EXCHANGE @ NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE (NUS)

Undergraduate coursework-based exchange AY2018/19
Where is Singapore?

1° above the equator

Average Temperature
31° C
88° F
Why Singapore?

- Internet Connectivity
- Tropical flora and fauna
- Robust Economy
- Accessibility and affordable transportation
- Safety and healthcare
- Rich heritage and culture
Some things to do while in Singapore

- Get close to Merlion – Singapore’s national mascot
- Celebrate the ethnic festivities with us
- View the display at Gardens by the Bay
- Watch the F1 night race
- Sit on the world’s second largest flyer
- Visit our many museums
Multi-racial, culturally diverse city state with 60% Singaporeans

5,607,000+ Population (2016)

74.3% : Chinese
13.4% : Malay
9.1%  : Indian
3.2%  : Other

Source: Singapore Stat Board (2016)
Predominantly English speaking but four official languages!

Why Singapore?

English

Mandarin

Tamil

Malay

Hi!

Hai!

你好

வணக்கம்
Holidays!

- New Year’s Day (Jan)
- Chinese New Year (Jan/Feb)
- Good Friday (Mar/Apr)
- Labour Day (May)
- Vesak Day (May/Jun)
- Hari Raya Puasa (Jun)
- National Day (Aug)
- Hari Raya Haji (Sep)
- Deepavali (Oct)
- Christmas (Dec)
Why Singapore?

**FOOD!**

A strong food culture - **eating is a national pastime!**

**Hawker Centres** offer a variety of foods at very affordable prices!
Travel outside of Singapore

Gateway to Southeast Asia
(within 3 hours flight journey)
Where is NUS?

London is more than 2 times the size of Singapore
NUS at a Glance

VISION
A leading global university centred in Asia, influencing the future

MISSION
To transform the way people think and do things through education, research
NUS at a Glance

- Established in **1905** as a medical school
- **English-speaking**, comprehensive university with 17 Schools and Faculties
- Approximately **38,000 students** (28,000 Undergraduates and 10,000 Graduates)
- **Three Campuses**
  1. Kent Ridge Campus
  2. Bukit Timah Campus
  3. Outram Campus (Duke-NUS Medical School)
- **Academic Calendar**
  Semester 1: Early August to Early December
  Semester 2: Early January to Early May
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Subject Rankings

The 2017 QS World University Rankings by Subject places NUS among the world’s 25 best universities for subjects which are available to coursework-based exchange students.

Faculty of Engineering
- Civil and Structural (5)
- Chemical (8)
- Electrical (12)
- Mechanical (13)
- Material Science (8)

Faculty of Science
- Chemistry (7)
- Statistics and Operational research (8)
- Environmental Studies (9)
- Mathematics (14)
- Biological Sciences (19)
- Physics (25)

School of Computing
- Computer Science and Info Systems (10)

School of Design & Environment
- Architecture / Built Environment (9)

Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences
- Geography (11)
- English Language & Literature (15)
- Communication & Media Studies (12)
- Politics & International Studies (15)
- Sociology (15)
- Economics & Econometrics (20)

NUS Business School
- Business & Management (15)
- Accounting & Finance (18)

NUS Law
- Law (15)
Student Exchange Programme (SEP)
### SEP Facts and Figures

**300+ partners**
- From Australian National University to Berkeley to Peking U, NUS students can embark on SEP at one of 300+ University-Wide or Faculty-Level exchange partners.

**>40 countries**
- SEP offers students the opportunity to study in Australia, Canada, Japan, Mexico, and the United Kingdom, just to name a few.

**~2,000 exchange students**
- NUS sends and receives nearly 2,000 exchange students for SEP in each academic year.

**13,000+ Participants**
- Having started in AY1993/94, SEP has allowed students the opportunity to spread their wings and experience a new culture for over 20 years!
Student Exchange Programme

- **English** is the medium of instruction except in foreign language classes
- Undergraduate, coursework-based exchange
- **Tuition fee waiver.** Pay for your living and travel expenses
- A semester to a maximum of a full academic year
- **Transfer of modular credits** to fulfill graduation requirements back at home university
- Grading of modules taken during exchange is based on NUS’ assessment mode
Incoming Student Satisfaction Survey AY2016/17

82% selected NUS as their first choice for exchange

93% were either satisfied or extremely satisfied with their exchange at NUS

90% would recommend NUS as an exchange destination to their peers
8 participating faculties and schools in NUS which offer undergraduate modules to exchange students

- **FASS**
  - Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences
- **FoE**
  - Faculty of Engineering
- **FoS**
  - Faculty of Science
- **SDE**
  - School of Design & Environment
- **SoC**
  - School of Computing

