



NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

UNIVERSITY-WIDE UNDERGRADUATE COURSEWORK-BASED STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

INFORMATION SHEET FOR AY 2019/2020

Key Contacts	
<p><b>Global Relations Office (GRO)</b></p> <p><i>Study Abroad Team (SEP): Working with university-wide exchange partners on new and renewal exchange agreements, discussion of annual exchange places, collection of Non-Graduating Exchange (NGE) nominations and promoting student mobility.</i></p>	<p>University-wide Student Exchange Programme Shaw Foundation Alumni House #03-04, 11 Kent Ridge Drive Singapore 119244</p> <p>Phone: (65) 6516 4356 Web: <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/student-exchange.php">http://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/student-exchange.php</a> Email: <a href="http://nusgro.custhelp.com/">http://nusgro.custhelp.com/</a></p>
<p><b>Registrar's Office (RO)</b></p> <p><i>Incoming Team: Processing student applications for Non-Graduating Exchange (NGE), module enrolment, admission, Student's Pass application, registration and transcript matters.</i></p> <p><i>Outgoing Team: Sending nominations to university-wide exchange partners and facilitating the submission of NUS students' application documents.</i></p>	<p>Non-Graduating Programme University Hall, Lee Kong Chian Wing #UHL-04-01, 21 Lower Kent Ridge Road Singapore 119077</p> <p>Phone: (65) 6516 2301 Web: <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/education-at-nus/non-graduating-programme.html">http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/education-at-nus/non-graduating-programme.html</a> Email: <a href="mailto:nghelp@nus.edu.sg">nghelp@nus.edu.sg</a></p>
<p><b>NUS Emergency 24/7 hotline</b></p>	<p>+65 6874 1616 (Kent Ridge Campus) +65 6516 3636 (Bukit Timah Campus)</p>

Important Websites	
Global Relations Office (GRO)	<a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/student-exchange.php">http://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/student-exchange.php</a>
Incoming Student Exchange Guide	<a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/assets/doc/pub/sep_incoming_exchange_guide.pdf">http://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/assets/doc/pub/sep_incoming_exchange_guide.pdf</a>
Registrar's Office	<a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/education-at-nus/non-graduating-programme.html">http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/education-at-nus/non-graduating-programme.html</a>
Office of International Student Services	<a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/">http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/</a>

### Exchange Applicant Eligibility

<b>Minimum application requirements</b>	<p>Exchange applicant should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be nominated as a Non-Graduating Exchange (NGE) student from a <a href="#">university-wide exchange partner university</a> for the Student Exchange Programme (SEP)</li> <li>Have at least an average of “B” grade in the declared major of studies at home university for better chances of securing modules amidst the competition. No grade below “C” in the major of studies</li> <li>Have completed at least one year of undergraduate study at the home university before enrolling in NUS for the coursework-based exchange programme</li> <li>Not be in their graduating year/ semester of studies while on exchange (<i>subject to respective exchange agreement. Please contact the Study Abroad/International Relations Office in your Home University for verification</i>)</li> <li>Be competent in the English language and able to communicate effectively in both academic and social settings</li> <li>Show the aptitude, motivation and maturity, to thrive in the environment at the host university</li> <li>Have the financial means to pay for the living expenses (e.g. accommodation, food, transport, etc.) and maintain a reasonable standard of living throughout the exchange duration</li> </ul>
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### Academic Calendar

Semester Dates	1 <sup>st</sup> semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester
<b>Orientation &amp; Registration</b>	29 - 30 July 2019	13 - 15 January 2020
<b>Teaching</b>	12 August -15 November 2019	13 January - 17 April 2020
<b>Examinations</b>	23 November - 7 December 2019	25 April - 9 May 2020

### Academic Matters

<b>English proficiency</b>	English is the main language of instruction in NUS. Students from non-English medium universities applying to read Law modules, are required to submit <a href="#">TOEFL or IELTS</a> result.
<b>Non-English language courses</b>	Students can take any of the language courses offered by the Centre for Language Studies (CLS) subject to qualification and availability. Students are required to provide a letter from their home university to declare their level of proficiency in the language(s). <a href="#">Placement tests</a> may be required for higher level language modules.
<b>Modular System</b>	Workload in the NUS modular system are expressed in Modular Credits (MCs). The usual load for NUS students is 16 to 20 MCs per semester, where 1 MC is equal to 2.5 hours of study and preparation per week. A 4-MC module requires 10 hours of work a week, including lectures, tutorials, laboratory sessions, assignments, and independent or group study. More details at: <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/education-at-nus/modular-system.html">http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/education-at-nus/modular-system.html</a> .

