## Information for Students on Exchange

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| B. Country | Canada |

| 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. You can check with the SEP Coordinator in the Dean's Office of your home faculty. 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/Fall semester:** September – December  
**Semester 2/Winter semester:** January – April  
[https://www.ualberta.ca/registrar/calendar/index.html](https://www.ualberta.ca/registrar/calendar/index.html) |

| iii) Exchange Duration | One semester |


| v) Curriculum Structure | Full-time academic study at the University of Alberta is 3-5 courses per semester. Courses are generally 3 credits each. 3 credit courses are offered 3 hours/week over a 13 week term = 39 contact hours. Undergraduate students cannot take more than 15 credits worth of courses (typically 5 courses) per term. |

| vi) Entry Requirements | (a) be registered as a full-time undergraduate student of NUS  
(b) have successfully completed at least two (2) semesters of study at NUS upon admission to the host university;  
(c) not be eligible for exchange in the graduating year  
(d) be a student of good standing at NUS with  
   a. a minimum upper division second class honours or;  
   b. a minimum B average grade or;  
   c. a CAP of at least 3.5 (out of 5) for NUS students; for FoE students, you would need a cap of at least 3.75 by the start of your exchange at UAlberta |
## vii) Language Proficiency Requirements

English is the official language of instruction at the University of Alberta. All applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency to be considered for admission to the exchange programme.

## viii) Modules Compatibility

Suitable for students from the following Faculties/Disciplines:

- FASS
- FoS
- FoE

Course listings and class schedules for the next academic year are updated on the [Bear Tracks System](https://www.beartracks.ualberta.ca/) in March of the previous academic year. Please note courses that begin with “AU” are offered at the Augustana Campus approximately 1.5 hours outside of Edmonton.

## ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites

You can take any courses you wish with the following exceptions:

- Undergraduate students cannot take courses at the graduate/postgraduate level (usually number 500 or higher)
- Any course described on Bear Tracks as being closed to exchange students
- Cost-recovery courses and courses in cost-recovery programs
- Alternate delivery sections of any UAlberta courses
- Courses from the Faculties of Extension, Medicine & Dentistry (with the exception of courses in the Department of Biochemistry), Nursing, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Rehabilitation Medicine.
- Courses in School of Library and Information Studies, Yukon College or the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre
- SOC 399 and SOC499
- ACCTG 480, BUS 201, BUS 301, FIN 436, FIN 480, MGTSC 312, MIS 441, SMO 310, SMO 441, SMO 470, SMO 471. In additional, independent research, internship, study tour, competition, work experience and Special Topic (numbered 488) courses in the Alberta School of Business are not open to exchange students.
- Courses in the Departments of Computing Science, Drama, Economics, and Art and Design are in extremely high demand and often fill up quickly.

The majority of courses you take should be in the same faculty.

Students must be Engineering majors at NUS in order to take Engineering modules at University of Alberta. Engineering students can only apply for an exchange to UofA’s Faculty of Engineering once they have completed two years of university level courses. One year of which must be specifically in an Engineering programme.

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Updated as of 20/8/2020
You can only take courses in UAlberta’s Faculty of Engineering if you are enrolled there while on exchange. The same restriction is in place for UAlberta’s Faculty of Law.

### D. Application

#### i) Procedures

For information on the application process, please refer to the following link: [http://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/assets/doc/prog/sep/sep_canada_university_alberta_application.pdf](http://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/assets/doc/prog/sep/sep_canada_university_alberta_application.pdf)

#### 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.

- Semester 1 (Fall semester): 1 Mar
- Semester 2 (Winter semester): 1 Sep

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

Once students have been issued an ID number and password they can apply for housing. Students do not need to wait for admission to apply for housing. You must submit an application fee when applying for housing (which will *not be reimbursed* if you later discover that your application for exchange has been rejected).

Please apply here: [https://www.residence.ualberta.ca/prospective-residents/exchange-student](https://www.residence.ualberta.ca/prospective-residents/exchange-student)

On-campus accommodation is guaranteed to all exchange students who start in September and apply by the April 30 deadline. For students starting their exchanges in January, guaranteed housing is not available; however, there are usually less applications for housing at that time.

#### ii) Private Accommodation

If you wish to set up your own accommodation, one service you may choose to use to help you do so could be the Students’ Union housing registry: [http://www.rentingspaces.ca/search.htm?area=Edmonton&ref=2&_search=Search](http://www.rentingspaces.ca/search.htm?area=Edmonton&ref=2&_search=Search)

### F. Visa

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<th>Consular/Visa Regulation</th>
<th>It is your responsibility to obtain the correct documents from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) prior to your exchange semester(s) in Canada. Depending on nationality, students may need any other following documentation <strong>before their arrival</strong> in Canada:</th>
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<td>(a) <strong>Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)</strong> - As of March 15, 2016, visa-exempt foreign nationals are expected to have an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to fly to or transit through Canada. Exceptions include U.S. citizens, and travellers with a valid Canadian visa. To find out if you need an eTA prior to your exchange, please refer to the following link: <a href="http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp">http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp</a></td>
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<td>(b) <strong>Visitor Visa</strong> - If you do not qualify for an eTA, you will need to obtain a Visitor Visa prior to your arrival in Canada. Please contact the High Commission of Canada in Singapore to start the process of obtaining the appropriate visa. The High Commission Officer might advise you to obtain a Study Permit instead since your time in Canada is primarily for studying. To determine if you need a Visitor Visa, please refer to the following link: <a href="http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp">http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp</a></td>
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<td>(c) <strong>Study Permit</strong> – Study Permits are usually reserved for students studying more than 6 months at a Canadian institution. To be eligible for a Study Permit, students must: • have been accepted by a designated learning institution in Canada. • prove that you have enough money to pay for your tuition fees (no applicable for SEP), living expenses for yourself and any family members who come with you to Canada and return transportation for yourself and any family members who come with you to Canada. • be a law-abiding citizen with no criminal record and not be a risk to the security of Canada. You may have to provide a police certificate. • be in good health and willing to complete a medical examination, if necessary. • satisfy an immigration officer that you will leave Canada at the end of your authorized stay. For more information on Study Permits, please refer to the following website, <a href="http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp">http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp</a></td>
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## 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 coverage, please refer to [https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/](https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/)

If the insurance coverage is not enough, students are advised to purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.

The University of Alberta requires all incoming exchange students to enroll in the University of Alberta Health Insurance Plan (UAHIP). UAHIP is a mandatory health insurance that is similar to the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) provided by the Government of Alberta.

[https://www.ualberta.ca/international-student-services/money-insurance-permits-guide/health-insurance](https://www.ualberta.ca/international-student-services/money-insurance-permits-guide/health-insurance)

### ii) Emergency Number at host university

Emergency Contact Number: Canada’s emergency number is **911**, call this number for any emergency service such as police, medical, fire, etc.

## H. Cost of Living

### i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses

The amount you spend on daily necessities can vary widely, according to individual preferences and lifestyles. For more information regarding cost of living, please refer to the following UofA webpage.