

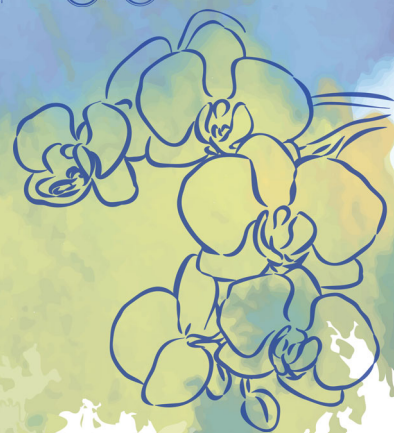
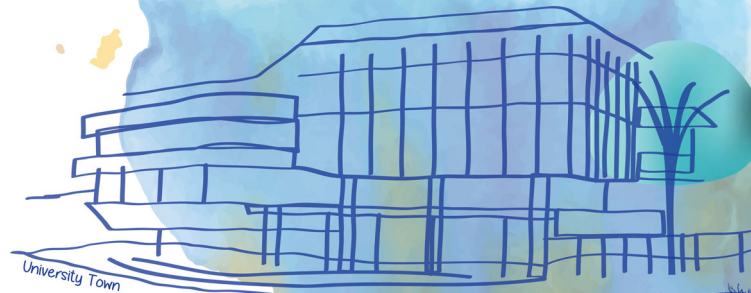
EXCHANGE@NUS

AN INTRODUCTION TO STUDYING AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Singapore is a vibrant island city-state located in the heart of Asia, known for its strong economy, eclectic blend of cultures, and dynamic urban lifestyle. A global hub for education, finance and innovation, Singapore's tropical climate, easy accessibility, as well as safe and green environment make it an exciting destination for higher learning.

People from different ethnic backgrounds, traditions, and religions live side by side in harmony, each lending to the country's rich cultural tapestry. This wonderful diversity is reflected in everything from food to languages, making it a lively city that is constantly evolving. From the modern towers of Marina Bay Sands, to the vintage charm of Bugis Street, there's so much to discover in this incomparable country!

WELCOME TO SINGAPORE



AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

It's a balmy 25°C - 32°C all year round!
You'll want to slap on some sunscreen.

HIGHEST RAINFALL

Get those brollies ready from November to January, or enjoy this region's awesome tropical thunderstorms from indoors.



SIZE

Singapore spans 50 km from East to West and 27 km from North to South, and has over 160 conveniently located train stations island-wide.

LANGUAGES

Most locals are fluent in English, and are bilingual in one of three other official languages. Get by easily with English, or practise conversing in Mandarin, Bahasa Melayu or Tamil if you are up for it!

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A LEADING GLOBAL UNIVERSITY, SHAPING THE FUTURE

Founded in 1905, NUS' rigorous education, research, innovation and entrepreneurship have produced generations of leaders and luminaries. As Singapore's flagship university, we welcome more than 2,000 international exchange students each year. Centred in Asia, we are one of the best places to be if you want to explore this exciting region.



CHOOSE TO STUDY AT 6 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS/FACULTIES



ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES



BUSINESS *



COMPUTING



DESIGN & ENGINEERING



LAW *



SCIENCE

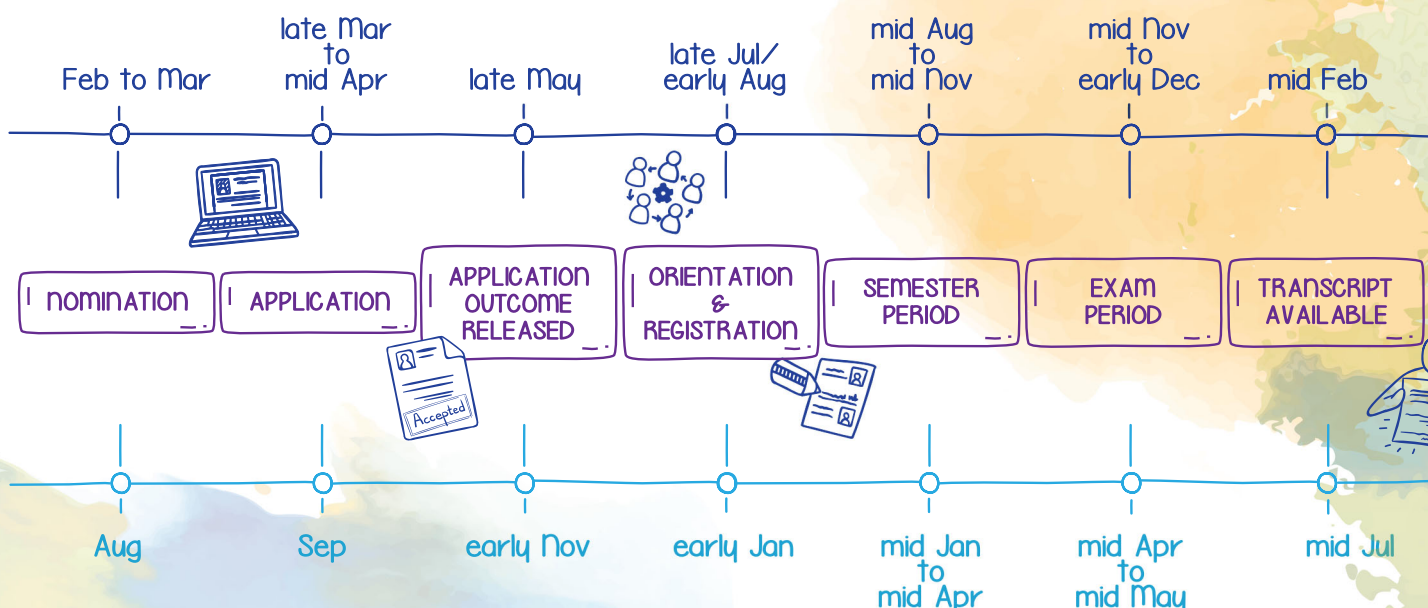
* Applications for the Business and Law exchange programmes are by invitation only.

