## Information for Students on Exchange

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| B. Country | Germany |

| C. Academics |

i) **Module Mapping & Credits Transfer**

NUS students should ensure that their Study Plan is approved by the academics at their home faculty before the exchange.

Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by one’s NUS home faculty when it is time for his/her exchange. It would be good to keep abreast of the latest course offerings at the host universities while preparing your Study Plan.

Module mapping is done via EduRec. A guide can be found [here](https://www.uni-mannheim.de/en/academics/coming-to-mannheim/exchange-students/).

ii) **Academic Calendar**

- **Semester 1**: 1 August to 31 January (lecture ends mid-December)
- **Semester 2**: 1 February to 31 July (lecture ends early-June)

[https://www.uni-mannheim.de/studium/termine/semesterzeiten/](https://www.uni-mannheim.de/studium/termine/semesterzeiten/)

iii) **Exchange Duration**

Semester 1 or Semester 2 exchange is possible.

iv) **Examination**

Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at the host university, especially for semester 2 exchange, before returning back to NUS.

Students who are on exchange in semester 1 have to approach the respective Mannheim’s departmental coordinator at the start of their exchange for the exact examination dates. If the examination date clashes with NUS’ academic calendar, please consider taking alternative modules which allows him or her to have the examination before January.

Otherwise, students should inform their home faculty at NUS if they are returning late to NUS.

v) **Curriculum Structure**

Modularized Bachelor and Master programs; European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

Students who take the maximum credits allowed at host university (i.e. 30 ECTS per semester) will be considered for transferring the maximum credits back to NUS.

vi) **Entry Requirements**

a) 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 eligible for exchange in the graduating year

(d) 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 3.0 (out of 5) for NUS students

**vii) Language Proficiency Requirements**

Students thus need at least German or English level B2 (in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). Students do not have to prove their language proficiency by submitting any language certificates. The University of Mannheim reserves the right to deny admission into courses for students who do not have the requested level.

Before the beginning of the semester, preparatory German language courses are organized as part of the International Winter Academy or the International Summer Academy, respectively. More courses on German language and culture are offered during the semester.

**viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students**

Courses are taught in German and English.

For more course information, please refer to [https://www.uni-mannheim.de/en/academics/coming-to-mannheim/exchange-students/courses/course-catalog/](https://www.uni-mannheim.de/en/academics/coming-to-mannheim/exchange-students/courses/course-catalog/)

| FASS | • Political Science  
|      | • Sociology  
|      | • Psychology  
|      | • New Media and Communication Studies  
|      | • Global Studies  |
| FoS | • Mathematics  |
| SoC | • Business Informatics  |

**School at the University of Mannheim accepting undergraduate exchange students:**

- Humanities  
  [https://www.phil.uni-mannheim.de/en/international/coming-to-mannheim-from-abroad/](https://www.phil.uni-mannheim.de/en/international/coming-to-mannheim-from-abroad/)

- Social Sciences  
  [https://www.sowi.uni-mannheim.de/en/international/exchange-students/](https://www.sowi.uni-mannheim.de/en/international/exchange-students/)
## Student Exchange Programme

### Graduate Schools accepting undergraduate exchange students

- Business Informatics and Mathematics allows undergrads to take graduate courses.
- For the other schools, it would have to be negotiated on a case by case basis.

### Module restrictions and pre-requisites

Exchange students should take courses in the field for which the exchange was established. However, they can choose one or two courses from other schools/faculties if places are available.

Business modules are meant for Business major students from NUS Business School. Students do not need to sign up for most classes beforehand, but can choose their courses upon arrival (except German language and culture courses offered by the International Office).

### 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 university. Please prepare the necessary documents before the start of the application period at your host university.

As soon as Mannheim have received the nomination from NUS, students will receive an e-mail containing the log-in data for Mannheim’s study abroad application portal as well as further important information and data on your program. Please complete the online application as soon as possible to avoid delays in the receipt of acceptance letter.

