

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

## Information for Students on Exchange

<b>University</b>	<p>Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin</p> <p><a href="https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/coming-to-humboldt-universitat/programmes/exchange-semester">https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/coming-to-humboldt-universitat/programmes/exchange-semester</a></p>
<b>Country</b>	Germany
<b>Academic Calendar</b>	<p><b>Semester 1 (Fall term):</b> October to March (Lecture Period: October to February)</p> <p><b>Semester 2 (Spring term):</b> April to September (Lecture Period: April to July)</p> <p><a href="https://www.hu-berlin.de/en/studies/admission/calendar">https://www.hu-berlin.de/en/studies/admission/calendar</a></p>
<b>Exchange Duration</b>	One semester. <b>Semester 2 is recommended</b> due to the severe overlapping of the academic calendar
<b>Language Proficiency Requirement</b>	<p>NUS students who wish to take courses in German need to have the required level of German language skills of B2 to C1 Level based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and can be proven by submitting a Goethe certificate B2 or C1, DSH, TestDaF with a respective result.</p> <p>As an alternative, applicants have to take HUB's online language placement test, the so-called C-Test; scores above 60 points are eligible for the student exchange with the Institute of History, the Institute of German Studies, Department of Northern European Studies, the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences I (Biology, Chemistry, Physics), the Faculty of Social Sciences, the Faculty of Law and the School of Economics. If less than 50 points are scored in the C-Test there is no possibility of enrolment at HU.</p> <p>If 50 to 60 points are scored, students are required to attend the intensive language course before the beginning of the semester.</p> <p>If you only wish to study in English and enough English taught courses are available in your subject, you need to submit one of the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOEFL: minimum 80,</li> <li>• IELTS minimum 6.0;</li> <li>• certificates stating a B2/ C1 for the English language level according to the 'Common European Framework of Reference for Languages</li> <li>• NUS students should get the supporting letter that says that NUS teaches in English to prove their English language proficiency for the English-taught courses at HUB.</li> </ul>

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**Course Information**

Please **read** the **important information** on examination below

In some faculties, students can attend individual courses, in others they are required to study entire modules. Modules consist of two to four courses and contain between eight and ten credit points (ECTS). A module is completed with an exam for all the included courses.

Students choose courses with a total of 20-30 ECTS per semester. If they choose individual courses, each course must be completed with an exam. Two to three credit points are awarded per exam for partial credits.

The regular semester workload for full-time undergraduate students as determined by the Office of the Provost is 30 ECTS. Credits earned at the host university may not be directly equivalent to NUS credits and you can refer to the [SEP Credit Transfer Calculator](#) for information on units exchange ratio at the host university. Please note that the actual number of credits earned is subject to the units exchange ratio at the point of credit transfer.

A number of bachelor-level and master-level courses are taught in English and students need to search carefully for English taught courses before applying to HUB.

HUB may have English-taught courses for:

FASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English and American Studies</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Geography - very limited courses in English (undergraduate level)</li> <li>• Psychology - very limited courses in English (undergraduate level)</li> <li>• Philosophy</li> <li>• Cultural History and Theory</li> <li>• Social Sciences</li> <li>• Asian and African Studies</li> </ul>
FoS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathematics and Statistics - limited courses in English (undergraduate level)</li> <li>• Biology – limited courses in English (undergraduate level)</li> <li>• Life Science – limited courses in English (undergraduate level)</li> </ul>
SoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informatics - very limited courses in English (undergraduate level)</li> </ul>

For more information, please visit the following websites:

- <https://hic.hu-berlin.de/en/berlin-perspectives>
- Finding courses [here](#).

**NUS students should consider taking the bachelor-level courses at HUB.**

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Medicine, Law and Business courses are not open to exchange students. Restrictions may also apply to B.A. History and B.A. Computer Science.

For undergraduate students interested in studying Economics courses at HUB's School of Business and Economics, it is absolutely vital to have a good command of German language (min. score of 61 points in the C-Test or equivalent proof of B1 level in German).

The Economics courses at the School of Business and Economics have a strong emphasis on imparting rigorous and quantitative methods of economic analysis and management science. Make sure that you possess a strong background in Mathematics!

Only Economics courses at Humboldt School of Business and Economics are open to NUS students. Business courses are excluded from the exchange.

NUS students interested in studying at the Department of English and American Studies need to be comfortable in English at B2 level or higher under the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

There is no Psychology course taught in English at Humboldt.

### **Important information on examination**

**Semester 1 (winter):** February

**Semester 2 (summer):** July

Examination dates vary between HUB departments but generally take place between July and September in semester 2.