ELIGIBILITY

- Be nominated as a Non-Graduating Exchange student from an NUS exchange partner university: nus.edu/partnerunis
- Have at least a 'B' average, with no grade lower than a 'C'
- Complete at least a year of undergraduate study at your home university
- Be proficient in English
- Have the financial means to support your stay at NUS

TIMELINE

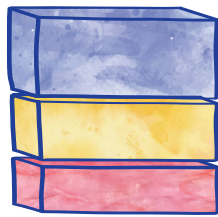
SEMESTER 1



SEMESTER 2

PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

- Courses are typically worth **4** units each, which equates to about **10** hours of preparation and class work each week. As enrolment into specific courses is not guaranteed, we strongly recommend that you select up to **40** units worth of courses in your application, and be flexible in your study plan.
- You must be accepted in at least **12** units worth of courses before you will receive an offer of admission.
- You are allowed to read a maximum of **20** units worth of courses per semester.
- Select the correct level of courses:



1000–3000: Undergraduate courses

4000: Honours courses

5000–6000: Not open to exchange students

- Courses in Architecture, Civil Engineering, Communications and New Media, Computer Science, Economics, and Mathematics are in high demand and places are limited.
- Ensure that you meet the course prerequisites, if any. For courses that have prerequisites, please provide the syllabi of the courses that you have completed or are currently taking. If you intend to take design-related courses, you must upload a letter from your home university, specifying the year of design courses you should be enrolled in during your exchange.
- You can make modifications to your Study Plan after accepting your offer, during Course Registration (CourseReg). Please ensure that you have sought your university's approval before making any changes to your Study Plan.
- You are advised to complete all necessary exams at your home university before coming to NUS.
- Key application information and links may be found at the end of this brochure.



STUDENT VISA

You will need to obtain a student visa (referred to as Student's Pass) to study at NUS. The Office of the University Registrar will email you the Student's Pass application instructions at least one month before the start of the semester. You will collect your Student's Pass after you arrive in Singapore, but you will need to complete a few steps online prior to your arrival.

If your Student's Pass application is approved, the Singapore Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) will issue you an In-Principle Approval (IPA) letter. If you require a visa to enter Singapore, you can print the IPA letter and use it as a single-trip entry visa. Otherwise, you may enter Singapore as a tourist.

An Offsite Enrolment (OSE) exercise will be held on campus for you to complete the formalities for your Student's Pass (during Registration) within the first two weeks of the semester. Look out for an email from the Office of the University Registrar in mid July (Semester 1, August intake)/mid December (Semester 2, January intake) for more details. If you are unable to attend the OSE, you will be asked to make an appointment directly with ICA.



ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

As on-campus accommodation is limited and not guaranteed, do consider off-campus accommodation options concurrently. If you would like to apply for on-campus accommodation, please indicate this on your exchange application to receive application instructions with your admissions offer.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS AT NUS:

	HALLS OF RESIDENCE	RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES	STUDENT RESIDENCES	HOUSES
ROOM TYPES	Single/Double	Single/Double	Single	Single
MEAL PLAN	Compulsory	Compulsory	Not available	Not available
HOSTEL ACTIVITIES	Available	Available	Available	Available
ACADEMIC PROGRAMME	Optional	Compulsory for full-time students (exchange students are exempted)	Optional	Optional
DIFFERENTIATING QUALITIES	Vibrant activities	Integrated learning & living environment	Independent living with more privacy	Holistic living & supportive network

Room types: [nus.edu/roomtypes](https://nus.edu.sg/roomtypes)
Room rates: [nus.edu/roomrates](https://nus.edu.sg/roomrates)

Housing Application Guide: [nus.edu/housingguide](https://nus.edu.sg/housingguide)
Off-campus accommodation: [nus.edu/otherhousing](https://nus.edu.sg/otherhousing)

EXCHANGE IN A CRAZY RICH ASIAN CITY?



