Information for Students applying for 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 (First Term: Autumn)**: Late September to mid-December
- **Semester 2 (Second & Third Terms: Spring & Summer)**: Early-January to mid-June

Students entering in Spring Term must register for 2 terms: Spring & Summer. Please refer to the academic calendar. [https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/life](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/life)

iii) Exchange Duration

Single semester exchange is recommended but some programmes only accept full-year exchange students.

Please take note that most of the programmes at UCL are still meant for a year-long curriculum and therefore it is more suitable to go on exchange in semester 2.

iv) Examination

Students have to take the coursework assessment/department examination at UCL at the end of the semester before returning back to NUS.

UCL modules which run for the full year are assessed at the end of the academic year only.

v) Curriculum Structure

The credit system changed from the 2018/19 academic year onwards. Students must now take courses that total 60 UCL credits per semester or 120 credits for a full academic year. More information can be found at the following webpage under ‘Module level and credits’ [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/study-options](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/study-options)
60 UCL credits is equivalent to 16 US credits or 30 ECTS.

### vi) Minimum Requirements to Apply

You should:

- Normally have completed, or expect to complete, two years of study at university level prior to entry to UCL.

- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3/4.0 or its equivalent of at least an average “B” grade in the major of studies at NUS. UCL admission is very competitive and some subject areas will only accept students with A grades.

- Be currently studying in a similar area to the department of admission and UCL Admission Tutors need to be confident that students have sufficient academic background in their subject to enable them to take classes alongside degree-seeking students at UCL.

- Be competent in the English language and provide evidence of the same on request by the UCL.

Any other programme specific entry requirements as notified by UCL to NUS in writing before the nomination deadline in each semester.

### vii) Language Proficiency Requirements

A good command of English is important. Overall, UCL considers a full 12 months of education in Singapore to meet their English language requirements. If an applicant will have recently completed 12 months (that is, 1.5 academic years) at NUS prior to starting at UCL, they will not require any additional proof of English language for any type of visa. However, if an applicant will not have completed a full 12 months of study in Singapore prior to starting at UCL and they wish to apply for a Tier 4 visa, UCL will ask them for additional, recent proof in the form of one of the qualifications listed on UCL’s website. If such an applicant wished to apply for a short-term study visa instead, they should let UCL know - it may be possible for UCL to be more flexible in these cases.

The level of English proficiency that is required can vary depending on the department. There is information on English language requirements by subject area on the UCL Study Abroad Guide - please see: [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/subjects](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/subjects).

UCL reserves the right, in individual circumstances, to specify an additional language requirement for an applicant if it is felt to be necessary.
viii) Modules Compatibility

Students are reminded to review the online course list carefully as it contains important information which is often ignored. Please read so that you will save time, effort and have less stress in your application process.

Students are requested to take at least 50% of their modules from their main admitting department. The remaining 50% of the modules can be taken from other departments subject to approval of those departments.

Students who need to take higher level modules meant for third year of undergraduate studies are expected to provide evidence such as the detailed module descriptions of the courses which they have taken or are still taking at NUS to show that they have met the necessary pre-requisites.

Students are reminded to review the list of courses carefully on UCL's website: [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/subjects](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/subjects) and to read the Study Abroad webpages: [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide) before applying to NUS for exchange at UCL.

| FASS             | • Geography       |
|                 | • Political Science and International Relations |
|                 | • History         |
|                 | • Philosophy      |
|                 | • Psychology      |
| FoE             | • Civil Engineering |
|                 | • Mechanical Engineering |
| FoS             | • Chemistry       |
|                 | • Biomedical Sciences - Very competitive and popular |
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### ix) Module restrictions

Postgraduate modules are not open to undergraduate exchange students. Please note UCL may impose further restrictions.

Undergraduate modules with restrictions:

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<td><strong>SoC</strong></td>
<td>• Computer Science – did not accept students for AY19_20, this may remain the case for future AYs</td>
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<td><strong>Law</strong></td>
<td>• Law – Full-year ONLY. Only students majoring in law may take law modules in UCL Faculty of Law</td>
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### D. Application

#### i) Procedures

Applicants should ensure that they upload proof of nomination, signed by NUS, along with their supporting documents onto UCL’s online application portal. The nomination letter will be provided by NUS Registrar’s Office.