**Exchange Conditions**

- Exchange with BIZ, Law and USP is **by invitation only**
- Students must have single major in Law in order to be considered for Law modules
- Exchange with **USP** requires student to stay at **Cinnamon College**
NUS Law is situated at the Bukit Timah Campus
Supporting Offices for SEP

- Identify partner universities and evaluate exchange agreements
- Negotiate for exchange places annually
- Involve in the overall operation and the administration of the exchange programme
- Oversee the IRO Peer Advising Programme
- **We can be your first stop** for enquiries on student exchange matters

- Conduct student orientation
- Plan cross-cultural events and festival celebrations
- Offer Host Family Programme/student Buddy Programme
- Manage accommodation matters
- Oversee Disability Support Office

- Process incoming SEP applications
- Manage module registration
- Apply Student’s Pass and NUS Student Card
- Keep students' academic records and print transcript
- Conduct examination

- Decide on modules and quotas
- Approve of modules
- Provide module descriptions
- Set examination and class schedules

IRO

RO

OSA

Faculties
Modules for Exchange Students

Check
- Check list of undergraduate modules available
- Check module restrictions

Select
- Do your Study Plan
- Select up to 10 relevant modules during the online application

Secure
- Approval for modules is based on pre-requisites, availability and time-table
- 12 modular credits per semester is needed for Student’s Pass application

Change
- Changes to the pre-registered modules should be made during “Add/Drop” period at the start of each semester

- Business, Law and USP exchanges are by invitation only.
- Economics, Psychology and Political Science modules are usually oversubscribed.
- Level 4000 and above modules are restricted.

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## Accommodation while on exchange

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<td>Not guaranteed</td>
<td>Source for your own accommodation</td>
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<td>Students can choose among the various on-campus accommodation options available to them</td>
<td>Office of Student Affairs can recommend some private vendors for your consideration</td>
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<td>Majority of the on-campus accommodation include compulsory meal plans</td>
<td>No meal plans</td>
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<tr>
<td>Utilities and internet costs are included in the rental</td>
<td>Verify the utilities and internet costs with the vendor</td>
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<tr>
<td>Abide to NUS’ accommodation rules and regulations</td>
<td>Abide to the legal terms of the rental agreement which you signed with the vendor</td>
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<tr>
<td>Closer to students’ events and support services at NUS</td>
<td>Travel to attend students’ events. NUS’ student support services are only available on campus</td>
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<td>Generally more affordable</td>
<td>Could be affordable depends on location, type of rooms, etc.</td>
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<td>Mostly single-rooms with no air-conditioning</td>
<td>You can decide your preferred room type with air-conditioning</td>
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<tr>
<td>Available at Kent Ridge Campus only</td>
<td>Choose your accommodation location</td>
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<tr>
<td>Do housekeeping of your room. Common toilets will be cleaned by janitors</td>
<td>Do housekeeping or you could pay to engage private cleaning services</td>
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Student must indicate on their initial exchange application if they require accommodation.

On-campus accommodation is NOT guaranteed at NUS.

Student selected for the exchange will then be invited to indicate their top three preferences for accommodation during the application for accommodation. Students attached to USP will only be staying at Cinnamon College.
University’s On-campus Accommodation

Halls of Residences
- Eusoff Hall
- Kent Ridge Hall
- King Edward VII Hall
- Raffles Hall
- Sheares Hall
- Temasek Hall

Student Residences
- Prince George's Park Residences
- UTown Residence

Residential Colleges (RCs)
- Cinnamon (USP) College
- Tembusu College
- College of Alice & Peter Tan
- Residential College 4
- Ridge View Residential College

- Unique culture in each residence or hall
- Compulsory meal plans for Halls of Residences and RCs
- Check the rental costs for each type of on-campus accommodation

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Private off-campus Accommodation

• Students can refer to [http://nus.edu.sg/osa/has/other-accommodation](http://nus.edu.sg/osa/has/other-accommodation) for off-campus accommodation options.
• NUS does not manage any off-campus accommodation and students are advised to exercise discretion and caution when engaging off-campus accommodation vendors.

