# Information for Students on Exchange

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<td>i) Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</td>
<td>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.</td>
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| ii) Academic Calendar | Term 1/ Winter session: September – December  
Term 2/ Summer session: January – April  
[http://senate.ubc.ca/vancouver/termdates](http://senate.ubc.ca/vancouver/termdates) |
| iii) Exchange Duration | One semester |
| iv) Examination | [https://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/exams](https://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/exams) |
| v) Curriculum Structure | Undergraduate exchange students typically take between 9 and 15 credits per semester at UBC, depending on degree requirements at their home university. Students must maintain registration of minimum of 9 credits per term to be considered as a full-time student at UBC. There is a credit limit for both full year (30 credits/year) and single-term students (18 credits/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 3.75 (out of 5) for NUS students |

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| vii) Language Proficiency Requirements | The language of instruction at UBC is English. NUS students should possess reasonable English proficiency level in order to follow the classes during the exchange term. |
| viii) Modules Compatibility | Suitable for students from the following Faculties/Disciplines:  
  - FASS  
  - FoE (Applied Sciences)  
  - FoS  
  - SDE  
  - SoC  
  - BIZ  
  - LAW  

Course schedule:  
[https://courses.students.ubc.ca/cs/courseschedule?pname=subjarea&tname=subj-all-departments](https://courses.students.ubc.ca/cs/courseschedule?pname=subjarea&tname=subj-all-departments) |

Faculties or schools not open to exchange students:  
1. School of Audiology and Speech Sciences  
2. School of Journalism  
3. Faculty of Medicine  
4. School of Nursing  
5. Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences  
6. School of Rehabilitation Sciences  
7. UBC Vantage College  

UBC Okanagan: [https://students.ok.ubc.ca/involvement-activities/go-global/study-abroad-at-ubc-okanagan/](https://students.ok.ubc.ca/involvement-activities/go-global/study-abroad-at-ubc-okanagan/)  

The following programs have some restrictions to exchange students:  
1. Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies – limited availability of first-year courses  
2. Faculty of Education – does not accept incoming exchange students  
3. Faculty of Health & Social Development – does not accept incoming exchange students  

Note: Priority access to engineering programs is given to students from the partner institutions that have Coordinated International Experience (CIE) or faculty specific agreements with UBC Faculty of Applied Science.|

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CIE students must take a majority of their courses within the Faculty of Applied Science while at UBC, typically in the following engineering programmes: Chemical and Biological Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer and Electrical Engineering, Materials Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Each CIE student may be allowed to take maximum 2 courses per term outside the Faculty of Applied Science depending on course availability.

### D. Application

**i) Procedures**

Once NUS has officially nominated you for your exchange to UBC, you will receive an email with further instructions, including the URL, to complete the online application. Please submit your application by the deadline indicated in the email. Please do not use the UBC Undergraduate Program application/admission portal for exchange applications.

For more information on the application process, please refer to the following link:
[http://students.ubc.ca/about/go-global/coming-ubc-exchange/apply-exchange](http://students.ubc.ca/about/go-global/coming-ubc-exchange/apply-exchange)

**ii) Deadlines**

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.

Semester 1 (Winter session): 1 April  
Semester 2 (Summer session): 15 September

Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.

### E. Accommodations

**i) University Accommodation**

As soon as students receive their UBC ID number, nominated students should submit a housing application at [https://secure.housing.ubc.ca/](https://secure.housing.ubc.ca/). There is a $50 non-refundable application fee.

**UBC Vancouver** ([http://www.housing.ubc.ca/](http://www.housing.ubc.ca/)): Limited number of rooms is reserved for exchange students. Due to high demand, on-campus housing for Term 1 exchange is not guaranteed; **in fact about 53% of Term 1 only exchange students will receive on-campus housing**. This includes Split Year students. We recommend CIE Term 1 only students look for off-campus housing because of the low chance of getting into a UBC residence.
### UBC-Okanagan

Currently, the housing office in the Okanagan will prioritize all exchange applicants if they apply by the deadline. Term 2 will be able to apply for housing in the fall semester.

### Private Accommodation - UBC-Vancouver

There are resources available at International House and through the UBC Housing website to help students find housing on their own.

[http://vancouver.housing.ubc.ca/other-housing/off-campus-housing/](http://vancouver.housing.ubc.ca/other-housing/off-campus-housing/)

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### F. Visa

#### Consular/Visa Regulation

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 before their arrival in Canada:

**a)** **Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)** - 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: [http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp)

**b)** **Visitor Visa** - 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: [http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp)

**c)** **Study Permit** – 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: [http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp)

**High Commission of Canada in Singapore**
One George Street, #11-01; Singapore 049145
Telephone: (65)-6854-5900
Email: Singapore-im-enquiry@international.gc.ca

### 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.

**Students staying less than 6 months (one term only):** Single term students are automatically covered under iMED (mandatory health insurance plan; [http://students.ubc.ca/livewell/health-insurance/imed](http://students.ubc.ca/livewell/health-insurance/imed)) for the duration of their exchange at UBC. The cost of iMED for one term students is CAD 252.

**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.

For more information on safety and security at UBC, please refer to the following link: [http://security.ubc.ca/](http://security.ubc.ca/)

### 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 specific to UBC, please refer to the following link:


### I. Other

Useful Links:


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