For full details on application procedures, please refer to [link](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/how-to-apply)

All application enquiries should be directed to UCL’s Admissions Office via [affiliatestudents@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:affiliatestudents@ucl.ac.uk) email.

Students should wait for communication from the UCL Admissions Office, who will liaise with the relevant academic department regarding a student’s application and will then communicate the outcome to the student. If students need to discuss particular module requirements, they can contact the listed affiliate contact on the Study Abroad webpages:
The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint. Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.

### 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

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

### E. Accommodations

#### i) University Accommodation

Once you have accepted your offer to study at UCL, UCL will send you more information about accommodation.

UCL guarantees accommodation to exchange students who have been accepted to study at UCL for a full academic year, provided that they submit their housing application form by the deadline set by the Student Residences Office.

Students who study at UCL for less than a full academic year are not guaranteed university accommodation. We recommend that you apply for accommodation as soon as possible after you have received your offer.

**On-Campus Accommodation:**

Please note that all inquiries about housing at UCL should be directed to the Student Residences Office. The information on accommodation and its FAQ can be found at: [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/accommodation](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/accommodation)
| ii) Private Accommodation | Independent organisations offering accommodation to students in London can be found at [https://housing.london.ac.uk/](https://housing.london.ac.uk/)

Alternatively, students can arrive 2-3 weeks before term begins in order to search for suitable accommodation. There is enormous demand for accommodation in London. The search starts in August and increases throughout September/October.

Students should note that it is always advisable to view private accommodation in advance and read the fine print in order to ascertain that it suits your requirements. |

| F. Visa | UK Visa and Immigration update their immigration policy regularly. It is the student’s responsibility to check on the requirements via their website before they leave for the exchange. [https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration) [https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/immigration-and-visas](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/immigration-and-visas)

**Short-term Study Visa for Semester Exchange**

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 can apply for:

(1) single-entry Short Term Study Visa to the UK at the port of entry (free) or;

(2) multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa prior to leaving your home country (there is a charge).

The single-entry Short Term Study Visa is free but if you leave the UK during your home university registration period you will need to re-apply as a short-term student when you re-enter; for this reason you should always travel with your short-term study visa support letter.

Alternatively if you think you are likely to leave and re-enter the UK during your course you should apply for a multiple entry short-term study visa in advance of travelling to the UK.

Non-visa nationals who enter the UK on a short-term study visa are required to leave the UK after the course end date given on your Short-term Study visa support letter. If you wish to travel within the UK after your studies you will need to exit the UK and re-enter as a Standard Visitor which you can do at port of entry. |
Citizens from a country that needs a visa to enter the UK should apply for the multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa prior to leaving for your overseas exchange. You can contact the external visa office approved by UK Visa and Immigration to apply for multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa.

**Applying for a single-entry Short-Term Study Visa is usually an easier and cheaper** process than applying for a Tier 4 Student Visa, if you do not need a Tier 4 Student Visa, please do not apply for it.

**Tier 4 Student Visa for Full-Year exchange**

For students who need a Tier 4 Student Visa, UCL will issue the necessary CAS statement for the Tier 4 Student Visa application. Applicants should ensure that they are fully aware of what they will need to do in order to successfully apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa. The CAS statement will contain a number that allows a student to apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa. Students are advised to apply for the visa in advance of their intended date of travel to the UK.

**Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.**

### G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

**i) Health/Medical Insurance**

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.

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 [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.

Health support at UCL: [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/life-at-ucl](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/life-at-ucl).

**ii) Emergency Number**

UCL Security - +44 (0) 0207 679 2222

CareFirst (counselling support by telephone outside of office hours) - +44 (0) 800 197 4510

### H. Cost of Living
| **i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses** | Information on cost of living can be found at https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/funding/manage-your-money

As the tuition fee for your exchange at UCL is waived (though you will still pay NUS tuition fees), your main costs as a student will be living expenses including accommodation, food, travel, entertainment, books, clothes, etc. |

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## I. Useful Links

### Pre-arrival guide & Orientation
- [https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/international-students/pre-arrival-information](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/international-students/pre-arrival-information)
- [https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/international-students/isop](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/international-students/isop)

### Student Support
- Student Centre services: [https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/status](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/status)
- [https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/student-support-and-wellbeing](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/student-support-and-wellbeing)
- [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/international/affiliate](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/international/affiliate)
- [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/international/affiliate/exchange/frequently-asked-questions](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/international/affiliate/exchange/frequently-asked-questions)

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