

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

## Information for Students applying for Exchange

<b>A. University</b>	<b>University of Bristol</b>  <a href="https://www.bristol.ac.uk/global-opportunities/at-bristol/">https://www.bristol.ac.uk/global-opportunities/at-bristol/</a>
<b>B. Country</b>	United Kingdom
<b>C. Academics</b>	
<b>i) Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>ii) Academic Calendar</b>	<p><b>Semester 1:</b> Late September to Late January  <b>Semester 2:</b> Late January to Late June</p> <p><a href="http://www.bristol.ac.uk/global-opportunities/at-bristol/academic-life/academic-dates/">http://www.bristol.ac.uk/global-opportunities/at-bristol/academic-life/academic-dates/</a></p>
<b>iii) Exchange Duration</b>	NUS students are recommended to go for a full year or semester 2 exchange.
<b>iv) Examination</b>	<p><b>Semester 1 exchange students are expected to stay in Bristol for their exams which could take place in late January.</b> Alternative assessments can sometimes be arranged but are <b>not</b> guaranteed. Please contact <a href="mailto:global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk">global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk</a> if you have any questions.</p> <p>Semester 2 students are required to be in Bristol for the May/June exam period.</p> <p>Bristol modules which run for the full year are assessed at the end of the academic year only.</p>
<b>v) Curriculum Structure</b>	<p><b>A full year's work is 120 Bristol credit points, and students are expected to take the full load</b> regardless of their graduation requirements. If they are studying in a range of departments, they may not be able to take precisely 120 credits, so margins of 100 to 120 are acceptable and are still considered to be a standard year's work for transfer purposes.</p>

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	<b>A semester's work is 60 Bristol credit points</b> , and rules are as for the full year. Margins of 50 to 60 are considered acceptable.
<b>vi) Minimum Requirements to Apply</b>	<p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) have completed a minimum of one year's undergraduate study at NUS;</li> <li>ii) have a GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 or the equivalent NUS CAP of 3.75 out of 5.0;</li> <li>iii) have a minimum 'B' average grade; and no single grade below 'C' in the current/intended discipline/major;</li> <li>iv) not be in the graduating semester when they go for exchange at Bristol</li> </ul>
<b>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</b>	<p>Bristol do not currently ask for English Language Proficiency documentation from NUS students. However, NUS students should be prepared to submit documentation if required (e.g. photocopies of GCE "O" level certificate with English language of grade C or better, IB English with 5 or better, or certificate for Singapore Integrated Programme Cambridge "A" Levels (SIPCAL) with General Paper of Grade C or better).</p> <p>Bristol reserves the right, in individual circumstances, to specify an additional language requirement for an applicant if it is felt to be necessary.</p>
<b>viii) Faculties &amp; Schools accepting exchange students</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty of Arts</li> <li>• Faculty of Social Sciences and Law</li> <li>• Faculty of Engineering</li> <li>• Faculty of Science</li> </ul>
<b>ix) Modules Compatibility</b>	<p><b>Unit Catalogue</b> (to search for different subjects) - <a href="https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/Welcome.isa">https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/Welcome.isa</a> – please note that the unit catalogue will be updated and finalised around March for September entry.</p> <p>The list of units taken by exchange students can only be finalised when they are in Bristol.</p> <p>Please see <a href="#">here</a> for more information on the academic life in Bristol.</p>
<b>x) Module restrictions</b>	<p><b>Postgraduate modules are not open to undergraduate exchange students.</b></p> <p>Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science are not open to exchange students.</p>
<b>D. Application</b>	
<b>i) Procedures</b>	Students should be nominated by NUS to Bristol before applying to Bristol via Bristol's online application platform.

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	<p>Students are advised to follow Bristol’s application instructions and submit all relevant documents punctually in order to avoid delays in receiving their application results.</p>
<p><b>ii) Deadlines</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application and the necessary supporting documents to Bristol will result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
<p><b>E. Accommodations</b></p>	
<p><b>i) University Accommodation</b></p>	<p>Students who have already been accepted by Bristol for the Study Abroad Programme should refer to the email received when they accepted their offer for the link to the Accommodation Application Form. For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.bristol.ac.uk/global-opportunities/at-bristol/student-life/accommodation/">https://www.bristol.ac.uk/global-opportunities/at-bristol/student-life/accommodation/</a></p>
<p><b>F. Visa</b></p>	
<p><b>Consular/Visa Regulation</b></p>	<p><b>UK Visa and Immigration updates their immigration policy regularly. It is the student’s responsibility to check on the requirements via their website before they leave for the exchange.</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration</a></p> <p>For latest information on border control please see: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control">https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control</a></p> <p><b><u>Standard Visitor Visa for Semester Exchange</u></b></p> <p>If you are a Singapore citizen or a citizen of another country on the UK non-visa nationals list, and if your course of studies is less than 6 months, you will request entry to the UK as a Standard Visitor when you arrive.</p> <p>Singapore citizens do not normally need to meet with a Border Force agent, and will be able to enter the UK through E-gates. The E-gates will automatically grant you permission to stay in the UK for up to 6 months.</p>

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	<p>You will not receive a stamp on your passport thus it is important that you retain evidence of when you entered the UK. Hence, please keep your boarding pass or evidence of your flight itinerary.</p> <p>Please refer <a href="#">here</a> for more details on the Standard Visitor Visa.</p> <p><b><u>Student Visa for Full-Year Exchange</u></b></p> <p>You need a Student Visa for a full-year exchange in Bristol.</p> <p>For more details on visa application, read the information available <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>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 processes can take up to 2 months to process. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</p> <p>Bristol's information on Visa and Immigration can be found here:</p> <p><a href="http://www.bristol.ac.uk/directory/visas/">http://www.bristol.ac.uk/directory/visas/</a></p> <p><b>Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</b></p>
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**G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance**

<p><b>i) Health/Medical Insurance</b></p>	<p>Students who are on exchange in UK for less than six months are not entitled to subsidised NHS treatment. Therefore, semester-based exchange students are encouraged to purchase additional insurance to cover medical costs, hospitalisation expenses and emergency evacuation costs which might be incurred while they are on exchange.</p> <p>All registered NUS students are covered under the group personal accident and medical insurance as well as the student travel insurance. For more information on the insurance coverage, please refer to <a href="https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/">https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</a>.</p> <p>If the insurance coverage is not enough, students are advised to purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.</p>
<p><b>ii) Emergency Number</b></p>	<p>Tel : +44 117 33 11 22 33</p>

**H. Cost of Living**

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<b>Estimated Living Expenses per month</b>	<a href="http://www.bristol.ac.uk/fees-funding/advice/living-expenses/">http://www.bristol.ac.uk/fees-funding/advice/living-expenses/</a>
<b>I. Useful Links</b>	
<b>Pre-arrival information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.bristol.ac.uk/global-opportunities/at-bristol/student-life/">http://www.bristol.ac.uk/global-opportunities/at-bristol/student-life/</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.bristol.ac.uk/international/living/">http://www.bristol.ac.uk/international/living/</a></li> </ul>
<b>International Student Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.bristol.ac.uk/international-office/">http://www.bristol.ac.uk/international-office/</a></li> </ul>
<b>COVID-19 Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.bristol.ac.uk/coronavirus/">https://www.bristol.ac.uk/coronavirus/</a></li> </ul>

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