<b>Types of Module Grading Basis</b>	<p>All modules secured at the point of offer are set to examinable by default. Exchange students have to seek the permission from their Home University before they can set an examinable module to audit. Modules set to audit might not be allowed for credit transfer back at the Home University. Some modules cannot be set to audit.</p> <p>For modules set to audit, student can attend lectures and will not be allowed to sit for examinations. Participation in other practical components (e.g. tutorials, laboratory work, and fieldwork) will be at the discretion of the respective academic faculty/ department.</p>
<b>Grading System</b>	<p>Students may refer to <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/education-at-nus/modular-system.html">http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/education-at-nus/modular-system.html</a> for NUS' grade table. The grading system for the modules taken in NUS can be found at the back of the official NUS transcripts. There is no corresponding mark range for each grade.</p> <p>Upon request, the academic advisers will share the grades for Continuous Assessment (CA) such as regular assignments and project work with students throughout the semester. However, the grade for the final examination cannot be shared as explained in the <a href="#">NUS' grading policy</a>. CA constitutes a significant percentage of the final grade for many NUS modules.</p>

<b>Modules for Exchange Students</b>	
<b>Guide on modules selection and application</b>	<p>Students are advised to read the <a href="#">online guide</a> under “Before Applying” on modules selection and application before applying for the exchange at NUS.</p> <p>In general, the first number in the module code indicates the year of study, except for general electives modules with prefix GEHXXXX, GEQXXXX, GERXXXX, GESXXXX, or GETXXXX. Majority of the general elective modules do not have pre-requisites.</p>
<b>Minimum and maximum number of modules to be taken for each semester</b>	<p>Exchange students are required to read a minimum of 12 modular credits (MCs) per semester (approximately 3 modules) and no more than 20 MCs (approximately 5 modules), regardless of whether these modules are set to audit or examinable.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to take modules for sufficient number of credits (<i>not in excess</i>), as required by their home university.</p> <p>All students will be pre-registered for at least 12 modular credits (MCs) per semester for the purpose of the Student's Pass application. Students can add more modules or make changes to their pre-registered modules when they officially register at NUS.</p>
<b>How are modules approved by NUS?</b>	<p>Approval of modules is given by the respective NUS Faculties/ Schools / Departments based on the following key factors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compatibility of chosen module with declared major of studies</li> <li>2. Fulfilment of modules' pre-requisites;</li> <li>3. Availability of the modules; and</li> <li>4. Class and Examination timetabling</li> </ol> <p>Students are required to provide their latest academic transcripts. Transcripts are to contain the following: list of modules taken at home universities, their respective grades and a <b>grade legend</b>. Faculties / Schools / Departments will not be able to assess students in the absence of these items. Module descriptions of the modules taken at home university and the approved Study Plan by the home university are sometimes required when students are appealing to read higher level modules.</p>

