, students are advised to purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.

As an international student at Dalhousie University, you must get both the Health and Dental Plan AND the International Student Health Plan.

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If you start school in **September**, you are automatically billed and enrolled in both.

If you start school in **January or May**, you are only enrolled in the International Student Health Plan and so **you must opt-in to the Health and Dental Plan**.

For more information, visit:

- Student VIP: [https://www.studentvip.ca/SchoolSelect.aspx](https://www.studentvip.ca/SchoolSelect.aspx)
- International Student Health and Wellness: [https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/health-and-wellness/services-support/international-student-health.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/health-and-wellness/services-support/international-student-health.html)

### ii) Emergency Number at host university

Emergency Contact Number:

Canada’s emergency number is **911**, call this number for any emergency service such as police, medical, fire, etc.

For more information on Campus Safety at Dalhousie University, please refer to the following link: [https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/international-centre/outbound_exchange/in-case-of-emergency.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/international-centre/outbound_exchange/in-case-of-emergency.html)

### H. Cost of Living

#### i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses

The amount you spend on daily necessities can vary widely, according to individual preferences and lifestyles. For more financial advice specific to Dalhousie University, please refer to the following webpage: [https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/international-centre/inbound_exchange/student-fees-at-dalhousie.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/international-centre/inbound_exchange/student-fees-at-dalhousie.html)