Information for Students on Exchange

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Xiamen University (XMU) was founded in 1921 by Tan Kah Kee, the well-known patriotic overseas Chinese leader. XMU has close ties with Singapore as Mr Tan Kah Kee was founding member of Tao Nan School and Hwa Chong Institution in Singapore. It was the first university in China founded by an overseas Chinese. At present it is the only university in any of five special economic zones and is one of China's higher-level universities designated for the state key construction of the Project 211 and the Project 985.

XMU's strength lies in Life Sciences, Mathematics. Economics, Southeast Asia Studies, International Studies and it was a Think-Tank for Taiwan Policy. NUS Department of Biological Sciences has a joint laboratory with XMU.

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<td><strong>i) Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</strong></td>
<td>Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange. 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. <a href="#">Click here</a> for a step-by-step guide on applying for module mapping.</td>
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| **ii) Academic Calendar** | **Fall Semester**: September to January  
**Spring Semester**: February to June |
| **iii) Exchange Duration** | One semester or full-year exchange |
| **iv) Examination** | Students are expected to sit for the mandatory examinations at Xiamen University before returning to NUS for the next semester. |
| **v) Curriculum Structure** | Study workload:  
Spring Academic Semester: 16 weeks  
Autumn Academic Semester: 18 weeks  
Each course: 1-4 classes/week (about 1-4 study hours/ week)  
Total study hours of each course = class hours/ week * weeks  
e.g. 54hrs=3hrs/week*18weeks |
XMU does not impose requirement on the minimum or maximum number of modules or credits undertaken by an exchange student.

vi) Entry Requirements
- be enrolled at the National University of Singapore (NUS) as a full-time student;
- have completed at least two semesters of study before embarking on the exchange programme;
- have a sound academic record, i.e. minimum CAP of 3.0, and should not have any grade below grade ‘C’ (grade point of 2.0) in any module;
- have sufficient financial means to cover the necessary expenses for the duration of the SEP (ranging from S$5,000 to S$15,000 per semester, subject to the country and local conditions at the overseas Partner University during the period of exchange). When applying for your student visa, a number of countries may demand documentary proof of your financial status;
- obtain the Faculty’s approval for the SEP;
- satisfy partner institution and host country entry requirements; and
- check with the issuer of any scholarship he or she is receiving to ensure there are no restrictions involving overseas study (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Ministry of Education).

vii) Language Proficiency Requirements
Mandarin is the medium of instruction for classes at the host university (with limited English modules). NUS students who wish to read Chinese-taught courses are required to submit HSK Certificate as proof of Chinese language proficiency.

viii) Modules Compatibility
Suitable for students from the following faculties:

| FASS | • Chinese Language and Literature  
|      | • History  
|      | • Philosophy  
|      | • Journalism & Communication  
|      | • Foreign Languages & Cultures  
|      | • Economics  
|      | • Public Affairs  
|      | • International Relations  
| FoE  | • Aerospace Engineering  
|      | • Electronic Engineering  
|      | • Mechanical & Electrical Engineering  
|      | • Chemical Engineering  
|      | • Civil Engineering  
|      | • Materials Engineering  
| FoL  | • Law |
STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

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Please refer to the Schools & Departments at Xiamen University for details: [http://en.xmu.edu.cn/colleges/list.htm](http://en.xmu.edu.cn/colleges/list.htm)

Exchange students enroll for the Chinese Language Program offered by the XMU's Overseas Education College or programs offered by other school/colleges corresponding to their major, credit requirements and language proficiency level. For details, please visit:

**Exchange Programs at Bachelor's level:**
(1) Chinese-medium programs:
[https://admissions.xmu.edu.cn/16885/list.htm](https://admissions.xmu.edu.cn/16885/list.htm)

(2) English-medium programs:

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**ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites**

Students should select courses within a faculty per semester. In principle, undergraduate exchange students can only select undergraduate courses and postgraduate exchange students can only select postgraduate courses. Exchange students should get approval from both colleges for cross college course selection.

**D. Application**

**i) Procedures**

Students can 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.

Once you have been selected by your home faculty for SEP, your faculty will contact you and provide information regarding application with your host
### 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.

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

### E. Accommodations

#### i) University Accommodation

**Siming Campus**: The overseas student apartment buildings on the Siming Campus are set in picturesque surroundings and enjoy a view of the sea and fresh air. The dorms are equipped with a range of amenities.

Newly enrolled students on Siming campus should apply online for on-campus accommodation.

Detail information about on-campus accommodation application will be available in the Enrolment Instruction for New Students.

#### ii) Private Accommodation

**Off-Siming Campus accommodation**: Living off campus provides greater opportunities for international students to interact with the locals and to learn about the local community and culture. Students can choose to rent off-campus apartments and the monthly rental is around RMB 2,500 per room. When living off-campus, international students will enjoy a quite learning environment.

### F. Visa

#### Consular/Visa Regulation

Exchange students in China are required to apply for student visa (X2 visa for those intending to study in China for a period of no more than 180 days and X1 visa for those intending to study in China for a period of more than 180 days).

You will receive the admission letter and visa application form (JW202) once you are accepted by the host university for the student exchange programme. Exchange students are required to apply for the student visa in person at the China Visa Application Service Centre in Singapore with the relevant documents before the start of the academic semester.

G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

i) Health/Medical Insurance

All registered NUS students are covered under the University health insurance and the NUS Student Travel insurance. For more information on the University health insurance coverage, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/general-health/billing-insurance/insurance-matters

For more information on the NUS Student Travel insurance, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/

If the insurance coverage is insufficient, students are advised to purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.

International exchange students and exchange students from Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan are required to purchase insurance that can cover their stay at Xiamen University prior to their departure.

Proof of valid insurance (which should be in Chinese or English) should be presented upon registration. Registration will NOT be processed without valid insurance proof.

ii) Emergency Number at host university

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H. Cost of Living

i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses

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<td><strong>Monthly Estimate</strong></td>
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ii) Relevant Awards/Scholarships

Bursaries:
- Loh Boon Chye & Family SEP Award: https://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/financing/bursaries/loh-boon-chye
- SEP Award for the Community Spirited: https://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/financing/bursaries/sep-award-for-the-community-spirited
### Scholarships:
- NASA Exchange Scholarship: [https://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/financing/awards-scholarships/outgoing-students/nus-awards-for-study-abroad-nasa-exchange-scholarship](https://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/financing/awards-scholarships/outgoing-students/nus-awards-for-study-abroad-nasa-exchange-scholarship)

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