### Modules for Exchange Students - continued

<p><b>Is module information (e.g. description, syllabus) available online?</b></p>	<p>Module information is available at <a href="#">NUS website</a>. Past semester's syllabus can be found at <a href="#">NUS Learning Management System</a>.</p> <p>Detailed information may also be available at respective Faculties' and Schools' websites. Students should only refer to this <a href="#">link</a> for module information and not module selection because not all the modules are open to exchange students.</p>
<p><b>List of modules available to exchange students</b></p>	<p>Students should refer to <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/info/ng/NG-Modules.pdf">http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/info/ng/NG-Modules.pdf</a> for the list of modules available to exchange students. The list will be updated around mid-March for Semester 1 and mid-August for Semester 2 exchange.</p>
<p><b>Can students take modules of different levels or discipline?</b></p>	<p>Yes, subject to fulfilment of modules' pre-requisites, availability of the modules, class and examination timetabling. Please seek the approval from your home university if you wish to take modules unrelated to your major or your level of studies while on exchange.</p> <p>Time-table clashes increase when students take modules from two or more different Faculties/Schools.</p>
<p><b>Are course schedules/timetables available online?</b></p>	<p>Class timetables for the new academic year are available at <a href="https://webrb.nus.edu.sg/ctt/builder.aspx">https://webrb.nus.edu.sg/ctt/builder.aspx</a> in July. The timetable will also be updated around end of November. Please check the timetable for approved modules to ensure that there is no clash of class and examination date and time.</p>
<p><b><u>Graduate modules restriction</u></b>  <b>(MUST READ)</b></p>	<p>Modules of Level 5000 and above are graduate modules and are <b>NOT</b> offered to undergraduate students. Graduate modules found on <a href="#">the list of modules</a> are reserved for students coming under specific graduate exchange agreement.</p> <p>Business modules with prefix BMXXXXX are only available to graduate students nominated under NUS Business School faculty-level exchange agreement.</p>
<p><b><u>Undergraduate modules restriction</u></b></p> <p>Please refer to <a href="#">Modules Restrictions</a> for more details. <b>(MUST READ)</b></p>	<p><b>All exchange students are advised to prepare their Study Plan based on the modules available for exchange students at NUS and seek advice from the academics at their home university before applying for exchange at NUS.</b></p> <p>Undergraduate exchange students are encouraged to consider Level 1000 to 3000 modules. Level 4000 modules are reserved for NUS graduating students and therefore only limited places are open to exchange students.</p> <p><b>Very limited</b> range of undergraduate modules from the following Faculties/ Schools/ Institutes/ Departments are available to Non-Graduating students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Pharmacy at Faculty of Science</li> <li>• Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health</li> <li>• University Scholars Programme - <a href="#">by invitation only</a></li> </ul> <p>Due to overwhelming demand, incoming students who wish to enrol in <b>extremely popular</b> modules might not be able to secure their required number of modules. In order to increase the chances of securing a minimum of 12 MCs worth of modules to support the Student's Pass application, students who require <b>popular</b> modules need to consider alternative modules offered by other departments/schools during application.</p>

## Modules for Exchange Students - continued

<p><b>Undergraduate modules restriction</b></p> <p>Please refer to <a href="#">Modules Restrictions</a> for more details. <b>(MUST READ)</b></p>	<p>More details on the restrictions of popular modules:</p> <p><b>Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By invitation only.</li> <li>• Exchange students who are unable to secure any Business module at the time of application, will not be able to enrol for any Business module when they arrive at NUS. <u>NUS Business School manages a separate module system which is only open to Business exchange students invited by NUS Business School.</u></li> </ul> <p><b>Law</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By invitation only.</li> <li>• Only elective Law modules (i.e. with prefix LL4XXX) are available.</li> <li>• Elective Law modules carry a weight of 4, 5 or 8 credits each with majority of the modules worth 5 credits each.</li> <li>• Exchange students with Law as one of their majors must secure <u>at least 2 Law modules per semester</u> at the point of offer in order to be invited by NUS Law via email for <u>Law module registration separately.</u></li> </ul> <p><b>Economics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economics modules offered by the Department of Economics at Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences are more Mathematics-based. Humanities-based Economics modules are offered under Global Studies with GL code or electives under GE code.</li> <li>• Level 1000 to Level 3000 modules are open to undergraduate exchange students and not open to graduate exchange students.</li> <li>• Level 4000 and above modules are not open to exchange students.</li> </ul> <p><b>Computer Science</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to Computer Science major only.</li> <li>• Computer Science modules at NUS are in high demand in recent years and not all Computing majors will get their required/ preferred Computer Science modules.</li> <li>• Computer Science major are advised to read the module restriction list very carefully before applying to NUS.</li> </ul> <p><b>Architecture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to Architecture major only.</li> <li>• Applicants <b>must</b> submit a letter of confirmation from their home university stating the year of design module that they should be enrolled in during their exchange at NUS (i.e. Year 1, 2, 3, or 4).</li> <li>• Architecture modules with studio component have limited vacancies.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Are modules at NUS guaranteed for exchange students?</b></p>	<p>There is <b>no guarantee</b> that exchange students will secure their required/ preferred modules before and during the exchange.</p> <p>Modules not found on the <a href="#">module list</a> are <b>not</b> open to exchange students.</p> <p>We encourage interested students to consult their academics on the modules which they can read at NUS before applying for the exchange. Students will experience less stress if they are allowed by their Home University to <b>be flexible with their modules choices.</b></p> <p>If the available modules are not suitable to meet the graduation requirements at the home university, students should not submit their application to NUS.</p>

