## Information for Students applying for Exchange

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<td>i) Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</td>
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| ii) Academic Calendar | Semester 1: Late September to late January  
Semester 2: Early February to early June  
[https://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/academic-year-dates/](https://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/academic-year-dates/) |
| iii) Exchange Duration | NUS students should go for a full year or semester 2 exchange. |
| iv) Examination | NO alternative assessment will be provided for students who wish to go in semester 1. Students who wish to go on exchange in semester 1 have to stay until the end of January for the examination at UoB before returning back to NUS. UoB modules which run for the full year are assessed at the end of the academic year only. |
| v) Curriculum Structure | ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits are used to illustrate how units fit together within a programme of study. The workload for a typical undergraduate year comprises 60 credits (usually split equally into 30 credits for each semester). See the [Programme Structures](https://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/academic-year-dates/) page for further information.  
**Strictly no overloading on credits at UoB.** |
| vi) Minimum Requirements to Apply | You should:  
i) have completed a minimum of one year’s undergraduate study at NUS; |
| vii) Language Proficiency Requirements | ii) have a minimum ‘B’ average grade or 65% - 70% average marks or ranking in the top one-third of the class; and no single grade below ‘C’ in the current/intended discipline/major; iii) not be in the graduating semester when they go for exchange at UoB |
| viii) Modules Compatibility | For semester only exchange/short term study visa, UoB does not require anything specific. NUS information to UoB which advised NUS is an English speaking institution is currently sufficient for semester only exchange. Please note this is subject to change. For full year exchange/ Tier 4, the requirements are a lot more strict. UoB require official documentation. UoB requirements differ depending on the subject that the student wishes to study, minimum requirements can be found online at: https://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/english-language-requirements-for-international-qualifications-category-c/. UoB reserves the right, in individual circumstances, to specify an additional language requirement for an applicant if it is felt to be necessary. |
| ix) Module restrictions | Exchange students can avoid timetable clashes by selecting the majority of their courses from a single year of a single department at UoB. Students who choose modules from different year of studies of various departments will need to take account of the increased likelihood of timetable incompatibility. Access to specific courses at the host university is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. Currently the ‘University-wide’ exchange with UoB focuses on Faculty of Science and Department of Economics. UoB can at present can only accept students majoring in these areas. However, students will need to take at least 50% of their modules from their major area of study, but may take the other modules from other areas of study at UoB: • Faculty of Science (departments of Biology/Biochemistry, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematical Sciences, Natural Sciences, Physics)
• Faculty of Engineering & Design (departments of Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering)
• Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences (departments of Economics, Education, Health, Politics, Language and International Studies, Psychology, Social and Policy Sciences) Please refer to the course catalogue found here: http://www.bath.ac.uk/catalogues/.
Postgraduate modules are not open to undergraduate exchange students. |
**Please read!** Students are reminded to review the online course list carefully as it contains important information which is often ignored. Please read so that you will save time, effort and have less stress in your application process.

### D. Application

**i) Procedures**

Students should be nominated by NUS to UoB before UoB invites nominated students to complete the application form.

The entry requirements, required documents and the application procedure can be found [here](#). Students are advised to follow UoB’s application instructions and submit all relevant documents punctually in order to avoid delays in receiving their application results.

**ii) Deadlines**

All NUS students 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.

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

### E. Accommodations

**i) University Accommodation**

UoB offers a limited number of university-owned accommodation to exchange students. Where university accommodation is offered it will normally be in off-campus halls of residence in the city centre and the rental contracts usually start in mid-September.

Student will be informed of whether there is a place in the halls of residence or university-managed accommodation in the offer of admission letter from UoB.

For students arriving for semester 2, Bath can offer accommodation contracts from late January through to late May/early June. The deadline for applying for semester 2 accommodation is not specific but is usually around early to mid-January every year.

Information about accommodation is provided once students have been accepted. University accommodation cannot be guaranteed for all exchange students and support will be provided by the Accommodation Service with finding private housing, where necessary.

Accommodation application information can be found at [http://www.bath.ac.uk/guides/applying-for-student-accommodation/](http://www.bath.ac.uk/guides/applying-for-student-accommodation/).
Website for housing information: https://www.bath.ac.uk/professional-services/student-accommodation/

**F. Visa**

**Consular/Visa Regulation**

UK Visa and Immigration updates their immigration policy regularly. It is the student’s responsibility to check on the requirements via their website before they leave for the exchange.
https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration

**Short-term Study Visa for Semester Exchange**

If you are a Singapore citizen or a citizen of another country on the UK non-visa nationals list, and if your course of studies is less than 6 months, you can apply for:

(1) single-entry Short Term Study Visa to the UK at the port of entry (free) or;

(2) multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa prior to leaving your home country.

The single-entry Short Term Study Visa is free but if you leave the UK during your home university registration period you will need to re-apply as a short-term student when you re-enter; for this reason you should always travel with your short-term study visa support letter.

Alternatively if you think you are likely to leave and re-enter the UK during your course you should apply for a multiple entry short-term study visa in advance of travelling to the UK.

Non-visa nationals who enter the UK on a short-term study visa are required to leave the UK after the course end date given on your Short-term Study visa support letter. If you wish to travel within the UK after your studies you will need to exit the UK and re-enter as a Standard Visitor which you can do at port of entry.

Citizens from a country that needs a visa to enter the UK should apply for the multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa prior to leaving for your overseas exchange. You can contact the external visa office approved by UK Visa and Immigration to apply for multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa.

**Applying for a single-entry Short-Term Study Visa is usually an easier and cheaper process than applying for a Tier 4 Student Visa, if you do not need a Tier 4 Student Visa, please do not apply for it.**

**Tier 4 Student Visa for Full-Year exchange**

For students who need Tier 4 Student Visa, Bath will issue the necessary CAS statement for Tier 4 Student Visa application. Applicants should ensure that
they are fully aware of what they will need to do in order to successfully apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa. The CAS statement will contain a number that allows student to apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa. The application for Tier 4 Student Visa can take up to three months and students must apply for the visa in advance of their intended date of travel to the UK.

Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.

G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

i) Health/Medical Insurance

Students who are on exchange in UK for less than six months are not entitled to subsidised NHS treatment. Therefore semester-based exchange students are encouraged to purchase additional insurance to cover medical costs, hospitalisation expenses and emergency evacuation costs which might be incurred while they are on exchange.

All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance.

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.

ii) Emergency Number

666 from an internal phone or 01225 383999

H. Cost of Living

i) Estimated Living Expenses per semester

Information on cost of living can be found at http://www.bath.ac.uk/study/ug/funding/living-costs/


I. Useful Links

Pre-arrival guide

- http://www.bath.ac.uk/study/exchange-visiting/orientation/index.html
- http://www.bath.ac.uk/international/living/

Last updated: August 2020. Note: all information is subject to change.