

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

<p><b>A. University</b></p>	<p><b>University of Antwerp</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/study/erasmus-and-exchange-students/">https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/study/erasmus-and-exchange-students/</a></p>
<p><b>B. Country</b></p>	<p>Belgium</p>
<p><b>C. Academics</b></p>	
<p><b>i) Course Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</b></p>	<p>Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>Courses 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 university while you are preparing your Study Plan.</p>
<p><b>ii) Academic Calendar</b></p>	<p><b>Semester 1:</b> End September to Early February <b>Semester 2:</b> February to Early July</p> <p><a href="https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/life-in-antwerp/academic-calendar/">https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/life-in-antwerp/academic-calendar/</a></p>
<p><b>iii) Exchange Duration</b></p>	<p>One semester. Students are encouraged to go for exchange in Semester 2 due to the academic calendar overlap.</p>
<p><b>iv) Examination</b></p>	<p>Students are expected to attend all mandatory examinations at the host university.</p> <p>Examination in Semester 1 starts in January and NUS students who are on exchange in semester 1 will have to seek their NUS home faculty's permission to return late to NUS to start semester 2.</p>
<p><b>v) Curriculum Structure</b></p>	<p>All study programmes at the University of Antwerp are measured in terms of ECTS credits. A full-time workload amounts to 60 credits per academic year or 30 credits per semester.</p> <p>As a general rule, exchange students have to sign up for a minimum of 20 credits. However, NUS allows the transfer of the maximum credits given by PU to the maximum credits per semester at NUS. Course units at University of Antwerp mostly have an ECTS value of 3 or 6 credits.</p> <p>When applying for admission, exchange students need to formulate a Learning Agreement with the course selection and the number of credits. The documents need to be signed by the student, students' home faculty at NUS and the University of Antwerp <b>before arrival</b> at University of Antwerp in order for the learning agreement to be approved.</p>

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	<p>Students can choose courses from faculties other than their own but are limited to two courses per faculty and subject to written approval from both faculties.</p> <p>For more course information, please refer to:  <a href="https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/study/erasmus-and-exchange-students/study-information/courses-learning-agreement/">https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/study/erasmus-and-exchange-students/study-information/courses-learning-agreement/</a></p>
<p><b>vi) Entry Requirements</b></p>	<p>(a) registered as a full-time undergraduate student of NUS</p> <p>(b) have successfully completed at least two (2) semesters of study at NUS upon admission to the host university;</p> <p>(c) not eligible for exchange in the graduating year</p> <p>(d) a student of good standing at NUS with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. a minimum upper division second class honours or;</li> <li>b. a minimum B average grade or;</li> <li>c. a GPA of at least 3.0 (out of 5) for NUS students</li> </ul>
<p><b>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</b></p>	<p>Most bachelor courses are taught in Dutch. However, all faculties offer a number of courses and seminars or full study programmes in English to accommodate exchange students.</p> <p>Please check the language of instruction carefully when making your choice. Course descriptions are available in Dutch and in English but the course offer is not entirely offered in English.</p> <p>In order to attend classes in Dutch, successful students can register for an intensive Dutch language course before the start of each semester.</p> <p>It is also recommended that students learn some Dutch during their exchange at Antwerp even though they are attending courses taught in English. Dutch language classes are also offered during the semester.</p> <p>The course catalogue in English can be found on:  <a href="http://www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange">www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange</a></p>
<p><b>viii) Faculties &amp; Schools accepting exchange students</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social-Economic Sciences (please note that there is only 1 deadline for application for <b>both semesters</b>)</li> <li>• Applied Engineering</li> <li>• Arts and Philosophy</li> <li>• Design Sciences</li> <li>• Biomedical and Veterinary Sciences</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political and Social Sciences (no Psychology) – including Communication Sciences</li> <li>• Sciences</li> </ul> <p>For more course information, please refer to: <a href="http://www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange">http://www.uantwerpen.be/internationalexchange</a></p> <p>Suitable for NUS students in their third year of studies while on exchange at Antwerp.</p>
<p><b>ix) Course restrictions and pre-requisites</b></p>	<p>Economics students should only consider semester 1 exchange.</p> <p>No Psychology modules available for NUS students.</p> <p>Students are officially accepted by the University of Antwerp once they have been given the status of exchange students by their home university and after approval of their preliminary study programme by the appropriate department/faculty at University of Antwerp.</p>
<p><b>D. Application</b></p>	
<p><b>i) Procedures</b></p>	<p>Students may apply for SEP one year in advance through their home faculty in NUS between September and June. Please look out for your faculty’s announcement regarding the application period.</p> <p>Once you have been selected by your home faculty for SEP, your faculty will contact you and provide information regarding application with your host university. Please prepare the necessary documents before the start of the application period at your host university.</p>
<p><b>ii) Deadlines</b></p>	<p>All NUS student 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</p> <p><b>Deadline for submitting application to host university:</b> Semester 1: 15 May Semester 2: 1 November</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result one’s exchange being forfeited even if he or she has been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
<p><b>E. Accommodations</b></p>	