Exchange Application Timeline and Deadlines		
	NUS Semester 1 / Full Year (August - December) / (August - May)	NUS Semester 2 (January - May)
Call for nomination	15 February - 21 March	1 August - 1 September
Nomination deadline	21 March	1 September
Online application	21 March - 15 April	1 September - 1 October
Application outcome via email	Mid-June	End of November

Nomination Process	
Nomination to NUS Global Relations Office (GRO)	<p><a href="#">University-wide bilateral exchange partners</a> must submit a list of nominated students to NUS Global Relations Office (GRO) before the students apply online.</p> <p>Only nominated students will be processed as fee-waiver Non-Graduating Exchange (NGE) student. <b>Nominations received after the deadlines may not be processed</b> in time for exchange in the respective semester.</p>

Online Exchange Application Procedures							
<p>Application procedures and deadlines for students on <a href="#">University-wide exchange</a></p> <p>See Annex A for the Flowchart</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit an <a href="#">online</a> application by following the <a href="#">instructions</a>. Nominated students should select the followings fields in order to be considered for fee-waiver exchange:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Course Type: <b>Non-Graduating</b></li> <li>Student Category: <b>Exchange</b></li> <li>Level of Study/Sub-programme: <a href="#">University Level</a>/ Faculty Level</li> </ol> <p>Academic counselling in the responsibility of the home university. Follow the Study Plan approved by the home university and choose up to 8 <a href="#">relevant</a> modules in order to maximise the chances of securing at least 12 modular credits in a regular semester. Modules should be ranked according to importance in the application form with compulsory modules being ranked among the top two.</p> <p>Full-year exchange students will be informed via email to select modules for semester 2 before semester 1 ends.</p> </li> <li>Upload scanned copies of <a href="#">supporting documents</a> to the online application portal:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Original copy of the latest academic transcript in English and with home university's stamp and the <b>grade legend</b>. Include proposed Study Plan (if any)</li> <li>List of modules that you are taking in the current semester at your home university</li> <li>Copy of passport page showing your nationality and personal details</li> </ul> </li> <li>Upload additional scanned supporting documents for courses listed below:               <table border="1" data-bbox="437 1778 1433 2000"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Supporting document needed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Non-English language modules with prefix "LAXXXX" code</td> <td>A. A letter from home university to certify applicant's level of proficiency in the language</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Law modules (for applicants from non-English medium)</td> <td>B. Valid TOEFL or IELTS certificates                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IELTS score of at least 6.5</li> <li>TOEFL score shown <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </li> </ol>		Supporting document needed	Non-English language modules with prefix "LAXXXX" code	A. A letter from home university to certify applicant's level of proficiency in the language	Law modules (for applicants from non-English medium)	B. Valid TOEFL or IELTS certificates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IELTS score of at least 6.5</li> <li>TOEFL score shown <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>
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	4. Applicant who makes a voluntary health declaration in the online application form should support the declaration with a doctor's certification/letter if special assistance is needed while at NUS. The type of assistance provided by NUS will be limited to the availability of resources.				
	5. Applicants should indicate on their initial exchange application if they require on-campus accommodation or not. Please note this is for planning purposes and does not guarantee placement into housing. Students will be advised on how and when to apply for on-campus housing in the offer email/letter from Registrar's Office once they are accepted into the exchange programme.				
	6. Additional supporting documents which cannot be uploaded in the online application have to be submitted via email to <a href="mailto:nghelp@nus.edu.sg">nghelp@nus.edu.sg</a> by <b>1 May</b> for Semester 1 exchange and <b>15 October</b> for Semester 2 exchange. All emails sent to NUS should quote the Applicant number in the subject header.				
	7. <b>Late and incomplete</b> applications will <b>not</b> be considered in time for admission in the respective semester.				
<b>Application outcome</b>	Students will be contacted via email if there are missing documents to support their exchange applications or they have to reselect the modules. Students can check their application status via the <a href="#">online</a> portal or wait for the notification of outcome via email in mid-June (for exchange in August) or in mid-November (for exchange in January).				
<b>Acceptance of offer and upload photo</b>	Students are required to indicate acceptance of offer and upload their latest photo that meet the requirements set out <a href="#">here</a> , for the purpose of the NUS Student Card (file size 125KB in jpg format).				
<b>Pre-registered modules</b>	Successful applicants can view their pre-registered modules at the <a href="#">online</a> application portal using their Application ID and password around mid-June (for August intake) and around mid-November (for January intake).				

