# Information for Students applying for Exchange

## A. University

Unviersity of Manchester

[http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-programmes/non-eu/](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-programmes/non-eu/)

## 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**: Mid-September to late January  
**Semester 2**: Late January to early June

[http://www.manchester.ac.uk/international/studyabroadandexchanges/exchange/keydates/](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/international/studyabroadandexchanges/exchange/keydates/)

### iii) Exchange Duration

Semester 2 exchange is recommended due to overlapping academic calendar.

NUS students who wish to go to Manchester for exchange in semester 1 should seek permission from their Dean’s office for late return to NUS before they apply for the exchange.

Students also have to refer to Manchester’s website for information on whether their major is open to alternative assessment at Manchester in semester 1.

### iv) Examination

Alternative assessments at Manchester are not guaranteed. A list of these subject areas that allow alternative assessments can be found through the Course Information link [here](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-programmes/non-eu/).

If the module requires the taking of an examination in late January, then students must take the examination at Manchester before returning back to NUS.
v) Curriculum Structure
Students are informed to have 50 to 60 Manchester credits per semester and check on the latest credit equivalence found [here](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-programmes/non-eu/entry-requirements/). **NO overloading or underloading on credits is allowed.**

The majority of course units at The University of Manchester are worth either 10 or 20 credits. As a general rule, one UK credit equates to 10 hours of work; a 10-credit course unit therefore requires 100 hours of study on average.

vi) Entry Requirements
You should:

(i) have completed a minimum of one year’s undergraduate study at NUS;
(ii) be a student of good standing at NUS and have an overall CAP score of 3.5 (or an average grade B for Law students);
(iii) not be in the graduating semester of studies while on exchange;
(iv) propose an appropriate programme of study at the host university;
(v) show the aptitude, motivation and maturity, to thrive in the environment at the host university; and
(vi) have sufficient funds for all fees, personal and living expenses for the duration of the study abroad at the host university.

vii) Language Proficiency Requirements
If English is not your first language, but you are currently studying for a degree which is being taught entirely in English, you need to supply a language certificate if you are applying for a Tier 4 Visa.

[https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-programmes/non-eu/entry-requirements/](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-programmes/non-eu/entry-requirements/)

For the purposes of NUS students’ applications to the University of Manchester’s Study Abroad programme, if their degree is taught entirely in English, they will not be required to provide an English language certificate in support of their application to our programme. However, different subject areas may request further information/proof of English Language Proficiency.

You’ll see in the link above that in addition to Manchester’s minimum English language entry requirements, their subject areas have their own English language requirements (which are higher than the minimum requirements in most cases).

Manchester ask that students provide a letter/document in support of their application, signed by an NUS member of staff, that proves that their current degree programme is taught in English.

Subject to change, and Manchester visa team can provide more information as and when required.

viii) Modules Compatibility
Please note that in the UK Level 3 course units are intended primarily for students who have specialized in that subject area for at least two years.
Exchange students will need to demonstrate an equivalent background to be eligible to study Level 3 course units.

Please refer to the module catalogue and course restrictions at Manchester: [here](#).

Suitable for students from the following Faculties:

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All the above mentioned departments are very popular. Interested students should apply as early as possible.

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| SoC                        | Computer Science – no alternative examination in semester 1   |

Postgraduate modules are not open to undergraduate exchange students.

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<td>History – Study Abroad / exchange students who are majoring in History and already have an extensive background in the subject may be considered for Level 3 course units, but will be subject to an interview on arrival, and a place on a Level 3 course unit cannot be guaranteed. Students wishing to access Level 2 History courses should also have sufficient background study in the</td>
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### STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

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<td>BIZ</td>
<td>Business courses are open to NUS Business School students only. Other courses listed on the Alliance Manchester Business School website are not available to study abroad students.</td>
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### D. Application

#### i) Procedures

NUS Registrar’s Office will consolidate the nominations from NUS Faculties and Schools before submitting to Manchester. Nominated students must apply for exchange via Manchester’s online application system before the stipulated deadlines.

Students will require the following supporting documentation:

- Most recent academic transcript – please get this from NUS Registrar’s Office
- [Proposed study plan form](#) (PDF document, 46KB)
- [Personal statement](#) (PDF document, 38KB)
- Exchange partner or agent/representative nomination form – NUS Registrar’s Office will provide this
- [Fall assessment approval form](#) (PDF document, 50KB)
- English Language Proficiency Certificate or its equivalent
- A scanned copy of the ID page of your passport

Please read Manchester’s application information found online at [http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-programmes/non-eu/how-to-apply/](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-programmes/non-eu/how-to-apply/) and also 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.

Please note that for January entry you should apply as early as possible, particularly if you wish to study any of Manchester’s high-demand course units.

### E. Accommodations

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<th>i) University Accommodation</th>
<th>Study Abroad/Exchange students who go to Manchester for a year as part of their degree are guaranteed a room in University-owned accommodation for their time in Manchester. Study Abroad/Exchange students on single semester exchange at Manchester are not guaranteed accommodation but will almost certainly be allocated University accommodation under normal circumstances. More information about university accommodation can be found at <a href="http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-programmes/non-eu/accommodation/">http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-programmes/non-eu/accommodation/</a> Please note that the choice of housing in Semester 2 (January to June) is often very restricted. Please understand that it is common for Semester 2 students to be offered a place not in their preferred hall but in an alternative hall.</th>
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<td>ii) Private Accommodation</td>
<td>Private accommodation can be more expensive than University accommodation. However, students can still find some very good deals in Manchester. If you choose to stay in private accommodation, Manchester has its own service, <a href="http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-programmes/non-eu/accommodation/">Manchester Student Homes</a>, based on campus to help and advise students on finding private accommodation.</td>
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### F. Visa

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<th>Consular/Visa Regulation</th>
<th>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. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration</a> <strong>Short-term Study Visa for Semester Exchange</strong></th>
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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, Manchester’s International Office 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. Further information can be found [here](#). 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.

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**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](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

Tel: +44 161 306 9966

### H. Cost of Living

| Estimated Monthly Living Expenses | Detailed breakdown of living costs is available at [http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/finance/living-costs/](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/finance/living-costs/) |

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