# Information for Students on Exchange

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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:** September – December  
**Semester 2:** January – April  
[https://www.uvic.ca/calendar/dates/](https://www.uvic.ca/calendar/dates/)

iii) **Exchange Duration**

One semester

iv) **Examination**

[https://www.uvic.ca/calendar/undergrad/index.php#/policies?group=Undergraduate%20Academic%20Regulations](https://www.uvic.ca/calendar/undergrad/index.php#/policies?group=Undergraduate%20Academic%20Regulations)

v) **Curriculum Structure**

Each single-term course at UVic is typically worth 1.5 units, which is equal to 6 ECTS credits.

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

vii) **Language Proficiency Requirements**

The language of instruction at UVic is English. 
NUS students should display a suitable level of competence in English. Exchange students applying for undergraduate modules should possess
reasonable English proficiency level in order to follow the classes during the exchange term.

### viii) Modules Compatibility

UVic’s International Student Services (ISS) operates an exchange programme for UVic's **Faculties of Humanities, Science and Social Sciences**.

Suitable for students from the following Faculties/Disciplines:

- **FASS**
- **FoS**
- **BIZ**

For a complete list of modules available at UVic, please refer to the following link:

[https://www.uvic.ca/calendar/undergrad/index.php#/courses](https://www.uvic.ca/calendar/undergrad/index.php#/courses)

### ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites

Students are restricted from registration in:

- Business (except for nominated Business students)
- Education
- Engineering
- Fine arts
- Human and social development
- Law

### D. Application

#### i) Procedures

Nominated **FoS and FASS students** will need to submit an online application via the following link:

[https://www.uvic.ca/international/inbound-students/exchange/apply/index.php](https://www.uvic.ca/international/inbound-students/exchange/apply/index.php)

Prospective incoming students need to email goglobal@uvic.ca copies of:

- Your current passport
- 2 recent passport-size photos
- Official academic transcript
- List of your currently registered courses
- **Incoming exchange student disclosure form** ([https://www.uvic.ca/international/assets/docs/outgoing-exchange/incomingdisclosure.pdf](https://www.uvic.ca/international/assets/docs/outgoing-exchange/incomingdisclosure.pdf))

Acceptance email: Students who have been accepted to the UVic ISS Student Exchange Program will receive an email that includes the student’s UVic identification number, a letter of admission and information about preparing for UVic.

Nominated **BIZ students** will need to submit an online application via the following link:
https://www.uvic.ca/gustavson/international/international/incoming/index.php

Please include the following documents in your application:

- Application form
- Course preference form
- Most updated unofficial transcript
- Passport photo

### 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.

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

Residence Services at UVic offers on-campus dormitory rooms or cluster units (private bedroom with shared kitchen and living room). Dormitory rooms include a mandatory meal plan. For more information, please refer to the following link:

https://www.uvic.ca/residence/future-residents/index.php

Once students have been accepted to the ISS Exchange Program and have received their UVic Student number (which begins with V00), and have created their Netlink ID, they may apply for on-campus housing through the housing portal (https://ress.uvic.ca/StarRezPortal/Default.aspx?Params=L9ezxPcQnQuRGKTzF2b4sxeNblvAA%2b26c). Students without a V00 number will not be eligible for on-campus housing. Residence application fee is CAD$50 (non-refundable). UVic on-campus residence spaces are limited and placement is not guaranteed.

#### ii) Private Accommodation

Students can choose to organise their own living arrangements off campus.

Arrival: Students planning to live off campus should arrive at least two weeks before classes begin in order to allow for enough time to find housing.

More information is available on the International Student Services website:

https://www.uvic.ca/international/inbound-students/living-canada/housing-finance/index.php
## 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 before their arrival 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:</td>
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<td>- have been accepted by a designated learning institution in Canada.</td>
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<td>- 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.</td>
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<td>- 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.</td>
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<td>- be in good health and willing to complete a medical examination, if necessary.</td>
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<td>- satisfy an immigration officer that you will leave!Canada at the end of your authorized stay.</td>
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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)

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**High Commission of Canada in Singapore**

*Updated as of 20/8/2020*
**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.

All incoming exchange students are automatically assessed a fee and enrolled in a Mandatory Temporary Medical Insurance (MTMI) plan (guard.me@UVic) upon registration at UVic. More information is available here: [https://www.uvic.ca/international/inbound-students/living-canada/health-insurance/index.php](https://www.uvic.ca/international/inbound-students/living-canada/health-insurance/index.php)

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 UVic, please refer to the following link:

[https://www.uvic.ca/security/](https://www.uvic.ca/security/)

**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 University of Victoria, please refer to the following link.

[https://www.uvic.ca/international/inbound-students/living-canada/housing-finance/index.php](https://www.uvic.ca/international/inbound-students/living-canada/housing-finance/index.php)

Keep in mind that your living expenses will depend on your lifestyle, and be sure to set aside some money for unexpected costs.
## I. Other

**Useful Links:**

- [http://www.uvic.ca/international/students/international-students/preparing-for-uvic/index.php](http://www.uvic.ca/international/students/international-students/preparing-for-uvic/index.php)