STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

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<th><strong>A. University</strong></th>
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<th><strong>B. Country</strong></th>
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<th><strong>C. Academics</strong></th>
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<td>i) <strong>Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</strong></td>
<td>Please ensure that your module mappings are approved by the relevant departments in NUS before you depart for the exchange. You can submit your request for module mapping via myEduRec using the module mapping worksheet after you have accepted your SEP offer. 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. You are encouraged to map some spare modules in the event that your preferred modules are not offered in that semester, unavailable or cancelled. Click here for a step-by-step guide on applying for module mapping.</td>
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| ii) **Academic Calendar** | Semester 1: End February to End June  
Semester 2: Mid July to Early November |
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<th>iii) <strong>Exchange Duration</strong></th>
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<th>Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at the host university.</th>
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<th>v) <strong>Curriculum Structure</strong></th>
<th>A normal workload for one semester is 60 points, minimum workload is 45 points per semester. Although different courses have different point values, in most cases each course will be 15 points. A normal full-term programme for a semester would be three or four courses.</th>
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<th>vi) <strong>Entry Requirements</strong></th>
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<td>• be enrolled at the National University of Singapore (NUS) as a full-time student;</td>
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<td>• have completed at least two semesters of study before embarking on the exchange programme;</td>
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<td>• 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;</td>
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- have sufficient financial means to cover the necessary expenses for the duration of the SEP;
- obtain the Faculty’s approval for the SEP through your application;
- satisfy partner institution and host country entry requirements;
- 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);
- have a clean disciplinary record and be a strong ambassador for NUS and Singapore; and
- not in the final semester of your degree during SEP.

### vii) Language Proficiency Requirements

English is the language of instruction at the University of Canterbury. NUS students should possess reasonable English proficiency level in order to follow the classes during the exchange term.

### viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students

- Arts
- Business and Law
- Education
- Engineering
- Science

UC offers a credit-bearing Service Learning course – Strengthening Communities through Social Innovation (CHCH101). Building on the community spirit of the famous Student Volunteer Army, student will conduct up to 20 hours of community service related to social innovation and volunteerism in the post-earthquake Christchurch context.

UC’s College of Arts offers a real-world internship course PACE295, with past interns having worked on food sustainability, GIS mapping, community well-being facilitation, conference organisation, filmmaking, and many more projects. Internship students work with a local organisation on a special project with measureable milestones.

Course information:
- [http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/subjects/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/subjects/)
- [https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/courseinfo/AdvancedSearch.aspx](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/courseinfo/AdvancedSearch.aspx)

Timetable Planner:
- [https://mytimetable.canterbury.ac.nz/aplus/timetable/#subjects](https://mytimetable.canterbury.ac.nz/aplus/timetable/#subjects)

### ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites

In Arts, Science and Commerce, the undergraduate (Bachelor) degree is 3 years degree at UC. Please note that 300 level courses are the most advanced undergraduate courses in these areas for study. 400 level courses in these disciplines are graduate courses and it is not eligible for undergraduate exchange students.
However, there are some professional degrees such as Forestry, Speech and Language Therapy, Social Work and Engineering are 4 year degrees and 400 level courses in these areas are therefore classified as undergraduate courses. Exchange students may be permitted to take 400 level courses in these disciplines if they have the necessary prerequisites and the approval of the relevant department.

The following programmes or courses have restricted access or are not open to exchange students.

- Distance learning courses
- 200 level Law courses
- Fine Arts
- Teacher Education (Note: Education courses with EDUC course code under Faculty of Arts’ schedule are available to exchange students.)
- Physical Education and Sport Coaching courses may be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Journalism
- MBA and Executive Development Programmes
- All clinical practice courses
- Forest Biology (FORE218)
- Communication Disorders are open to students who meet prerequisites except for the clinical practice courses
- Social Work – field work courses are not open to exchange students. Entry to other theory courses will be considered case-by-case basis and approval from Social Work will be required.
- Engineering – Students wishing to take courses in any Engineering subjects should include a list of courses they wish to take at UC with their exchange application.

### 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.

#### 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.
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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

The UC Accommodation Student Village offers a tailored package to exchange students, ranging from 3, 4, 5 or 6 bedroom apartments. The self-catered apartments offer independent living with the bonus of living on-campus in a secure and supportive study environment. Residents have their own fully-furnished bedroom with internet access and each apartment has a kitchen equipped with basic essentials for students to make their own meals. Students must complete a separate accommodation online before the application deadline.

For more information about accommodation, please refer to [https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international/exchange](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international/exchange)

#### ii) Private Accommodation

UC highlighted that it could be difficult for students staying for one semester to find off-campus private accommodation. Therefore, it is recommended that all students consider applying for accommodation on-campus at the Student Village.

Other accommodation options are available at [https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/).

### F. Visa

#### Consular/Visa Regulation

Exchange students must apply to New Zealand Immigration for a student visa and obtain the visa before entering New Zealand. Please note that it is NOT possible for exchange students to travel to New Zealand on a visitor’s visa and apply for a student permit upon arrival in New Zealand, even if you are a citizen of a country with which New Zealand has a visa waiver agreement. It is imperative that all exchange students get their student visa BEFORE travelling to New Zealand, as you may be refused a student permit if you apply from within New Zealand.

Students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they received the official offer letter/email from their host university. This is to ensure that you can obtain your visa in time before the start of your exchange term. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.

For more information on visa applications, please refer to [http://www.immigration.govt.nz/](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/)
### G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

#### i) Health/Medical Insurance

All registered NUS students are covered under the university’s medical insurance and the NUS Student Travel Insurance. For more information on the university medical insurance, please refer to [https://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/general-health/billing-insurance/insurance-matters](https://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/](https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/)

Exchange students are required to purchase a compulsory medical and travel insurance when studying in New Zealand. The current default insurance cover at UC is Studentsafe-University insurance. The estimated cost is NZ$310 per semester.

In addition, it is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within/outside New Zealand. Please review the insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs.

For more information on health and insurance, please refer to [https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-abroad-and-exchange/incoming-student-exchange/](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-abroad-and-exchange/incoming-student-exchange/) (under Fees, visa and accommodation)

#### ii) Emergency Number at host university

+800 823 637 (within New Zealand) or +64 364 2111 ext 92111

### H. Cost of Living

#### i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses

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<td>Accommodation</td>
<td>NZ$950 - NZ$1,740</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>NZ$400 - NZ$700</td>
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<td>Transport</td>
<td>NZ$80 - NZ$200</td>
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<td>Others (Entertainment, clothes)</td>
<td>NZ$400 - NZ$800</td>
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<td><strong>Monthly Estimate</strong></td>
<td><strong>NZ$1,830 – NZ$3,440</strong></td>
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For more details, please refer to [https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/fees/cost-of-living/](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/fees/cost-of-living/)

For more student exchange information, please refer to [https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-abroad-and-exchange/incoming-student-exchange/](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-abroad-and-exchange/incoming-student-exchange/)