# Information for Students applying for Exchange

| **A. University** | The University of York  
http://www.york.ac.uk/study/international/visiting-students/ |
| **B. Country** | United Kingdom |
| **C. Academics** | |
| i) **Module Mapping & Credits Transfer** | Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home Faculty before the exchange.  
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 (Autumn):** Late September to mid-January (including examination)  
**Semester 2 (Spring & Summer):** Mid-January to mid-June (including examination)  
http://www.york.ac.uk/about/term-dates/ |
| iii) **Exchange Duration** | Full-year or semester 2 exchange is strongly recommended due to overlapping academic calendar and the design of curriculum for certain modules.  
In order to earn sufficient credits to map back to NUS, NUS students should complete the Semester 2 (Spring and Summer term at York) before returning to NUS. |
| iv) **Examination** | Examination dates are found here:  
https://www.york.ac.uk/students/studying/assessment-and-examination/ |
| v) **Curriculum Structure** | Most of the degree programmes at York are designed based on a full-year curriculum. Therefore students have more module restrictions if they are going for only a semester.  
During the time spent at York, students are assigned to a supervisor who is responsible for their academic progress and personal welfare. The supervisor helps to draw up a programme of modules on arrival which suits students’ academic interests, needs and capabilities and which represents a full workload. |
**Semester workload for exchange students:**

- Autumn term: 40/60 credits
- Spring/Summer terms: 60/80 credits
- Full academic year: 120 credits

Each module has a different number of contact hours this will depend upon the discipline and methods of teaching, this will include lectures, seminars, tutorials, laboratory sessions, assignments, and independent or group study.

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<td>(i) have completed a minimum of one year’s undergraduate study at NUS;</td>
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<td>(ii) Have a minimum ‘B’ average grade or 60% to 65% average marks; and no single grade below ‘C’ in the current/intended discipline/major</td>
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<td>(iii) not be in the graduating semester of studies while on exchange;</td>
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<td>(iv) propose an appropriate programme of study at the host university;</td>
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<td>(v) show the aptitude, motivation and maturity, to thrive in the environment at the host university; and</td>
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<td>(vi) have sufficient funds for all fees, personal and living expenses for the duration of the study abroad at the host university.</td>
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| Language Proficiency Requirements | Currently York do not specifically ask for any English Language certification from Singaporean students. York have a question on their application form which asks if the student is a native English speaker and the answer to this is usually yes from NUS students, so no further action is taken. |
|-----------------------------------| For any non-Singapore nationals, English Language Proficiency documentation may be required. |
|                                  | Students should be prepared for the above to change and may be requested to submit at least one of the following documents through NUS Registrar’s Office: |
|                                  | • Singapore Cambridge O-Levels certificate with English language of grade C or better |
|                                  | • International Baccalaureate (IB) with the respective grades |
|                                  | • IELTS Academic - score of 6.5 and above |
|                                  | More information about English proficiency can be found on [http://www.york.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/entry/english-language/](http://www.york.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/entry/english-language/). |

| Modules Compatibility | In order to avoid clashing timetable, students should take same level courses offered by the same department while on exchange at York. |
STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

For module catalogue, please refer to [https://www.york.ac.uk/study/international/applying/visiting-students/courses/](https://www.york.ac.uk/study/international/applying/visiting-students/courses/)

Suitable for students from the following Faculties:

| FASS | • History  
|      | • Philosophy  
|      | • English Literature |
| FoS  | • Biology – More suitable for full year exchange  
|      | • Chemistry – More suitable for full-year exchange.  
|      | • Physics – No alternative assessment is available  
|      | • Mathematics – Mostly level 2 modules are available for exchange students. No alternative assessment is available |
| SoC  | • Computer Science – No alternative assessment is available |

ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites

Postgraduate modules are not open to undergraduate exchange students.

Modules from the following faculties/departments are **NOT** available to NUS students:

- York's Department of Law  
- Hull York Medical School  
- Department of Health Sciences  
- Department of Theatre Film and Television  
- Department of Economics and Related Studies  
- Department of Management

| FASS | • Sociology – Most modules are for full-year. Limited modules available in semester 1 and 2  
|      | • Psychology – Full-year only. Very restricted range of modules available |

D. Application

i) Procedures

NUS Registrar’s Office will consolidate the nominations from NUS Faculties and Schools before submitting to York. Nominated students must apply for
exchange via York’s online application system before the stipulated deadlines.

Student will require the following supporting documentation:

- Academic transcript – provided by NUS Registrar’s Office
- Name and e-mail address of a referee or a letter of recommendation from your home university
- English language certificate
- List of modules complete with module numbers – referred to NUS transcript which will be provided by NUS Registrar’s Office

If you have been selected by NUS for the exchange, you may click here to look at York’s application procedures.

Please read York application information found in 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

As a visiting student, you are guaranteed accommodation if you have applied for your course place with Centre for Global Programmes by their stipulated deadlines.

You can either live in an en-suite single bedroom or in a room with a wash basin and share a common bathroom. You can cook in a shared kitchen or eat in the dining rooms or snack-bars on campus. At each of the six colleges, there are common rooms, a bar, a television room, laundry, telephone facilities and a reception service.

More information is available at [http://www.york.ac.uk/about/departments/support-and-admin/accommodation/](http://www.york.ac.uk/about/departments/support-and-admin/accommodation/)
### ii) Private Accommodation

If students choose to live in private accommodation, York has a ready supply of good quality, competitively-priced private accommodation close to the University. The [Accommodation Office](#) website can provide assistance and advice on finding private accommodation.

Living off campus is usually more expensive than living on campus.

### F. Visa

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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.

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration

For immigration advice, refer to:
https://www.york.ac.uk/students/support/international/immigration/

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 (fees apply).

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 Tier 4 Student Visa, [York](https://www.york.ac.uk) will issue the necessary CAS statement for 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 student to apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa. The application for Tier 4 Student Visa can take up to three months and 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.

York’s information about insurance can be found here: [https://www.york.ac.uk/students/support/international/living/insurance/](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/support/international/living/insurance/)

**ii) Emergency Numbers**

Name: The University of York Security Services  
Tel: +44 (0)190 432 3333

### H. Cost of Living
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