

Information for Students

A. University	Carnegie Mellon University http://www.cmu.edu/ Webpage for Incoming Exchange Students
B. Location	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	<p>Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>Modules approved in the past may not be offered by the host university or approved by your Faculty when it is time for your SEP. Please check the latest course offerings at the host university while you develop your Study Plan.</p>
ii) Academic Calendar	<p>Semester 1 (Fall): August to December Semester 2 (Spring): January to May</p> <p>https://www.cmu.edu/hub/calendar/index.html</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	One semester
iv) Examination	Students should check the exam timetable at their host university, and ensure they can stay at their host university until after the end of the official exam period.
v) Curriculum Structure	Undergraduates who are registered as full-time students as of the 10th day of classes are expected to remain full-time for the duration of the semester. Full-time is defined as registered for a minimum of 36 units.
vi) Entry Requirements	CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	<p>English</p> <p>Carnegie Mellon University will accept the TOEFL and IELTS as their only form of English testing for non-native English speakers. Carnegie Mellon University will not be able to accept the Cambridge tests or university-specific English tests, going forward.</p> <p>Carnegie Mellon University are now required to have documentation assessing/verifying every J-1 students' English language proficiency.</p> <p>Thus, Carnegie Mellon University will need to accept one of the following for incoming international exchange students:</p> <p>a. TOEFL</p>

	<p>b. IELTS,</p> <p>c. For native English speakers, Carnegie Mellon University's Office of International Education will be having a conversation with these students via Skype, FaceTime, or phone, in order to document proficiency.</p> <p>Though Carnegie Mellon University understand this interview is an added requirement, the reason behind this requirement is to allow students the greatest success while in the U.S.</p> <p>Here is some information to assist in overall English measurements:</p> <p>a) For native English speakers: an interview with Carnegie Mellon's Office of International Education</p> <p>b) For non-native English speakers: TOEFL requirement 84 iBT (with no one subscore less than Reading 22, Listening 22, Speaking 18, Writing 22); IELTS score 6.5. If students do not have a recent TOEFL, Carnegie Mellon will accept an unofficial copy of the scores from Bocconi, if that test, or IELTS, was used for acceptance into the relevant student's current program.</p> <p>(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).</p>
<p>viii) Modules Compatibility</p>	<p>CMU is a comprehensive university and suitable for FASS, FoS, FoE and SoC students. For more information on CMU academic units, please refer to the following links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.cmu.edu/academics/index.html • http://coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu/
<p>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</p>	<p>Enrollment can be undertaken in CMU's undergraduate programs in six colleges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mellon College of Science • College of Fine Arts • Carnegie Institute of Technology • Tepper School of Business • School of Computer Science • College of Humanities and Social Sciences <p>Course restrictions may be limited as pre-requisites may be required. Maximum of two Business courses may be taken per semester. CMU's School of Design, within their College of Fine Arts, is unable to welcome students at this time due to special constraints. This may be possible in the future.</p>

D. Application	
i) Procedures	<p>All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university.</p> <p>The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint.</p> <p>Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p> <p>University Exchange students send their application materials to CMU Office of International Education (OIE). Upon determining that the University Exchange student meets basic criteria, OIE forwards the materials to the department that best matches the student’s academic goals and ambitions. The host department will assign an advisor to guide the student through registration and other key academic processes.</p>
ii) Deadlines	<p>All NUS students 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 by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
E. Accommodation	
i) University Accommodation	<p>The Housing and Dining Services offers traditional single-gender residence halls, coeducational residence halls, suites, apartments, houses, fraternity and sorority houses and special interest housing. Please note that room rates differ for each of these categories.</p> <p>University housing is available both on and off campus to all first-year students 17 years of age or older. First-year students under the age of 17 are asked to contact the Office of Housing Services. Transfer student housing is subject to availability and transfer students should contact the Office of Housing Services for more information. Housing facilities, located on the campus proper, are conveniently close to the academic buildings. The Oakland Community Apartments are located within a 5-10 minute walking distance to campus. The Oakland Community Apartments are serviced by the University's shuttle service on a regular basis.</p> <p>https://www.cmu.edu/housing/</p>
F. Visa	
Consular/Visa Regulation	<p>All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they receive the official offer letter/email from their host university.</p>

	<p>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>Critical immigration procedures are discussed in the cover letter which accompanied your Certificate of Eligibility. Read this information very carefully to know the correct procedures for your particular situation.</p> <p>When you are traveling to the US, make sure you carry your original documents (passport, DS-2019, evidence of admission and financial resources) with you in your carry-on luggage.</p> <p>For more information, please refer here: https://www.cmu.edu/oie/foreign-students/maintain-legal-status/index.html</p>
<p>G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance</p>	
<p>i) Health/Medical Insurance</p>	<p>All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to the following link: https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</p> <p>Students are strongly encouraged to purchase a supplemental travel insurance to ensure they are adequately covered during their exchange semester.</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><i>For CMU, health insurance is required for all enrolled students by the University and is a necessity for everyone living in the US because the cost of routine and emergency health care as well as prescription medicine is extremely expensive.</i></p> <p><i>Note: international students and scholars are not eligible for public benefits available to many US citizens with low incomes. Accepting any such public benefits can cause you to lose your legal status in the US and create a bar to your re-entry to this country. J visa holders (J-1 students, scholars and their dependents) are required by US federal law to have health insurance which meets minimum standards set by the government.</i></p> <p>http://www.cmu.edu/health-services/student-insurance/</p>
<p>ii) Emergency Number at host university</p>	<p>https://www.cmu.edu/police/</p>

H. Cost of Living

i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses

CMU has prepared the following estimated budget for exchange students:

Living expenses: USD \$7,486

Books, Supplies, Fees, Misc: USD \$1,664

CMU Health Insurance: USD \$2,573

TOTAL: \$11,723

Please refer to the following link for more information on the cost of living at CMU. Please note NUS students going to CMU on SEP will not pay tuition fees to CMU: <https://www.cmu.edu/sfs/tuition/undergraduate/index.html>

Information correct as of July 2021. Please refer to the various CMU links for the most up-to-date information.