

**INTERNATIONAL SUMMER/WINTER PROGRAMMES (i-SP)**

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**IMPORTANT NOTE**

Before applying for any summer/winter programme, read the [GRO website](#) for important information on:

- General Eligibility Requirements and Application Process
- Module Mapping and Financial Aid
- Visa Application, Travel Advisories and Student Insurance

**UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM: BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL 2022  
(CANCELLED)**

*(Updated as of 28 March 2022. University of Birmingham has cancelled Birmingham International Summer School)*

Host University Website: <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/biss>  
Programme Location: N/A  
Programme Dates: N/A  
Application Deadline: N/A

**COVID-19 related updates:**

Students may be considering physical (on-site) Summer and Research Attachment programmes in 2022. Due to the fluid situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is still much uncertainty regarding international travel in the months ahead.

Students' ability to travel to a country for Summer 2022 will be determined by determined by the host country's travel policies as well as any updates to the latest travel advisory from Singapore authorities. Do factor in the need for quarantine in the host country and stay-home notice upon return to Singapore when considering the feasibility of participating in these programmes.

To be eligible for physical (on-site) summer programmes, students will need to:

1. be fully vaccinated
2. complete the compulsory Overseas Travel Preparedness (OTP) module on LumiNUS **one month before** the programme start date. Search for GRO101 Overseas Travel Preparedness (non-SEP participants AY 21/22);
3. submit a copy of the completed [Risk Acknowledgement and Consent Form](#) on LumiNUS **one month before** the programme start date. Look for the 'Summer Programmes' folder and a subfolder with the country of your programme;
4. register with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or your country's diplomatic mission; and
5. attend a pre-departure briefing conducted by GRO.

Students who proceed with the physical (on-site) option acknowledge the risks associated. NUS will not be responsible for any lost deposits or expenses (including but not limited to programme/tuition fees, air tickets, housing deposits, meal plans and/or non-academic student fees) associated with travel disruptions.

Students are advised not to make any financial commitments particularly those which are non-refundable until they are certain that travel is possible. Students will be fully responsible for any and all travel expenses, quarantine accommodation costs, COVID-19 tests or other costs related to the measures imposed at that point of time, both in the host country and Singapore.

ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION		
1	<b>Programme Fee</b>	<p>The BISS 2021 Programme Fee is £2,750. Fee includes tuition and accompanied field trips, en-suite accommodation and a social and cultural programme.</p> <p>NUS registered full-time students will receive a £250 discount. All students who apply before <b>7 March 2022</b> will receive £150 early application discount.</p>
2	<b>Financial Aid Available Through NUS GRO</b>	<p>Financial Aid options will not be available for programmes/classes that are conducted fully online. If programmes are hybrid, only on-site participation would qualify a student for financial aid. If a physical/on-site programme switches to fully online before the commencement of the programme, NUS reserves the right to adjust or retract the financial aid package.</p> <p>You should have enough monetary funds to last you throughout the whole i-SP. Your decision to go on i-SP should not be dependent upon the confirmation of a scholarship or bursary award. You can consider the following financial aid options to fund your i-SP:</p> <p>For Singaporeans only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">NUS Awards for Study Abroad (NASA) Enhancement Bursary</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Overseas Student Programme (OSP) Loan</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA) Funds</a></li> </ul> <p>Please note that if you are successful for any financial aid, the funds will only be disbursed to you after completion of the programme.</p>

PROGRAMME DETAILS		
3	<b>Academic Content</b>	<p>The course list plus syllabi are available online <a href="https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/birmingham-international-summer-school/programmes/index.aspx">https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/birmingham-international-summer-school/programmes/index.aspx</a></p>
4	<b>Eligibility Requirements</b>	<p>NUS's generic eligibility requirements apply, please see <a href="#">GRO website</a> for details.</p> <p>To be accepted onto the Birmingham International Summer School you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be of good academic standing (based on your NUS transcript)</li> <li>• Subject specific requirements may also apply. Please check the <a href="#">BISS programmes page</a> for further information.</li> </ul> <p>For more information on entry requirements: <a href="https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/birmingham-international-summer-school/entry-requirements.aspx">https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/birmingham-international-summer-school/entry-requirements.aspx</a></p>
5	<b>Accommodation</b>	<p>Students will live in self-catering accommodation in University halls of residence.</p>

6	<b>Application Procedure at Host Institution</b>	All applications should be made online. Please see <a href="#">here</a> for more information on the application instructions.
7	<b>Application Procedure at NUS</b>	<p>You are <b>REQUIRED TO</b> apply via NUS' <a href="#">EduRec-GE</a> <b>AND</b> the host university's website <u>concurrently</u>.</p> <p>Please apply through NUS EduRec System if you want to do module mapping and apply for financial aid. Applying through EduRec will allow GRO to contact and assist you in times of crisis/emergency while you are overseas. With an official application through EduRec, GRO can also provide you with supporting letters for visa application and NS deferment (for NSmen). Read the step-by-step guide which we have prepared for you on <a href="#">GRO's web</a>.</p> <p>Please note that you must accept <u>both</u> the EduRec offer as well as the host university offer in order to confirm your participation in this programme.</p>
8	<b>Module Mapping</b>	<p>You can start the module mapping process after you apply in EduRec and accept the offer for the programme. Click <a href="#">here</a> for a step-by-step guide on applying for module mapping.</p> <p>For clarification, students may contact the SEP administrators/coordinators at their respective home Faculty/School Dean's Office or the academic department.</p> <p><b>Module mapping request is subjected to approval from the Faculties.</b></p>
9	<b>Transcript</b>	Students who have successfully completed the BISS programme will receive an official academic transcript by the November following the Summer School period. The transcript will be posted to the correspondence address provided in the student's BISS application form.

<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>		
10	<b>Visa Application</b>	<p>Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, please refer to this website <a href="https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control">https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control</a> for the latest immigration and border guidelines.</p> <p>Students have to check with the respective embassy for visa matters pertaining to the passport they are holding.</p> <p>Singapore citizens do not need an entry visa to the UK. At customs, please show the necessary supporting documents and apply for a Standard Visitor Visa on arrival in the UK.</p> <p>Other nationals, please check your visa requirement here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa">https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa</a></p>

11	<b>Travel Advisories</b>	Visit the <a href="#">MFA website</a> for travel advisories on various countries from the Singapore government.
12	<b>Student Insurance</b>	<p>NUS will continue to offer NUS Travel Insurance for approved study abroad programmes including International Summer Programmes (i-SP). For more information on COVID-related coverage under the NUS Student Insurance Scheme, please refer to the following link: <a href="http://nus.edu.sg/uhc/docs/default-source/insurance/frequently-asked-questions-on-covid-19.pdf">http://nus.edu.sg/uhc/docs/default-source/insurance/frequently-asked-questions-on-covid-19.pdf</a></p> <p>Students are responsible for ensuring that they have sufficient travel insurance coverage. Exclusions to the NUS blanket travel insurance may apply. Students may consider purchasing additional travel insurance if required.</p>
13	<b>Contact Information</b>	<p>Questions about the programme? Contact the host university at: <a href="mailto:BISS@contacts.bham.ac.uk">BISS@contacts.bham.ac.uk</a></p> <p>Questions about module mapping? Visit this <a href="#">webpage</a>.</p> <p>Questions specific to NUS GRO? Contact us at: <a href="#">askGRO</a></p>