Modification to Modules	
<b>Modification to pre-registered modules</b>	<p>Students need to maintain a minimum of 12MCs per semester (including modules set to audit) in order for NUS to sponsor their Student's Pass. The pre-registered modules at the point of offer are essential for the application of Student's Pass prior to the official registration at NUS. <b>Students are advised not to modify the pre-registered modules before the "Add/Drop" exercise.</b></p> <p>The module add exercise happens during the first two weeks of every semester. The module drop exercise begins at the start of the semester. More information on modules modification can be found in the <b>NUS Registration Guide</b> which will be included in your offer letter.</p>

Modification to Modules	
<p><b>Dropping modules with clashing class time and examination dates</b></p>	<p>Before coming to NUS, students are advised to check the <a href="#">timetable</a> for all pre-registered modules. If there are any clashes in the examination date or class time, students <b>must</b> drop the clashing modules during the module “Add/Drop” exercise.</p> <p>Modules with clashing examination date and time will not be approved. Request for alternative examination assessments or alternative examination date will not be entertained.</p> <p>Students are responsible for planning their academic time-table.</p>

Visa Requirements	
<p><b>Are exchange students required to obtain a visa (Student’s Pass)?</b></p>	<p>Yes. Exchange students who have been accepted to NUS will receive instructions via email for the Student’s Pass application.</p> <p>Students who need a visa to enter Singapore will receive the scanned In-Principle Approval (IPA) letter via email from NUS Registrar’s office and can use the letter as a single-trip entry visa. All other students will be instructed to enter on a tourist visa and then convert it to a Student’s Pass during registration.</p>
<p><b>Will NUS assist in the Student’s Pass application?</b></p>	<p>Yes. The information can be found in the <a href="#">NUS Registration Guide</a>. The link to this guide can also be found in the offer letter from NUS Registrar’s Office.</p>
<p><b>Application Fees for Student’s Pass</b></p>	<p>Entry visa application fees cost S\$30 for all students who require an entry visa.</p> <p>Students who do not require an entry visa, pay about S\$60 to S\$90 for the Student’s Pass.</p>
<p><b>Is a medical report required?</b></p>	<p>Yes, for <u>full-year exchange students</u> to support the application of Student’s Pass. Students should complete a medical examination using the form provided by Singapore’s immigration. Full-year exchange students can arrive in Singapore earlier to do their medical check-up at NUS or print out the given medical form and have the check-up done at their home country. Details will be provided in the <a href="#">NUS Registration Guide</a>.</p>

Medical and Travel Insurance	
<p><b>Are exchange students required to purchase a compulsory medical insurance plan?</b></p>	<p>Yes. Every international student must take up the compulsory NUS Health and Insurance Scheme (HINS) which is included in the Miscellaneous Student Fees (MSFs). Click on the link for information on <a href="#">insurance coverage</a> for Non-Graduating Students. Click <a href="#">here</a> for MSFs rates.</p>
<p><b>How about travel insurance?</b></p>	<p>All registered NUS students will be covered under a <a href="#">blanket travel insurance</a>. This insurance covers students for official NUS trips taken during exchange. It is highly recommended that exchange students purchase personal travel insurance for their own travel.</p>