Rental increases according to room/ apartment/ house type
# Estimated Cost of Living

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<th>Off-campus</th>
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<td>Accommodation</td>
<td>S$380 - S$800</td>
<td>S$500 - S$1,200</td>
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<td>Food (3 meals a day)</td>
<td>S$250 - S$400</td>
<td>S$350 - S$800</td>
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<td>Public Transport</td>
<td>S$100 - S$150</td>
<td>S$200 - S$300</td>
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<td>Books &amp; Stationery (depends on course of study)</td>
<td>S$200 – S$300</td>
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<td>Personal expenses (Telecommunication, toiletries, clothing etc. excluding overseas travel)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>S$1,130 – S$2,000</strong></td>
<td><strong>S$1,450 – S$2,950</strong></td>
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*Note: This is an estimated expenditure a student may likely incur during his or her stay in Singapore. The costs vary accordingly to student’s personal needs and lifestyle.*
Campus Life

**Student Organisations**

- Performing Arts, Sports Clubs, Societies and Interest Groups: >100
- Community Engagement Programme Network: 100

**Community Projects**

- IRO & Peer Advising Programme: 40+
- Welcome Party, Orientation Week, Sports Activities and Information Sessions: 15+
- Orientation Briefing, International language exchange, Heartland tour, etc.: 15+
- International Student Support: 15+
IRO and PALs Activities

Join the **activities** organised specially for you!

- Orientation Briefing
- Welcome Party
- Welcome Week – Around the Campus Tour, Local Games
- International Coffee Catch-up
- Dragonboat Race
- Explorasia
- International Exchange Day
- Pulau Ubin Cycling Trip
- BRIDGE Networking Session
- Go Away Fair
- Feedback Session
- Farewell Party
Campus Service and Facilities

- 36 Food venues and kiosks
- 7 Libraries
- 3 Museums
- 2 Sports & recreation centres
- 1 University Cultural Center
- 1 Bank
- Disability Support Office
- University Health Centre
- National University Hospital
- 24-hour security and emergency call points
- Internal shuttle bus
NUS Grading Policy

Assessment mode depends on the programme coordinator

Attendance, class participation, assignments, projects and final examination performance counts towards final grade for each module

Possible moderation of grades for some modules
Important notice from Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) of Singapore

15. You are required to attend class regularly. If you fail to attend classes for a continuous period of 7 days your Student’s Pass is liable to be cancelled with effect from the 8th day. The letter of cancellation will be sent to your place of residence as registered with ICA. Remaining in Singapore unlawfully after the cancellation of your Student’s Pass is an offence under Section 15 of the Immigration Act and you would be liable for prosecution.

16. You understand that your Student’s Pass will be cancelled by the Controller of Immigration if you fail to remain or cease to be retained as a student in your educational institution.

Full Terms and Conditions found here: https://www.ica.gov.sg/cms/files/forms/Terms_and_Conditions_STP.pdf
Application Process

1. Apply with home university and be selected for exchange at NUS

2. Partner universities nominate you to NUS for exchange

3. Apply online and indicate if you require on-campus accommodation

4. Submit on-campus accommodation application / looks for alternative accommodation

5. Receive official acceptances and important information via email

6. Check application outcome and module approval online*

7. Read through the Registration Guide carefully and follow the instructions

8. Receive email notification to verify your personal details for Student's Pass application

9. Complete registration (Part One) online

*The approved modules have been pre-registered for you. If you are taking Law modules, you will be informed to go through a separate module registration with the Faculty of Law. You will see that you have been pre-registered for 3-4 modules. Additional modules can be added during the module add/drop period at the start of each semester.
## Important Dates & Deadlines

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<td>Sem 1: 21 Mar to 15 Apr</td>
<td>Students should apply online after their nomination is accepted.</td>
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<td>Sem 2: 1 Sep to 1 Oct</td>
<td>All supporting documents have to be uploaded online, otherwise stated on the checklist.</td>
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<td>Acceptance outcome</td>
<td>Sem 1: mid-Jun</td>
<td>Students can login to the online portal with the application ID and password to view their application status closer to the release of application results.</td>
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<td>Sem 2: end of Nov</td>
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<td>On-campus accommodation application</td>
<td>Upon acceptance of exchange</td>
<td>Successful students may apply for on-campus accommodation if they receive the invitation. More details on accommodation application can be found in the offer email.</td>
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Useful References

1. Journey Beyond Your Shores
2. Step-In
3. Information Sheet
4. Around NUS
5. Student Life Video
6. NUS Corporate Video
7. Apps for smart phone
Students’ Comments

“Above all though, Singaporeans have a special place in my heart. Whether it was NUS students, professors, kopitiam uncles, migrant workers, bus drivers or artists – many have showered me with generosity and kindness without want for return. The friendships I have forged here are lasting ones.”

New Colombo Plan Scholar from the University of New South Wales, Australia.

“NUS has exceeded my expectations. The installations, its organization, its friendly and helpful personnel, the great quality of its lecturers makes NUS a top destination. I will forever be grateful I was accepted to join this University. The reasons are endless, I could go on and on... the life lasting learnings, the mix of cultures, its people and don't get me started with the food!”

Student from Utrecht University, the Netherlands
Go on EXCHANGE to NUS!
Thank you!

谢谢
Terima Kasih!

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24/7 Self-service online FAQ portal: http://nusiro.custhelp.com/app/home