

Information for Students

A. University	Northwestern University http://www.northwestern.edu/ Webpage for Incoming Exchange Students
B. Location	Evanston, Illinois, 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>Northwestern follows a quarterly academic schedule, which consists of three quarters lasting approximately 10 weeks each (Fall, Winter, and Spring), plus a summer term. Review the calendar for Northwestern University for term dates.</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	One quarter
iv) Examination	<p>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.</p>
v) Curriculum Structure	<p>Most courses at Northwestern are worth one unit of credit and meet for three hours per week over the ten-week quarter. Some courses have additional required discussion or laboratory sections. Exchange students must maintain full-time enrollment at Northwestern, which is three or four credits per quarter. It is not recommended that exchange students take five classes in any quarter (what is considered at Northwestern to be an overload), given various demands and priorities on and off campus.</p>
vi) Entry Requirements	CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	English
viii) Modules Compatibility	<p>Northwestern is a comprehensive university and is suitable for FASS, FoS, FoE and SoC students.</p> <p>Undergraduate students at Northwestern typically take three or four courses per quarter in a variety of subjects. Most courses at Northwestern are worth 1 unit of credit and meet for three hours per week over the 10-</p>

	<p>week quarter. Some classes have additional laboratory or discussion sections. International exchange students must maintain full-time enrollment, which is defined as three or more credits per quarter. It is not recommended that exchange students take five classes, what is considered at Northwestern to be an overload, given various demands and priorities on and off campus.</p> <p>Also visit the following pages for additional academic information and expectations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course planning • Academic requirements & resources • Steps for returnees: request your transcript
ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites	<p>Courses in the following departments and schools are not open to exchange students: Integrated Marketing Communications (Medill), Kellogg School of Management, Pritzker School of Law, Feinberg School of Medicine and Bienen School of Music.</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. 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>Once you have been nominated, you must complete Northwestern's exchange program application. You will receive detailed instructions about the application process after your nomination is received, but the application will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal and academic information • Intended term(s) of study at Northwestern • Preliminary course plan, listing courses in which you plan to enroll during your time at Northwestern. For more information about academics and course options, visit the choosing courses page. • Personal Statement (500 words, in English) outlining your motivations for studying at Northwestern. • Official university transcripts • Proof of English proficiency, such as TOEFL or IELTS scores or a letter from your home university.

	<p>Refer to the box (right) to see when the application will open for your intended term of entry and when it will be due.</p> <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to the pre-departure steps to prepare for your study at Northwestern. • Look at resources for exchange students while on Northwestern's campus.
<p>ii) Deadlines</p>	<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>Application Periods:</p> <p>Fall Quarter -- Application deadline: April 1</p> <p>Winter Quarter -- Application deadline: August 1</p> <p>Spring Quarter -- Application deadline: November 1</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>
<p>E. Accommodation</p>	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>On-Campus Housing: If there is space available, undergraduate exchange students have the option to live in residence halls, residential colleges, residential communities, or special-interest housing. Consult the Residential Services site for information about on-campus undergraduate housing options. Also reference North by Northwestern's housing guide.</p> <p>Off-Campus Housing: Students also have the option of living in an apartment or shared house in the Evanston or Chicago area. Consult off-campus life resources. Also review a webinar on off-campus housing options, organized by the International Office and Off-Campus Life.</p>
<p>F. Visa</p>	
<p>Consular/Visa Regulation</p>	<p>Exchange students will apply for a J-1 Visa through Northwestern's International Office after their acceptance. More information about the visa application process will be provided. For general information, visit: https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/incoming-exchange/prepare-and-go/index.html (Refer to Step 2: Obtain your J-1 visa)</p>

G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance	
<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>All exchange students are required to be enrolled in the Northwestern Student Health Insurance Plan (NU-SHIP) during their time at Northwestern, regardless of any existing health insurance coverage. NU-SHIP is administered by Aetna. The Northwestern University Health Service (NUHS) and Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS) serve as primary care providers and can provide referrals to doctors and hospitals in the Evanston/Chicago area. www.northwestern.edu/student-insurance/index.html</i></p>
<p>ii) Emergency Number at host university</p>	<p>https://www.northwestern.edu/up/about/contact/</p>
H. Cost of Living	
<p>i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses</p>	<p>https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/incoming-exchange/prepare-and-go/money-matters.html</p>

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