## Information for Students applying for Exchange

| **A. University** | King’s College London  
| http://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/abroad/at-kings/index.aspx |
| **B. Country** | United Kingdom |

### 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.

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**: Late September to Mid-December  
**Semester 2**: Early January to Early June  

[https://www.kcl.ac.uk/aboutkings/Academic-Calendar](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/aboutkings/Academic-Calendar)

Please attend the compulsory orientation programme at King’s.

#### iii) Exchange Duration

Single semester exchange is recommended.

#### iv) Examination

Students must take examinations at King’s before returning back to NUS. If studying abroad at King’s for semester one only, examinations will be set on or before your last day of term in December, or alternative assessment will be created with online submissions available. Semester 2 only and Full Year students studying abroad at King’s must undertake assessment in the exact same manner as King’s students.

#### v) Curriculum Structure

Exchange students are required to read a minimum of 45 King’s Credits (3 modules) and not more than 60 King’s Credits (4 modules) per semester. A standard 15 King’s Credit module requires 150 hours of work including lectures, seminars laboratory sessions (if relevant), assignments, and independent or group study. **NO overloading on credits is allowed.**

#### vi) Entry Requirements

You should:

1. Have completed a minimum of one year’s undergraduate study at NUS;
2. Have obtained a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above on a 4.0 scale; or its equivalent (i.e. at least an average “B” Grade and no grade below “C”).
Show the aptitude, motivation and maturity, to thrive in the environment at King’s College London.

| vii) **Language Proficiency Requirements** | KCL often review their English Language Proficiency requirements. Students should be prepared for KCL English Language Proficiency requirements to change.

For students requiring a short-term study visa (semester exchange):

This is applicable only to applicants who are coming for a single semester and entering on a short term study visa. Applicants can meet the English language requirement by completing a minimum of a year of degree level study or higher at their home institution (NUS) on a programme which has an English language requirement equivalent to KCL Band D. KCL Admissions can therefore accept the proficiency letter for single semester students. These applicants can submit an English language proficiency letter; this letter should be returned on letter-headed paper and signed by their academic tutor. This proficiency letter must confirm that the applicant is equivalent to C1 standard of English.

For the applicants that need to meet English language requirement via this route, where KCL Admissions team has previously verified that the current English language requirement for their home university study is at Band D, KCL Admissions will send them a message template that includes the English proficiency letter template. If the English entry requirement for their current study was lower than band D, the candidate would need to meet English language requirements via the same route as those requiring a Tier 4 visa (as detailed below).

For students requiring a Tier 4 visa:

Applicants who are attending for one semester or a full year can meet the English Language Requirements via the tests or exams that are detailed on KCL’s website under Band B. The tests and exams, including the accepted subjects, alongside the required test scores or grades are detailed on KCL’s website, under the dropdown menu for each band: https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply/entry-requirements/english-language. Please note that both tests and exams have an expiry date which are detailed on the website and refer to the date the student would commence study at King’s College London.

| viii) **Modules Compatibility** | Students are reminded to review the list of available courses carefully and to be flexible in the courses they can take because many modules are in high demand at King’s.

Course catalogue for exchange students: https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/module-options
information which is often ignored. Please read so that you will save time, effort and have less stress in your application process.

Read King’s Module Selection Guide: [http://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/assets/PDF/study-abroad/Study-Abroad-Module-Selection-Guide.pdf](http://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/assets/PDF/study-abroad/Study-Abroad-Module-Selection-Guide.pdf)

You will have the chance to request module amendments closer to your arrival to KCL in September/January.

Suitable for students from the following Faculties:

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| FASS    | • Geography  
          | • History  
          | • Economics – Less Mathematical and Statistical based  
          | • Global Studies  
          | • Philosophy  
          | • Political Science |
| FoS     | • Physics  
          | • Mathematics  
          | • Bioscience  
          | • Chemistry |
| SoC     | • Informatics |
| Law     | • Law |

ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites

- Postgraduate modules are not open to undergraduate exchange students.
- The Health and Society programme, is only available for fee-paying exchange students.
- The follow faculties do not accept exchange students:
  - Medicine
  - Dentistry
  - Nursing & Midwifery

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<td>• As the departments of English, History and War Studies remain oversubscribed, it may prove very difficult, if indeed not possible, to register on modules from these departments. No module is ever guaranteed to any inbound student to King’s.</td>
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<td>FoS</td>
<td>• Chemistry – Only Year 1 and 2 modules available to exchange students</td>
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<td>Law</td>
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### D. Application

#### i) Procedures

NUS Registrar’s Office will consolidate the nominations from NUS Faculties and Schools before submitting the nominations to King’s.

Nominated students have to submit an online application to King’s via [https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/applying/index.aspx](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/applying/index.aspx) and upload all supporting documents online by King’s deadline. Any questions on application procedures can be sent to studyabroad-admissions@kcl.ac.uk.

Students will require the following supporting documentation:

- **Personal Statement** of more than 500 words in length
- **One Academic Reference**
- **NUS Transcript** - provided by NUS Registrar’s Office
- **English language proficiency** letter mentioned under Section C (vii)
- **Copy of Passport**

Please read King’s application information found in SharePoint. Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.

#### 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

On campus accommodation is **not** guaranteed. Exchange students will be provided housing application link in their odder/admission package. The College offers a variety of accommodation within its own halls of residences and also the University of London Intercollegiate Residences. Please refer [here](#) for King’s accommodation information.

King’s student residence contract lengths for Semester 1 students run from September - January, for Semester 2 students from January - June and for Full Year students, from September - June. Students will be charged for the full contract, regardless of university holidays.

#### ii) Private Accommodation

Some Study Abroad students opt to live in private housing during their time in London. The [Student Advice Service](#) at King’s is able to provide support,
guidance and information to students on all aspects of private housing, including finding somewhere to live.

**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, KCL 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 are advised to 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

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 Numbers and helplines

24/7 campus security numbers:
Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience: +44 (0) 20 7848 0001
Denmark Hill West: +44 (0) 20 7848 5555
Guy’s, Strand and Waterloo Campuses: +44 (0) 20 7848 2222
NHS Trust buildings: +44 (0) 20 7188 3333

In a genuine emergency, students should contact emergency services on 999.

H. Cost of Living

Estimated Living Expenses per term

Detailed breakdown of living costs is available at http://www.kcl.ac.uk/campuslife/london/budget.aspx and http://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/living-expenses/index.aspx

I. Useful Links

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Pre-arrival information

- http://www.kcl.ac.uk/campuslife/services/student-advice-support/how/intlstudentsupport/pre.aspx
- http://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/london/index.aspx
- http://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/student-life/index.aspx

Student Blog: https://blogs.kcl.ac.uk/kingssas/

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