Please approach the respective HUB's departmental coordinator at the start of your exchange for the exact examination dates. If the examination date clashes with NUS' academic calendar, please consider taking alternative courses which allow you to have the examination by late July.

Should professors not be able to provide an alternative exam timing or assessment, students should respect the professors' position and change courses at the beginning of the semester rather than only checking with professors and asking for exceptions in the middle or end of the semester.

Leave of Absence from NUS is subject to your home faculty's approval and is not guaranteed.

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<p><b>Accommodation</b></p>	<p>Accommodation is <b><u>not guaranteed</u></b> at HUB. Programme students can select the halls of residence option when applying online. After the application deadline has passed, HUB will inform students about the next steps to allocate rooms.</p> <p>Places in halls of residence are allocated by a lottery. In order to reserve the room, students must transfer a reservation deposit of 810 EUR after receiving confirmation.</p> <p>More information can be found here:  <a href="https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/coming-to-humboldt-universitat/services-informations/accommodation">https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/coming-to-humboldt-universitat/services-informations/accommodation</a></p> <p>Students who manage to secure the student accommodation are expected to commit to a stated duration of stay on contract. The contract could end in late August or in September and there is no guarantee that there will be a vacancy for your preferred contract end date.</p> <p>Students who have a contract that ends in August or September are expected to pay for the rental until August or September. There will be <b><u>no refund</u></b> of the rental if you leave the student accommodation earlier.</p>
<p><b>Visa</b></p>	<p>EU citizens and citizens from the following countries do not need a visa to enter Germany: Australia, Canada, Honduras, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Korea, Liechtenstein, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and the United States. However, after entering Germany, you will have to apply for a residence permit at the local "Auslaenderbehörde" (Immigration Office) if you are staying for more than three months.</p> <p>Students from all other countries must apply for a visa for study purposes via the German diplomatic representation in their home country. You must not under any circumstances travel to Germany on a tourist visa. All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they receive the official offer letter/email from their host university.</p> <p>Some visa application processes could take up to 2 months to process. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</p> <p>For more visa information, please refer to  <a href="https://singapur.diplo.de/sg-en/service/05-VisaEinreise/-/1349502">https://singapur.diplo.de/sg-en/service/05-VisaEinreise/-/1349502</a></p> <p>Information on visa provided by HUB:  <a href="https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/coming-to-humboldt-universitat/services-informations/visa-services">https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/coming-to-humboldt-universitat/services-informations/visa-services</a></p>

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<p><b>Insurance</b></p>	<p>All full-time NUS students are covered under the university's Student Group Personal Accident &amp; Medical Insurance and the Student Travel Insurance. For more information on the university medical insurance, please refer to <a href="https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/">https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</a>.</p> <p>All students are required to provide proof of health insurance coverage when matriculating.</p> <p>Every student on a course up to the 14th semester or up to the age of 30 is entitled to obtain health insurance coverage from one of the recognised mandatory health insurance providers in Germany at a special student rate. The current premium for health and nursing care is about 120-130 EUR per month. Health insurance premiums rise moderately at regular intervals and vary between the different insurance providers.</p> <p>If a student has private health insurance coverage, a German mandatory insurance company may grant exemption from compulsory insurance coverage in Germany. Humboldt-Universitaet cooperates with recognised mandatory health insurance providers, i.e. AOK, DAK and TK, which maintain special points of contact for students and are normally available when new students are matriculating.</p> <p>The students' foreign health insurance, including EHIC, must first be confirmed by a German statutory health insurance provider. To do this, students should contact a statutory health insurance provider directly via email with their current EHIC or health insurance.</p> <p>More information can be found here: <a href="https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/coming-to-humboldt-universitat/services-informations/krankenversicherung">https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/coming-to-humboldt-universitat/services-informations/krankenversicherung</a></p> <p>It is also recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within/outside Germany. Please review your insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs.</p> <p>Students are strongly encouraged to assess the risk of their intended activities and purchase supplemental insurance plans to ensure they are adequately covered during their time abroad.</p>
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<b>Useful Links</b>	<b>Guide for exchange students:</b> <a href="https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/coming-to-humboldt-universitat/programmes/exchange-semester">https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/coming-to-humboldt-universitat/programmes/exchange-semester</a>  <b>Student Support Services:</b> <a href="https://www.hu-berlin.de/en/studies/admission/standardseite">https://www.hu-berlin.de/en/studies/admission/standardseite</a>
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*Note: All information is subjected to change. Please check the partner university's website for the most up-to-date information.*