Although Singapore is touted as one of the most expensive cities in the world, living in Singapore can be affordable and comfortable. Here's a breakdown of expected monthly expenses (in Singapore dollars):

MONTHLY EXPENSES	ON-CAMPUS	OFF-CAMPUS
ACCOMMODATION	\$680 - \$1,150 (depending on room type)	\$1,200 - \$2,800
FOOD (THREE MEALS A DAY)	\$500 - \$900	\$600 - \$1,000
PUBLIC TRANSPORT	\$100 - \$200	\$200 - \$300
PERSONAL EXPENSES	\$300 - \$500	
TOTAL (IN SGD)	\$1,580 - \$2,750	\$2,300 - \$4,600

These figures are a guide—your actual expenses will vary depending on your lifestyle. As on-campus accommodation at NUS is not guaranteed, you should plan for the possibility that you may reside off-campus during your time here. As an exchange student on a Student's Pass, please note that you are not allowed to work or intern in Singapore.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

As an international student, you must enrol in the NUS Health and Insurance Scheme, which is compulsory and included in the Miscellaneous Student Fees.

- Student Insurance coverage: nus.edu/studentinsurance
- Miscellaneous Student Fees: nus.edu/miscstudentfees

If you will require medical support or learning accommodations during your time at NUS, **please indicate this in your exchange application**. NUS offers a range of support services to help you thrive during your exchange, including medical care via the University Health Centre, counselling via the University Counselling Services, and accessibility support via the Student Accessibility Support Unit.

- NUS University Health Centre: nus.edu/uhc
- University Counselling Services: nus.edu/ucs
- NUS Student Accessibility Support Unit: nus.edu/sau



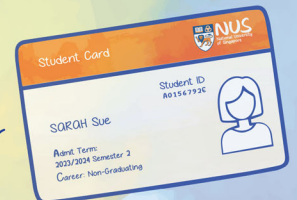
PRE-ARRIVAL WEBINAR

You are strongly encouraged to attend the pre-arrival webinar where important information about immigration, housing and courses will be shared. Look out for an email invitation from NUS Global which will be sent to you by end May (Semester 1, August intake)/end October (Semester 2, January intake).



REGISTRATION

There will be in-person sessions arranged for you to collect your NUS Student Card. Instructions will be sent to your NUS email account latest by the third week of July (for the Semester 1, August intake) or the third week of December (for the Semester 2, January intake).



Your NUS Student Card Collection must be completed by the stipulated deadline or you will not be able to continue with your exchange programme.

If you are unable to arrive on time for Registration, please inform the Office of the University Registrar in advance via: faq.nus.edu.sg

WHAT TO EXPECT UPON ARRIVAL

Singapore is well-connected by public transport and NUS is easily accessible. Find out how to get to NUS here: nus.edu/gettingtonus



There will be welcome events and activities designed especially for you, organised by the Office of Student Affairs and NUS Global! Look out for emails about these events or visit: nus.edu/exchangeractivities

CAMPUS LIFE

>200 

STUDENT ORGANISATIONS,
SOCIETIES & INTEREST GROUPS

>40 

SPORTS TEAMS

>20 

MUSIC, DANCE, DRAMA
& VISUAL ARTS GROUPS

No matter your interests, there'll be something for you!

Explore extra-curricular
activities and communities:

nus.edu/experiencecommunities

APPLICATION INFORMATION & ENQUIRIES

Before proceeding with your application, please ensure
that you read this comprehensive application guide:

nus.edu/exchangeguide

The application guide includes important links to:

- 📌 Course Offerings, Restrictions, Descriptions & Registration
- 📌 The Online Application Portal & User Guide

For application enquiries, visit:

faq.nus.edu.sg

USEFUL LINKS

- 📌 Academic Calendar: nus.edu/academiccalendar
- 📌 Application Information & FAQ: nus.edu/inboundexchangers
- 📌 Registration Guide (see Non-Graduating Students): nus.edu/registrationguides
- 📌 Student Insurance: nus.edu/studentinsurance
- 📌 Entering Singapore (Immigration & Checkpoints Authority): ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart
- 📌 General Enquiries: nus.edu/globalenquiries



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