Exchange @ National University of Singapore
Why Singapore?
What about Singapore?

- Cosmopolitan garden city
- Multi-racial, culturally diverse melting pot
- Approximately 5.4 million population
- Predominantly English speaking country
- Reliable internet connectivity island-wide
- Leading financial centre, one of the top oil refining centres, busiest ports, logistics hubs etc.
- Extensive and efficient public transport and healthcare system
- Enviable variety of cuisine
- Quality sporting events, performing arts events and exhibitions

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All the things to do if you are in Singapore

- Get close to our national symbol – the Merlion
- Watch the F1 night race
- Sample our local cuisine
- Shop till you drop
- Celebrate Singapore’s ethnic diversity
- View the lanterns display at Garden by the Bay
- Visit our famous zoo and safaris

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Singapore – Gateway to Asia
WHY National University of Singapore (NUS)?
What about NUS?

- Leading global university centered in Asia
- Offers a global approach to education and research with a focus on Asian perspectives
- English is the medium of instruction except in foreign language classes
- Ranked 22nd in the world and top in Asia (QS World University Rankings 2014/5)
- Ranked 25th in the world and 2nd in Asia (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2014/15)
We Offer a Distinctive Experience

53 Bachelor’s Degree programmes

151 Master’s and Doctoral Degree, and Graduate Diploma programmes

3 Campuses – Kent Ridge, Bukit Timah and Outram

8 NUS Overseas Colleges to develop students’ business acumen at global entrepreneurial hubs

More than 37,000 students from 100 countries

An alumni body of 241,000 graduates

74 Double Degrees
36 Joint Degrees
25 Concurrent Degrees
29 Double Majors

Student Exchange programmes with 300 top universities in 40 countries

23 university-level research institutes and centres

* Information is accurate as of April 2014
Incoming Student Satisfaction Survey

Based on student satisfaction survey conducted in AY2013/14,

- approximately 81.9% of incoming exchange students selected NUS as their first choice for exchange
- 90.3% were either satisfied or extremely satisfied with their exchange at NUS
- 95.0% would recommend NUS as an exchange destination to their peers
Testimonials from students*

"NUS is a great place to open your eyes up to a completely different (yet similar) part of the world. It has a mixture of different cultures which are celebrated in many different ways than from where I am from. There is a lot of different food to try and the transport is very cheap. Singapore is also an amazing transport hub; being able to travel to other Asian countries on the weekend has become a general lifestyle as opposed to a dream - it’s so cheap!.

- Student from Imperial College London, UK. Exchange in AY2013/14

“I really like Singapore and I think the cultural environment is something everyone should experience. I would recommend Singapore to everyone, but I would also recommend NUS to my friends because NUS is a rigorous school and I still had to work hard. I know a lot of friends would want to have the freedom to travel and have fun, but also have a credible school on their resume.”

- Student from College of William & Mary, USA. Exchange in AY2013/14

“Very good college culture! No problem for exchange students to fit in if they are proactive.”

- Student from University of Sydney, Australia. Exchange in AY2013/14

* Extracted from student survey conducted every academic year

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Student Exchange Programme (SEP)

- **One semester** or **Full Year** undergraduate coursework programme
- Enjoy **tuition fee waiver** at NUS
- **Transfer modular credits** to fulfill graduation requirements at home universities
- Experience the **vibrant campus life** at NUS
- **Network** with local Singaporean students and other international students in NUS
- Team of hardworking and dedicated administrators to take care of you during your exchange
- **Not all work and no play**

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Faculties and Schools

7 faculties and schools in NUS offer undergraduate modules to exchange students.

- Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Science
- NUS Business School
- NUS Law
- School of Computing
- School of Design & Environment
# Academic Calendar AY15/16

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<td>Sun, 8 May – Sun, 31 Jul 2016</td>
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Modules for Exchange Students

• Choose from the [List of undergraduate modules](#) offered to exchange students
• Check the [Module Restrictions](#) and pre-requisites requirements
• **Limitations to Business, Economics and Law modules**
  • Highly competitive. Students need to be very flexible in their study choices and be prepared to take other alternative modules
  • Restricted to Business, Economics and Law major students
• Secure **at least three modules (or 12 modular credits) per semester** to be eligible for Student Pass application
• Module approvals are decided by relevant academic coordinator based on fulfillment of pre-requisites, availability and no clash in class schedules and examination dates
  • Refer to [NUS Bulletin](#) for module description
  • Refer to [timetable builder](#)
• Change of modules can be made during the “Add/Drop” period in the first two weeks of each semester (subject to availability)
Assessment Mode

• Module requirements encompass different modes of assessment such as tutorial presentations, laboratory reports, projects, essays as well as mid-term and final examinations.
• Final grade may be subject to moderation (where necessary).
• Attendance for classes will be monitored.
• NUS grading policy is explained [here](#) and our Provost’s explanation for the grading policy can be found at this link.
On-Campus Accommodation

NUS offers a variety of on-campus accommodation options for exchange students, but on-campus accommodation is NOT guaranteed.

OPTIONS:

Residential Colleges (RCs)
- Tembusu
- Cinnamon
- College of Alice and Peter Tan (CAPT)

Halls
- Raffles Hall
- Temasek Hall
- Eusoff Hall
- Kent Ridge Hall
- Sheares Hall
- King Edward VII Hall

Residences
- Prince George’s Park Residences
- University Town Residences
On-Campus Accommodation

Quick Facts:

• Majority of rooms are for **single occupancy** and are **not** air-conditioned

• Majority of exchange students will stay in **Halls** or **Residences**

• Residential Colleges (RCs) are largely for exchange students on **special programmes** but some spaces are available for ‘regular’ exchange students
On-Campus Accommodation

Students can indicate three preferences for accommodation on their housing application, but the University CANNOT guarantee placement into any particular accommodation type.