## On-campus Accommodation

<p><b>Is university accommodation guaranteed for exchange students?</b></p> <p><b>(Must Read)</b></p>	<p>Due to shortage of on-campus accommodation at NUS, exchange students are <b>NOT guaranteed</b> on-campus accommodation. With increasing numbers of incoming exchange students, it is very likely that some students will need to source and secure their own private and off-campus accommodation.</p> <p>NUS receives more exchange students in Semester 1 (August to December); therefore it is more difficult to secure on-campus accommodation in Semester 1.</p> <p>Non-graduating research students should consider staying at private, off-campus accommodation.</p>
<p><b>How will I know if I am eligible to apply?</b></p>	<p>All exchange students are eligible to apply for on-campus accommodation, although <b>not guaranteed</b> placement given the limited supply of housing at NUS. The offer email/letter from Registrar's Office will include instructions on how and when to apply for accommodation along with the updated <a href="#">instructions</a> and deadlines.</p>
<p><b>What are the on-campus accommodation options?</b></p>	<p>NUS offers three <a href="#">types of on-campus accommodation</a>: (1) Residential Colleges, (2) Residences, and (3) Halls of Residence. Each semester about 30% of exchange students are shortlisted for a particular Residential College (RC), and therefore some students will only see a particular RC on their housing application. The shortlisting helps to ensure that NUS is able to get as many exchange students allocated to on-campus accommodation as possible before arrival in Singapore.</p> <p>The majority of exchange students will get to indicate their top three preferred on-campus accommodation. In the event the preferred accommodation is oversubscribed, we encourage students to consider on-campus accommodation with vacancy. Otherwise, students can source and secure private, off-campus accommodation.</p> <p>Exchange students invited to be attached to University Scholars Programme have to stay at Cinnamon College.</p>
<p><b>Administrative procedures to follow once students have been invited to apply for accommodation</b></p>	<p>To apply for on-campus accommodation, students must pay the non-refundable application fee of S\$26.75. Completed application will be reflected as <b>'pending'</b> in the <b>University Hostel Management System (UHMS)</b>. Successful applicants will receive an accommodation offer via email. The student will then need to login to UHMS to <b>accept the offer</b> and <b>pay the full accommodation fee</b> by the deadline(s) in order to secure the room.</p> <p>Students who fail to pay by the stipulated deadline, will automatically forfeit their allocated room and the room will be offered to the next student on waiting list immediately. Please read the <a href="#">terms and conditions</a>.</p>
<p><b>Is on-campus accommodation available over semester breaks?</b></p>	<p>Yes, subject to availability. Students who are on full-year exchange and have successfully secured on-campus accommodation, are eligible for vacation stay by paying the additional rates mentioned at <a href="http://nus.edu.sg/osa/student-services/hostel-admission/non-graduating/hostel-meal-plan-rates">http://nus.edu.sg/osa/student-services/hostel-admission/non-graduating/hostel-meal-plan-rates</a>.</p>

### On-campus Accommodation - continued

<b>Compulsory meal plans for selected on-campus accommodation</b>	<p>Students staying at the <a href="#">Residential Colleges</a> in University Town or in the <a href="#">Hall of Residences</a> will have to subscribe to the compulsory meal plan.</p> <p>The food offered under the compulsory meal plan is Halal certified. Asian style vegetarian food is also available. However, it might not be suitable for strict Vegans or students who need Kosher food. For more information on compulsory meal plans, please visit <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Students who do not want to have the compulsory meal plan can consider staying at other on-campus accommodation without the compulsory meal plan or source for a private, off-campus accommodation.</p>
<b>Check-in</b>	<p>Check-in to on-campus accommodation is available from Monday to Friday during office hours from 9am to 5pm. To request a check-in outside of the office hours, please refer to <a href="http://nus.edu.sg/osa/contact">http://nus.edu.sg/osa/contact</a></p>

### Private, off-campus Accommodation

<b>Private, off-campus accommodation options</b>	<p>Singapore is a city-state with affordable and reliable public transportation. It is convenient to travel to and from NUS from the private accommodation located near NUS.</p> <p>Some of these private, off-campus accommodation options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Hwa Chong Institution Boarding School</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Nanyang Girls Boarding School</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Yo:HA Student Hostel Ulu Pandan and Henderson Outlets</a></li> </ul> <p>For a complete list of off-campus accommodation options, please refer to the <a href="#">guide</a> prepared by NUS Office of Student Affairs (OSA).</p>
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### Estimated Monthly Living Expenses (in Singapore Dollars)

	On-campus	Off-campus
Accommodation	\$300 - \$800*	\$500 - \$1,200 <sup>#</sup>
Food (3 meals a day)	\$250 - \$400	\$400 - \$800
Public Transport	\$100 - \$150	\$200 - \$300
Books & Stationery (depends on course of study)	\$200 - \$350	\$200 - \$350
Personal expenses (telecommunication, toiletries, clothing, etc.)	\$250 - \$350	\$250 - \$350
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,100 - \$2,500</b>	<b>\$1,550 - \$3,000</b>

\* Actual cost depends on type of residence and type of room.

