# 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 (Fall) |
| Semester 2: January – April (Winter) |

[https://ugradcalendar.uwaterloo.ca/page/uWaterloo-Undergraduate-Calendar-Access](https://ugradcalendar.uwaterloo.ca/page/uWaterloo-Undergraduate-Calendar-Access)

**iii) Exchange Duration**

One semester

**iv) Examination**


**v) Curriculum Structure**

Undergraduates must maintain enrolment in a minimum of 1.5 credits, generally equivalent to 3 undergraduate courses, to a maximum of 2.5 credits, generally equivalent to 5 undergraduate courses.

[http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infocour/CIR/SA/under.html](http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infocour/CIR/SA/under.html)

**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 semester
- (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

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| vii) Language Proficiency Requirements | English is the official language of instruction at the University of Waterloo. 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  
- SoC  
- SDE (limited)  
To see what courses University of Waterloo offers, please click on the link below and click on the Faculties on the left-hand side of the webpage: [http://ugradcalendar.uwaterloo.ca/page/uWaterloo-Undergraduate-Calendar-Access](http://ugradcalendar.uwaterloo.ca/page/uWaterloo-Undergraduate-Calendar-Access) |
| ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites | Please note the following restrictions:  
- Engineering – limitations in enrolment  
- Economics – restrictions in upper year courses  
- Psychology – restrictions in upper year courses  
- Computer Science – high demand programme; Computer Science majors should be prepared to only be able to secure 3 Computer Science modules and consider supplementing their study curriculum with other electives.  
For more information on course restrictions and prerequisites, please refer to the following page: [https://uwaterloo.ca/student-success/students/study-abroad-and-exchanges/come-waterloo/exchange/restricted-courses-undergraduate](https://uwaterloo.ca/student-success/students/study-abroad-and-exchanges/come-waterloo/exchange/restricted-courses-undergraduate) |

**D. Application**

| i) Procedures | For information on the application process, please refer to the following link. [https://uwaterloo.ca/student-success/students/study-abroad-and-exchanges/come-waterloo/exchange/undergraduate-applications](https://uwaterloo.ca/student-success/students/study-abroad-and-exchanges/come-waterloo/exchange/undergraduate-applications) |
| 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 (Fall term): 1 Apr  
Semester 2 (Winter term): 1 Sep |

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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

Incoming exchange students are provided with various housing options at the University of Waterloo. Please note however, that placement is not guaranteed and the availability of housing options does differ between terms (Fall, Winter or Spring). Waterloo residences are not available to students who are only registering for the Fall term, as an 8-month contract is required). 4-month contracts are given for the Winter term.

For more information on the housing options at University of Waterloo, as well as the application process, please refer to the following link:

https://uwaterloo.ca/housing/exchange

ii) Private Accommodation

For more information on off-campus housing options, please refer to the following link:

- Waterloo Co-operative Residence Inc (WCRI) (https://www.wcri.coop/)
- UWaterloo Off-Campus Housing (https://uwaterloo.ca/off-campus-housing/)

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.

At time of this publication, entry requirements into Canada is quite fluid due to COVID-19. You are encouraged to check the following website for the latest updates on entry requirements into Canada:


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

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### 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 will be enrolled in two health insurance plans while on exchange in Canada:

- The University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) ([https://uwaterloo.ca/finance/student-financial-services/tuition-fee-schedules/incidental-fees/university-health-insurance-plan-uhip](https://uwaterloo.ca/finance/student-financial-services/tuition-fee-schedules/incidental-fees/university-health-insurance-plan-uhip)) covers basic healthcare services, such as medical doctor appointments, hospital visits and most diagnostic tests. **This is compulsory.**
- The Studentcare extended Health and Dental Plan covers extra costs like prescription drugs, paramedical practitioners, vision and dental care. You can opt out of the extended health and dental insurance if you meet the criteria and can prove that you have equivalent coverage.

### 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 Campus Safety at University of Waterloo, please refer to the following link:

[https://uwaterloo.ca/watsafe/campus-safety-security](https://uwaterloo.ca/watsafe/campus-safety-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. UWaterloo has provided the following estimates in the link below to help you budget for your SEP; but keep in mind your living expenses will depend on your lifestyle, and be sure to set aside some money for unexpected costs:

[https://uwaterloo.ca/student-success/students/study-abroad-and-exchanges/come-waterloo/exchange](https://uwaterloo.ca/student-success/students/study-abroad-and-exchanges/come-waterloo/exchange)

### I. Other

Useful links:

- [https://uwaterloo.ca/welcome-warriors/](https://uwaterloo.ca/welcome-warriors/)

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