Information for Students

A. University

University of California
(commonly referred to as UC; administrative aspects of the exchange are handled by University of California Education Abroad Programs or UCEAP)

http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/ | Webpage for Exchange Students

B. Locations

University of California comprises a system of 10 campuses throughout the State of California – nine of which offer undergraduate coursework including:

1. UC Berkeley
2. UC Davis
3. UC Irvine
4. UCLA
5. UC Merced
6. UC Riverside
7. UC San Diego
8. UC San Francisco (graduate modules only, not included for SEP)
9. UC Santa Barbara
10. UC Santa Cruz

Research three UC campuses for your exchange studies and rank them from one to three, in order of your preference. When selecting your preferred UC campuses, consult the UC Undergraduate Majors.

You will be placed at only one UC campus to complete your exchange studies. Placement is done by UCEAP and not NUS.

You cannot move or transfer to another UC campus after your first term or at any time during your exchange.

C. Academics

i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer

Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or 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

The majority of UC campuses operate on the quarter system, while Berkeley and Merced operate on a semester system.
### iii) Exchange Duration

One semester or quarter, depending on assigned* campus.

*Students applying to UC should note that UCEAP will determine which campus students will be allocated to based on the students’ academic majors and spaces available. Students MUST be aware they may be allocated a campus where they can study for either a semester OR a quarter. NUS students are only permitted to exchange to UC for 1 semester/quarter, they may not attend for 2 quarters.

### 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

Full-time enrolment (at least 13 units each term at most Berkeley colleges, at least 12 units each term at all other UC campuses) is required of both U.S. and non-U.S. citizens. If your first language is not English, consider limiting your first-term enrolment to the minimum number of course units required by your UC college or department.

### vi) Entry Requirements

CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C

### vii) Language Proficiency Requirements

English

### viii) Modules Compatibility

The UC campuses have a comprehensive of modules making them suitable for FASS, FoS, FoE, SDE and SoC students. For more general information regarding academic matters, please refer to the following link:

https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/plan-your-studies/uc-courses

For more campus-specific information, please refer to the following link:

https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/discover-uc

Study plans for three UC campus choices are required of all applicants. To complete your study plans, consult UC catalogues, which include full listings of courses and course descriptions and the Schedule of Classes which includes information on when courses are offered during the academic year. Course schedules are announced midway through the preceding term. Use older schedules for planning purposes.

### ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites

Some majors have restricted enrolment or are not open to Reciprocal Exchange students. Please refer to the following to link to find out more:

https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/plan-your-studies/uc-courses/major-preparation

### D. Application
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<td><strong>i) Procedures</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>ii) Deadlines</strong></td>
<td>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. 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.</td>
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E. Accommodation

| i) University Accommodation | Apply for housing as soon as you receive instructions from UCEAP (usually by e-mail), even if you have not yet received final confirmation of your acceptance to the programme. For specific housing options at each UC campus and application instructions, please refer here: [https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/before-you-arrive/campus-specific-instructions](https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/before-you-arrive/campus-specific-instructions) It may be difficult for students who would prefer non-UC housing in the community to finalise independent living (off-campus) arrangements before arrival. You should arrive at your host campus as early as possible (no more than 30 days prior to the programme start date on your visa document) to look for housing. |   |

F. Visa

| Consular/Visa Regulation | [https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/after-you-apply/visa-resources](https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/after-you-apply/visa-resources) |   |

G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

<p>| i) Health/Medical Insurance | 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>
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<th>Students are strongly encouraged to purchase a supplemental travel insurance to ensure they are adequately covered during their exchange semester.</th>
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<td><strong>ii) Emergency Number at host university</strong></td>
<td>UC 24-Hour Emergency Contact</td>
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