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<p><b>i) University Accommodation</b></p>	<p>There is plenty of offers on the student accommodation market in Antwerp and most rooms are rented for a period of 10 to 12 months, so students staying for a full academic year should have no problem finding a room. The International Housing Office handles the housing accommodation for students staying in Antwerp for one semester or less.</p> <p>There are several areas around the 4 university campuses where students live: in the historical city centre near City campus and in the leafy suburbs near campus Middelheim, campus Groenenborger (Berchem/Antwerp) and campus Drie Eiken (Wilrijk).</p> <p>Students who enjoy nightlife, social and cultural events may prefer to choose a room close to the city centre. Those who prefer greener surroundings can find suitable accommodation within walking distance of campus Middelheim, campus Groenenborger and campus Drie Eiken. Rooms are usually cheaper in the vicinity of campus Middelheim, campus Groenenborger or campus Drie Eiken. There are good bus connections to/from the city centre. It takes about 30 minutes to get to the city centre by bus. On weekdays the bus from/into town goes no later than 12.30am, on Fridays and Saturdays until 1.30am; there are special night buses in the weekends. The campuses are also interconnected by public transportation.</p> <p>A bicycle is a good alternative, it is certainly faster. Antwerp is bicycle-friendly and biking is much encouraged.</p> <p>For more information about accommodation, please refer to <a href="https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/life-in-antwerp/housing/university-residences/">https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/life-in-antwerp/housing/university-residences/</a></p>
<p><b>ii) Private Accommodation</b></p>	<p>For more information, refer to <a href="https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/life-in-antwerp/housing/student-housing-private-market/">https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/life-in-antwerp/housing/student-housing-private-market/</a></p> <p>Kotweb (<a href="http://www.studentkotweb.be/en">http://www.studentkotweb.be/en</a>), a student accommodation website, offers the largest selection of student accommodation and is the reference for student accommodation in Antwerp and any related information.</p>
<p><b>F. Visa</b></p>	
<p><b>Consular/Visa Regulation</b></p>	<p>Students who need a visa to study in Belgium should apply for a student visa (type D) with the Belgian embassy or consulate in their current country of residence before leaving for Belgium. Students are urged not to come on a tourist visa alone, even if they have a European Union residence permit from another EU country.</p>

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	<p>When visiting the Belgian embassy or consulate they will need the following documents (to be submitted in all cases):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National passport (with at least one year validity remaining)</li> <li>- 2 copies of the visa application form, completed and signed</li> <li>- Letter of acceptance from the University of Antwerp</li> <li>- Proof of solvency</li> <li>- Certificate of good conduct</li> <li>- Medical certificate</li> </ul> <p>Additional documents may be requested by the embassy or consulate.</p> <p>It is necessary to start the visa application procedure well in advance. All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they received the official offer letter/email from their host university.</p> <p>Some visa application process could take up to 2 months to process. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</p> <p>For more information on visa applications, please refer to <a href="https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/study/erasmus-and-exchange-students/prepare-your-stay/">https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/study/erasmus-and-exchange-students/prepare-your-stay/</a></p> <p>International students staying in Antwerp for more than 3 months will have to apply for a residence permit upon arrival. The University of Antwerp assists students with the procedure.</p> <p>For more information on residence permits, please refer to <a href="http://www.uantwerpen.be/residencepermit">www.uantwerpen.be/residencepermit</a></p>
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**G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance**

<p><b>i) Health/Medical Insurance</b></p>	<p>Registration as a student at the University of Antwerp includes accident and third-party liability insurance, during educational and recreational activities in university buildings, during transfers to and from the university, and during excursions approved by the university.</p> <p>Before leaving for Antwerp students should report to their insurance company and carefully examine whether or not their health insurance covers all medical costs for the entire period of stay in Belgium. If that is not the case, they can choose to take up insurance with a local health insurance federation in Antwerp upon their arrival:</p> <p><a href="https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/study/erasmus-and-exchange-students/prepare-your-stay/">https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/study/erasmus-and-exchange-students/prepare-your-stay/</a></p> <p>For more information on NUS insurance, please refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/">https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</a></li> </ul>
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<b>I. Useful reference</b>													
<b>Guide for Exchange Students</b>	<a href="https://medialibrary.uantwerpen.be/files/">https://medialibrary.uantwerpen.be/files/</a>												

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Note: All information is subjected to change.