

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students applying for Exchange

A. University	University College London https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-at-ucl/
B. Country	United Kingdom
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	<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>
ii) Academic Calendar	<p>Semester 1 (First Term: Autumn): Late September to mid-December Semester 2 (Second & Third Terms: Spring & Summer): Early-January to mid-June</p> <p>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</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	<p>Single semester exchange is recommended but some programmes only accept full-year exchange students.</p> <p>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.</p>
iv) Examination	<p>Students have to take the coursework assessment/ department examination at UCL at the end of the semester before returning back to NUS.</p> <p>UCL modules which run for the full year are assessed at the end of the academic year only.</p>
v) Curriculum Structure	<p>Students must take courses that total 60 UCL credits (30 ECTS/16 US 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</p>

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<p>vi) Minimum Requirements to Apply</p>	<p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Any other programme specific entry requirements as notified by UCL to NUS in writing before the nomination deadline in each semester.</p>
<p>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</p>	<p>A good command of English is important.</p> <p>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 Student 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 Standard Visitor Visa instead, they should let UCL know - it may be possible for UCL to be more flexible in these cases.</p> <p>Please read here for more information.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UCL reserves the right, in individual circumstances, to specify an additional language requirement for an applicant if it is felt to be necessary.</p>

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<p>viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Arts and Humanities • Faculty of Engineering Sciences • Faculty of Law • Faculty of Life Sciences • Faculty of Mathematics and Physical Sciences • Faculty of Social and & Historical Sciences
<p>ix) Modules Compatibility</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 and to read the Study Abroad webpages: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide before applying to NUS for exchange at UCL.</p>
<p>x) Module restrictions</p>	<p>Postgraduate modules are not open to undergraduate exchange students.</p> <p>UCL did not accept students for AY 19/20 and they may remain the case for future AYs. Please note UCL may impose further restrictions.</p> <p>You may refer here for more information.</p>
<p>D. Application</p>	
<p>i) Procedures</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>For full details on application procedures, please refer to http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/how-to-apply</p> <p>All application enquiries should be directed to UCL's Admissions Office via affiliatestudents@ucl.ac.uk email.</p> <p>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</p>

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	<p>the listed affiliate contact on the Study Abroad webpages: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-ucl/study-abroad-guide/subjects</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>ii) Deadlines</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 to the host university will result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
<p>E. Accommodations</p>	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>Once you have accepted your offer to study at UCL, UCL will send you more information about accommodation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Students who study at UCL for <u>less than a full academic year</u> are not guaranteed university accommodation. We recommend that you apply for accommodation as soon as possible after you have received your offer.</p> <p>On-Campus Accommodation:</p> <p>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</p>
<p>ii) Private Accommodation</p>	<p>Independent organisations offering accommodation to students in London can be found at https://housing.london.ac.uk/.</p> <p>UCL collaborates with a number of independent organisations offering private accommodation to students in London. Please see here for more information.</p> <p>Alternatively, students can arrive 2-3 weeks before term begins in order to search for suitable accommodation. There is enormous demand for</p>

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	<p>accommodation in London. The search starts in August and increases throughout September/October.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>F. Visa</p>	
<p>Consular/Visa Regulation</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration</p> <p>For latest information on border control please see:</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control</p> <p><u>Standard Visitor Visa for Semester Exchange</u></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> <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 here for more details on the Standard Visitor Visa.</p> <p><u>Student Visa for Full-Year Exchange</u></p> <p>You need a Student Visa for a full-year exchange in UCL.</p> <p>For more details on visa application, read the information available here.</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>

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	<p>UCL's information on Visa and Immigration can be found here:</p> <p>https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/immigration-and-visas</p> <p>Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</p>
<p>G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance</p>	
<p>i) Health/Medical Insurance</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 https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/.</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>Health support at UCL: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/study-abroad-at-ucl/life-ucl/support-and-welfare.</p>
<p>ii) Emergency Number</p>	<p>UCL Security - +44 (0) 0207 679 2222</p> <p>CareFirst (counselling support by telephone outside of office hours) - +44 (0) 800 197 4510</p>
<p>H. Cost of Living</p>	
<p>i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses</p>	<p>Information on cost of living can be found at https://www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships/how-much-does-it-cost-study-ucl</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>I. Useful Links</p>	
<p>Pre-arrival guide & Orientation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/international-students/pre-arrival-information • https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/new-students/international-students/orientation-and-entering-england

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Student Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/international/study-abroad-and-exchange
COVID-19 Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://www.ucl.ac.uk/coronavirus/

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