

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

| University | Carnegie Mellon University | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Country | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Academic Calendar | Semester 1 (Fall term): August - December Semester 2 (Spring term): January - May https://www.cmu.edu/hub/calendar | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Exchange Duration | One semester | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Language Proficiency | <div>For non-native English speakers*:<table><tr><th>Min score for AY25/26</th><th>Score</th><th>Remarks</th></tr><tr><td>TOEFL iBT</td><td>96</td><td>No subscore less than 24 for Reading, Listening, Speaking, Writing</td></tr><tr><td>IELTS</td><td>7</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>Duolingo</td><td>135</td><td>No subscore less than Literacy 135, Comprehension 145, Production 115, Conversation 130</td></tr></table><p><i>*Non-native English speakers are students whose native language (first language / mother tongue) is not English. Any student who is a non-native English speaker should be tested regardless of citizenship.; If English is the student’s native language/mother tongue, document that on the English Language Proficiency Form.</i></p></div> | | | Min score for AY25/26 | Score | Remarks | TOEFL iBT | 96 | No subscore less than 24 for Reading, Listening, Speaking, Writing | IELTS | 7 | - | Duolingo | 135 | No subscore less than Literacy 135, Comprehension 145, Production 115, Conversation 130 |
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| Course Information | <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Minimum workload per semester: 36 units (approximately 4 courses)Maximum workload per semester: 54 units (approximately 6 courses)<p>The regular semester workload for full-time undergraduate students as determined by the Office of the Provost is 45 units. Credits earned at the host university may not be directly equivalent to NUS credits and you can refer to the SEP Credit Transfer Calculator for information on units exchange ratio at the host university. Please note that the actual number of credits earned is subject to the units exchange ratio at the point of credit transfer.</p></div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Accommodation | <p>On-campus housing is normally only available for undergraduate students and must be applied for by the deadline or as early as possible. All assignments are based upon availability. There is no guarantee for exact preference matches.</p> <p>On and off campus housing options can be found on the website: https://www.cmu.edu/housing/</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Visa | <p>Once application is received and confirm acceptance, CMU will send the student’s DS-2019 Certificate of Eligibility, allowing them to then make an appointment at a US Embassy/Consulate to request for the J-1 student exchange visa.</p> <p>https://www.cmu.edu/oie/travel/visa/index.html</p> <p><i>Note: All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they receive the official offer letter/email and instructions from their host university. Some visa applications 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.</i></p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Insurance | <p>All full-time NUS students are covered under the university's Student Group Personal Accident & Medical Insurance and the Student Travel Insurance. For more information on the university medical insurance, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/.</p> <p>In addition, students will be required to enrol in the compulsory health insurance policy or scheme at their SEP host university.</p> <p>https://www.cmu.edu/health-services/student-insurance</p> <p><i>Note: It is recommended that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including personal travel within/outside the USA, and review your coverage to ensure it meets your needs. Students are strongly encouraged to assess the risk of their intended activities and purchase supplemental insurance plans to ensure adequate coverage.</i></p> |
| Useful Links | <p>Student Exchange Information:</p> <p>https://www.cmu.edu/oie/index.html</p> <p>Course Information and Restrictions:</p> <p>List of Courses: https://enr-apps.as.cmu.edu/open/SOC/SOCServlet</p> <p>Enrolling into Computer science and School of Design courses may not be possible due to large student enrolment.</p> |

Note: Please always refer to the host university's website for the latest updates and information.