When will students receive acceptance letter?
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- **Fall Semester (For exchange in Semester 1):** after the application portal closes (in the month of May/June, on a rolling basis)

- **Spring Semester (For exchange in Semester 2):** after the application portal closes (in the month of November/December, on a rolling basis)

More information is available here: [https://www.uni-mannheim.de/en/academics/coming-to-mannheim/exchange-students/application/](https://www.uni-mannheim.de/en/academics/coming-to-mannheim/exchange-students/application/)

### 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.

**Deadline for submitting application to host university:**
- Semester 1: 30 April
- Semester 2: 31 October

Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result in one’s exchange being forfeited even if a student has been selected by NUS for the exchange.

### E. Accommodations

#### i) University Accommodation

Students can apply for student residences or look for a room on the private market. For exchange students from overseas, there are very limited number of places in Mannheim’s off-campus student residences: single bedrooms in student residences for €280 - €390, apartments €340 - €390.

Rooms on the private market start at €280. There are furnished rooms (shared kitchen and bathroom) in several residences in different areas of Mannheim. After being accepted by the University of Mannheim, the student will receive the link and personal password for our online portal myUniMA, along with detailed information on the private housing market.

Please note that the housing situation in Mannheim is a lot more relaxed in the spring semester. Thus, if students have the option between fall and spring, we recommend students to come during the spring semester.

For more information about accommodation, please refer to

### ii) Private Accommodation

Students can also apply for private accommodation.

For more information about accommodation, please refer [here](https://www.uni-mannheim.de/en/academics/coming-to-mannheim/exchange-students/housing/).

### F. Visa

#### Consular/Visa Regulation

EU citizens and citizens from the following countries do not need a visa to enter Germany: Australia, Canada, Honduras, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Korea, Liechtenstein, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and the United States. However, after entering Germany, you will have to apply for a residence permit at the local "Ausländerbehörde" (Immigration Office) if you are staying for more than three months.

Students from all other countries must apply for a visa for study purposes via the German diplomatic representation in their home country. You must not under any circumstances travel to Germany on a tourist visa.

All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they received the official offer letter/email from their host university.

Some visa application process could take up to 2 months to process. A student’s exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.

For more visa information, please refer to [https://singapur.diplo.de/sg-en/service/05-VisaEinreise/-/1349502](https://singapur.diplo.de/sg-en/service/05-VisaEinreise/-/1349502)

For more guidance on the visa application, please login NUS VPN and access the information on SharePoint shared in the pre-departure briefing slides.

### G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

#### i) Health/Medical Insurance

All students in Germany are required to have a health insurance policy. Students will not be enrolled at the university without providing proof of their health insurance coverage. Mannheim strongly recommends all exchange students from non-EU countries to purchase a statutory German health insurance. Students will have the opportunity to buy German health insurance after their arrival in Mannheim. It costs about € 89 per month (standard price for students from all health insurance companies).

For more information, please refer to [http://www.uni-mannheim.de/io/english/incoming_exchange_students/before_your_arrival/insurances/index.html](http://www.uni-mannheim.de/io/english/incoming_exchange_students/before_your_arrival/insurances/index.html)
For more information on NUS insurance, please refer to:
- https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/

Students are encouraged to take up additional insurance to cover themselves while abroad.

| ii) Emergency Number at host university | +49 (0) 621 181 1151/58 |
|                                         | 110 (for police)         |
|                                         | 112 (for medical services and fire brigade) |

### H. Cost of Living

#### i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses

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<td>Insurance</td>
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<td>Others (Entertainment, clothes)</td>
<td>€100</td>
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<td><strong>Monthly Estimate</strong></td>
<td><strong>€790 - €900</strong></td>
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More information is found here: https://www.uni-mannheim.de/en/academics/coming-to-mannheim/international-students/prior-to-your-arrival/

In order to receive a residence permit, you need to present to the Ausländerbehörde (local foreigner’s registration office) a statement of financial support proving that a student has at least €735 to live on for each month of his or her stay. This can either be a bank statement, a notarized parental letter or a scholarship certificate.

### I. Useful Links

**COVID-19 Related**

Last updated: 2021. Note: all information is subject to change.