<sup>#</sup>Actual rental depends on whether there is room sharing and whether utilities are included in the rent.

## Scholarships

<p><b>Are there any scholarship for exchange students?</b></p>	<p>List of scholarships available for incoming exchange students can be found here: <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/awards-scholarships.php">http://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/awards-scholarships.php</a>.</p> <p>Please take note of the deadlines for the different scholarships. GRO provides the administrative support for the scholarships given by external sponsors and we cannot influence the decision of the scholarship sponsors.</p> <p>Due to overwhelming applications for the limited number of scholarships, <u>only shortlisted applicant will be informed of the outcome of their applications</u>. Students who did not receive any email about the scholarship are not selected for the scholarship.</p>
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## Financial Matters

<p><b>Opening a bank account in Singapore</b></p>	<p>Exchange students may open a bank account in Singapore even if they are not staying for 6 months and above. Some banks in Singapore might charge an “Early Account Closure Fee” ranging from S\$20 to S\$30 for closing a bank account.</p> <p>DBS Bank at Yusof Ishak House in NUS requires a photocopy of the IPA letter for opening a bank account. All other banks in Singapore requires students to produce their Student’s Pass.</p> <p>Students who do not wish to open a bank account are advised to bring enough cash to last at least the first month of their stay in Singapore. Subsequently, they can withdraw additional cash at the numerous ATMs machines / cashpoints on campus and around Singapore.</p> <p>Students who have accounts with international banks that have branches in Singapore can find out from their bank directly about the charges for using their account in Singapore.</p>
<p><b>Can student on exchange work part-time to supplement costs of living?</b></p>	<p><b>No.</b> Exchange students holding a Student’s Pass sponsored by NUS for coursework-based exchange are <u>not</u> allowed to work without a valid work pass. This includes, but is not limited to, any form of external training attachment at any commercial venue, or an internal training attachment in any venue that serves the public.</p> <p>Students who wish to work after their exchange term ends have to be qualified for the (i) mainstream work passes; or (ii) Work Holiday Programme; or (iii) Training Employment Pass. A work pass is required even if there is no salary or allowance from the employer. The employer should assist the students in applying for the valid work pass from Singapore’s <a href="#">Ministry of Manpower</a>, before engaging them in any form of non-classroom training.</p> <p>It is an offence under Section 5(1) of the Employment of Foreign Manpower Act for anyone to engage or use the service of international exchange students who do not have valid work passes.</p>