**Things to note:**

- On-campus accommodation (no matter the type) is **more convenient** and **less expensive** than off-campus.

- Students can use UTown facilities (i.e. infinity pool and gym) even if they stay in another Residency or off campus.

*We strongly encourage students to accept any on-campus option offered to them!*
On-Campus Accommodation

Our Office of Student Affairs (OSA) publishes the current hostel and meal plan* rates each Academic Year. Please note these rates are subject to change and should be used as an estimate for budgeting purposes.

For the most up-to-date rates, please refer to the following link:

http://nus.edu.sg/osa/has/non-graduating/hostel-rates

*meal plans are compulsory at Halls and Residential Colleges (RCs)
Off-Campus Accommodation

- Due to on-going renovations on campus and the expansion of new University initiatives, there will be a housing shortage for all students, including those on exchange, in AY15/16.
- Students who did not secure on-campus accommodation, can refer to [http://nus.edu.sg/osa/has/other-accommodation](http://nus.edu.sg/osa/has/other-accommodation) for other options.
- NUS does not manage any off-campus accommodation and students are advised to exercise discretion and caution when engaging off-campus accommodation vendors.
- For some recommendations of off-campus accommodations, please refer to [Information Sheet](#).
Vibrant Campus Life

- Over **37,000** full time students from 100 countries and approximately another **1,900** exchange students from more than 300 partner universities
- Choose from over **80** student clubs and **23** performing groups under the realm of the NUS Students Union and NUS Student Societies
- Get involved in over **100** community projects under the Community Engagement Programme Network

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Examples of Student Societies

Astronomical Society
Entrepreneurship Society
Motoring Club
Original Music Society
Outdoor Activities Club
Photographic Society
Comic & Animation Society
Electronic Gaming Society
Rovers Adventure Club

and many more...
Campus Services and Facilities

- 24/7 wireless connectivity
- 6 computer and multimedia labs
- 7 libraries
- 2 museums, 1 cultural centre
- 36 food venues and kiosks
- 2 sports & recreation centres
  (pool, gym, tennis and basketball courts, running track, football field, rocking climbing wall)
- 6 cashpoints/ATMs
- 1 bank (Development Bank of Singapore)
- University Health Centre
- 24-hour security and 5 emergency call points
- Travel agency
- Bookstores and gifts shops
- Minimarts
- Internal shuttle bus

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## Estimated Monthly Costs of Living

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<th>Off campus</th>
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<td>Accommodation</td>
<td>S$280 - S$720*</td>
<td>S$500 - S$1,000*</td>
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<td>Food (3 meals a day)</td>
<td>S$400 - S$800</td>
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<td>Public Transport</td>
<td>S$100 - S$150</td>
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<td>Books &amp; Stationery (depends on course of study)</td>
<td>S$200 – S$300</td>
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<td>Personal expenses (Telecommunication, toiletries, clothing etc.)</td>
<td>S$200 - S$350</td>
<td>S$250 - S$450</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>S$1,180 - S$2,320</strong></td>
<td><strong>S$1,450 – S$2,800</strong></td>
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*This is an estimated expenditure a student may likely incur during his or her stay in Singapore. These amounts will vary accordingly depending on the student’s personal needs and lifestyle.

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## Mandatory Miscellaneous Fees

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<td>Student Services Fee (SSF)</td>
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Please refer to [http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/edu/ng.html#fees](http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/edu/ng.html#fees) for the description of the fees. All matriculated students in NUS are covered under the insurance scheme after paying the HSF, please refer to [http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/healthservice/insurance/G&NG.html](http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/healthservice/insurance/G&NG.html) for details on insurance coverage.

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Useful References and Videos

1. Journey Beyond Your Shores
2. Step-In
3. Information Sheet
4. International Student Guide
5. Around NUS
6. Student Life Video
7. NUS Corporate Video

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NUS Team Serving Exchange Students

IRO – Global Education Team
- Identify partner universities and secure exchange agreements
- Negotiate for exchange places annually
- Involve in the operations and the administrations of the exchange programme
- Overseas the IRO Peer Advising Programme
- We can be your first stop for enquiries on student exchange matters

Office of Student Affairs
- International Student Orientation Briefing
- Welcome Fest
- Cross-cultural Events and Festival Celebrations
- Host Family Programme/Friends of NUS
- Housing Matters
- Career Services
- Read the International Students Guide
- Disability support services

Registrar’s Office
- Process SEP applications
- Send notice on module registration
- Process Student Pass
- Manage students academic records
- Conduct examination
- Print transcripts

Faculties and Schools
- Decide on modules and quotas
- Approval of modules
- Provide module descriptions
- Set examination and class schedules
Ready to apply?

1. **Work out your study plan and seek approval** from your home university
2. **Plan your budget** and look out for scholarship opportunities
3. **Apply through your home university**
4. When you are selected for exchange to NUS by your home university, **submit your application to NUS** as a Non-Graduating Exchange student (to enjoy tuition fee waiver)
5. **Get support** from your family, loved ones and doctor(s) (if necessary)
6. **Ask IRO** if still in doubt
Be mentally, physically, emotionally, financially, academically ready for the exchange adventure!
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24/7 self-service online FAQ portal:
http://nusiro.custhelp.com/app/home

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