# Information for Students on Exchange

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| B. Country | Canada |

| C. Academics |

  i) **Module Mapping & Credits Transfer**

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

  Modules approved in the past might 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: September – December
  Semester 2: January – April

  [http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/](http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/)

  iii) **Exchange Duration**

  One semester

  iv) **Examination**

  At Western, students are evaluated on a continuous assessment model which can include exams, essays, presentations, group projects, and/or participation. Attendance and/or participation may be a required component of the course. All methods of evaluation will be clearly stated in the course syllabus, which is adhered to by the instructor.

  At Western, most courses are graded on a percentage scale of 100%. Selected professional faculties or special programmes may have a different grading scheme. Please check with your relevant programme for details.

  [http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=5&command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=](http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=5&command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=)

  v) **Curriculum Structure**

  Exchange students for one semester must take at least four half classes (2.0 Western credits) and a maximum of 5 half courses (2.5 Western credits) at Western University.

  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

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### vii) Language Proficiency Requirements

English is the official language of instruction at the Western University. All applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency to be considered for admission to the exchange programme.

### viii) Modules Compatibility

Suitable for students from the following Faculties/Disciplines:

- FASS
- FoS
- FoE
- SoC
- BIZ
- LAW

To see what courses Western offers, please click on the link below.

http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/Courses.cfm?SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=

### ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites

While Western attempts to accommodate as many requests for courses as possible, certain programmes at Western have limited enrolment. Exchange students are not eligible to take courses in professional programmes such as:

- Business - students must be nominated through NUS’ Faculty-specific Exchange Arrangement between NUS Business School and Western’s Richard Ivey School of Business
- Law – students must be nominated through NUS’ Faculty-specific Exchange Arrangement between NUS and Western Law Schools
- Medicine
- Aviation
- Dentistry
- Education
- Professional programmes in the Faculty of Health Sciences

Please see full list of restricted programmes and courses here:

https://international.uwo.ca/learning/come_to_western/incoming_exchange_students/course_restrictions.html

### D. Application

#### i) Procedures

For information on the application process, please refer to the following link:

https://international.uwo.ca/learning/come_to_western/incoming_exchange_students/index.html

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| 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.  

Semester 1 (Fall term): 8 April  
Semester 1 (Winter term): 8 April  
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. |
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| i) University Accommodation | Traditional dormitory-style residences and apartment-style suites are available. Most residences offer a meal plan.  
As an exchange student, you will be receiving an offer to stay on campus at Western University. This offer will be sent to you by email from Western’s Housing Department. Please watch out for this e-mail and read it carefully for instructions on how to ensure securing your spot in residence.  
https://residence.uwo.ca/  
*Please note that you will have to pay a deposit in order to secure a space in residence.* |
| ii) Private Accommodation | Western is located in a residential area with many housing options close to campus. Off-Campus Housing Office provides lists of available housing, advice and translation of rental agreements, and terms and conditions.  
For more information on off-campus housing options, please refer to the following link:  
http://offcampus.uwo.ca/ |
| F. Visa | 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 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

High Commission of Canada in Singapore
One George Street, #11-01; Singapore 049145
Telephone: (65)-6854-5900
Email: Singapore-im-enquiry@international.gc.ca

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](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.

All exchange students may access services through Western’s Student Health Services. The University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) coverage is mandatory for all incoming exchange students. For more information on UHIP, please refer to the following link.

[http://uhip.ca/](http://uhip.ca/)

**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 Western University, please refer to the following link.


**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 information regarding mandatory fees required during your time at Western, please refer to:

[https://international.uwo.ca/learning/come_to_western/incoming_exchange_students/index.html](https://international.uwo.ca/learning/come_to_western/incoming_exchange_students/index.html)

**I. Other**

Useful Links:

- [http://www.uwo.ca/international/iesc/](http://www.uwo.ca/international/iesc/)