

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	University of Canterbury
B. Country	New Zealand
C. Academic Calendar	Semester 1: Mid February to End June Semester 2: Mid July to Early November https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/keydates/
D. Exchange Duration	One semester
E. Course Information	A normal workload for one semester is 60 points, minimum workload is 45 points per semester. Although different courses have different point values, in most cases each course will be 15 points. A normal full-term programme for a semester would be three or four courses. Please note that you will not be permitted to enrol in more than 60 points or 4 courses per semester. The regular semester workload for full-time undergraduate students as determined by the Office of the Provost is 60 points. 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. Course information and restrictions:
	https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/study- opportunities/incoming-student-exchange
F. Accommodation	Exchange students can apply for on-campus accommodation by selecting the "Study Abroad/Exchange Accommodation Offer" and you will be offered a room in one of UC affiliated accommodations once you have been accepted into the exchange programmes. Students are to submit a housing application before the deadline to be considered for guaranteed accommodation. Please refer to the information provided by UC for latest updates regarding housing availability. Accommodation options:
	https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international-student-accommodation/accommodation-exchanges
G. Visa	Exchange students must apply to New Zealand Immigration for a student visa and obtain the visa before entering New Zealand. Please note that it is NOT possible for exchange students to travel to New Zealand on a visitor's



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visa and apply for a student permit upon arrival in New Zealand, even if you are a citizen of a country with which New Zealand has a visa waiver agreement. It is imperative that all exchange students get their student visa **BEFORE** travelling to New Zealand, as you may be refused a student permit if you apply from within New Zealand.

Students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they received the official offer letter/email from their host university. This is to ensure that you can obtain your visa in time before the start of your exchange term. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.

For more information on visa applications, please refer to https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/explore-visa-options

H. Insurance

All full-time NUS students are covered under the university's Student Group Personal Accident & Medical Insurance and the Student Travel Insurance. For more information on the university medical insurance, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/

Exchange students are required to purchase a compulsory medical and travel insurance when studying in New Zealand. Exchange students are signed up automatically for the Studentsafe Inbound University insurance. For more info, please refer to https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/study-and-living-costs/insurance-for-international-students/studentsafe-insurance

It is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within/outside New Zealand. Please review your insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs.

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.

I. Useful Links

Student Exchange Information:

https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/studyopportunities/incoming-student-exchange

Study Abroad at UC:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgENzPHwXUU