

## Information for Students

<b>A. University</b>	<b>Rice University</b>  <a href="http://www.rice.edu/">http://www.rice.edu/</a>   <a href="https://abroad.rice.edu/prospective-students">https://abroad.rice.edu/prospective-students</a>
<b>B. Location</b>	Houston, Texas, USA
<b>C. Academics</b>	
<b>i) Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</b>	<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>
<b>ii) Academic Calendar</b>	<p><b>Semester 1 (Fall):</b> August to December  <b>Semester 2 (Spring):</b> January to May</p> <p><a href="https://registrar.rice.edu/calendars/">https://registrar.rice.edu/calendars/</a></p> <p><i>There will be mandatory orientation. Please keep a lookout for the dates.</i></p>
<b>iii) Exchange Duration</b>	One semester
<b>iv) Examination</b>	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.
<b>v) Curriculum Structure</b>	Minimum: 12 credits (full-time) / Maximum: 15 (-18) credits
<b>vi) Entry Requirements</b>	CAP of 3.75 out of 5.0 with no grade below C
<b>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</b>	<p>English</p> <p>Singaporean students, who have had their schooling in English prior to attending NUS, are exempted from the language requirement. However, citizens of other countries where the medium of instruction is not English (e.g. Chinese citizens completing secondary education in China and then enrolling at NUS) are subject to the language requirement even though the medium of instruction at NUS is English.</p> <p>If the language of instruction in the student's <b>country of origin</b> is not English, <b>TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo English Test scores must be submitted</b>, even if the language of instruction at the partner university is English.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum acceptable <b>TOEFL</b> iBT score: <b>100</b></li> <li>• Minimum acceptable <b>IELTS</b> score: <b>7</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum acceptable <b>Duolingo</b> score: 130</li> <li>• TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition also accepted</li> </ul>
<b>viii) Modules Compatibility</b>	<p>Provided that pre-requisites for courses are met, all undergraduate courses in the Schools of Engineering, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Business are open to exchange students. Enrollment in desired courses cannot be guaranteed and will always be subject to availability in terms of course capacity and scheduling restraints. Course registration is completed during orientation.</p> <p>Course catalog:  <a href="http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main?p_action=cata">http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main?p_action=cata</a></p> <p>Course Schedule:  <a href="http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main">http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main</a></p>
<b>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</b>	<p>Courses in the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management, the Shepherd School of Music, and the School of Architecture are not available to exchange students unless they are offered specifically to non-major undergraduates.</p>
<b>D. Application</b>	
<b>i) Procedures</b>	<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>
<b>ii) Deadlines</b>	<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>
<b>E. Accommodation</b>	
<b>i) University Accommodation</b>	<p>On-campus housing: automatic placement for admitted students (no separate application needed). For more information on Rice's Residential Colleges, please refer here: <a href="https://housing.rice.edu/">https://housing.rice.edu/</a></p>
<b>F. Visa</b>	
<b>Consular/Visa Regulation</b>	<p>Upon receiving your DS-2019, you will need to apply for your J-1 visa at a U.S. consulate or embassy. We recommend you visit the website of the US Embassy/Consulate where you wish to apply for your visa, and follow the</p>

	<p>procedures for documentation, interview request, etc. In general, you will need to present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A valid passport from your own government.</li> <li>2. A “Certificate of Eligibility” for a temporary stay in the U.S. (Form DS-2019 by Rice University or another sponsor).</li> <li>3. Financial documents to prove you have the funds required for a least a year’s stay in the U.S. (as indicated on the DS-2019).</li> <li>4. Proof of payment of the SEVIS fee. All J-1 visa applicants need to pay the one time SEVIS fee prior to applying for a visa. Keep your receipt as proof of payment to present to the US Consulate, port of entry officials when entering the U.S., OISS upon check-in, and for your records. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.FMJfee.com">www.FMJfee.com</a>.</li> <li>5. Completed visa application forms – be sure to indicate your name as stated on your passport and your DS-2019 documents to better ensure that your name on your visa stamp will be displayed properly.</li> </ol>
<b>G. Safety, Health &amp; Medical Insurance</b>	
<b>i) Health/Medical Insurance</b>	<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: <a href="https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/">https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</a></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><b><i>Medical costs in the United States are very high. All students at Rice University are required to have health insurance coverage, and show proof of coverage before registering for classes. All non-immigrant visa holders and their dependents are required to carry insurance for the duration of their program. Health insurance is necessary for everyone in the United States.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>A properly completed Health Data form is required for registering for classes. Deadline: June 1st for Fall entry; December 1st for Spring entry</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Additionally, all new students must provide documentation of meningococcal vaccination. This Texas law applies to all students under the age of 30 regardless of classification (e.g., part-time, full time). Vaccination</i></b></p>

	<p><i>must occur 10 days or more in advance of orientation week (or planned on-campus arrival date).</i></p> <p><i>For more info please refer here <a href="https://oiss.rice.edu/studenthealth">https://oiss.rice.edu/studenthealth</a> and here <a href="https://health.rice.edu/new-students/health-data-form">https://health.rice.edu/new-students/health-data-form</a></i></p>
<b>ii) Emergency Number at host university</b>	<p>For emergency contact information, please refer to the following link: <a href="http://www.rice.edu/safety/">http://www.rice.edu/safety/</a></p>
<b>H. Cost of Living</b>	
<b>i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses</b>	<p>Approximate total student expense per semester:</p> <p>\$14,000 - \$14,500</p> <p>For more information on the cost of attending Rice university, please refer to the following page:</p> <p><a href="https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/student-services-organizations/tuition-fees-expenses/">https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/student-services-organizations/tuition-fees-expenses/</a></p>

**Please refer to the Rice University links for the most up-to-date information.**