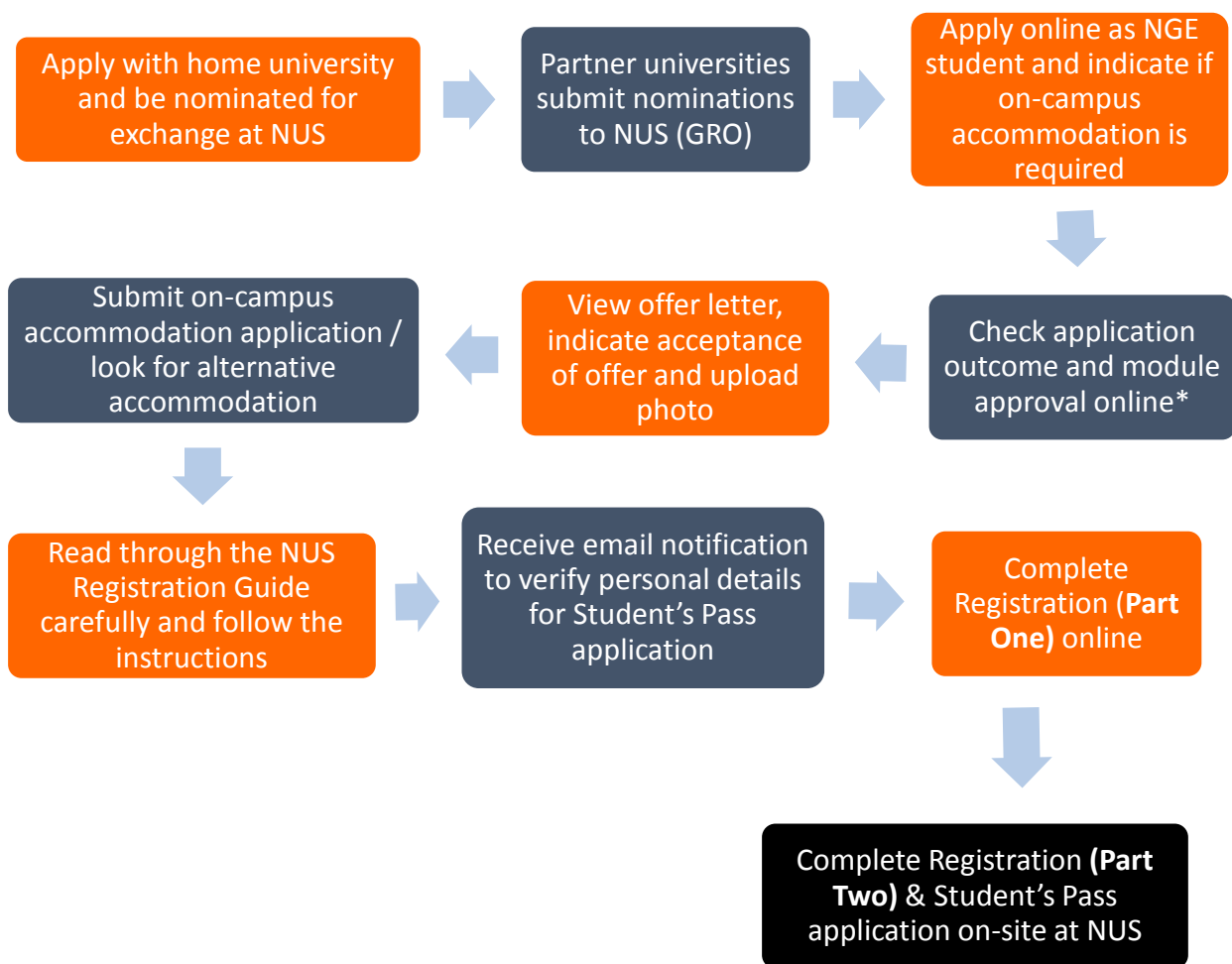
Arrival, Registration & Student Services	
<b>Is airport pick-up service available?</b>	No. Singapore is well-linked by public transport. Students may refer to <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/student-exchange.php">http://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/student-exchange.php</a> > Incoming Exchangers > While in NUS for travel tips.
<b>Which student events are available to exchange students?</b>	Office of Student Affairs and the Global Relations Office organise many activities for exchange students in each semester.  These activities include Orientation, Welcome Party, as well as many other programmes which are lined up throughout the semester. For more details, please refer to our <a href="#">website</a> .
<b>Authentic Facebook group</b>	Non-graduating student who are accepted into our exchange programme are welcome to join the Facebook group managed by the Global Relations Office. Please take note that there is only one Peer Advising Programme that is recognised by NUS. Join the right Peer Advising Programme at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NUSPeerAdvising">https://www.facebook.com/NUSPeerAdvising</a> .

Health & Wellness	
<b>Disability Support Office at NUS</b>	Students who require support for special learning needs should declare their conditions in the online application form and produce a medical letter from the doctor stating the type of support needed. It is recommended that students write in to the <a href="#">Disability Support Office</a> to find out the range of services and facilities available at NUS before applying for the exchange.  Upon arrival at NUS, students should visit the <a href="#">University Health Centre</a> to have his/her condition assessed by doctors. After which, the Disability Support Office will try to provide the necessary support depending on the availability of resources and expertise on campus.  Please take note that NUS Disability Support Office might not have the full range of resources and relevant expertise to assist all kinds of different disabilities.
<b>University Health Centre</b>	The University Health Centre is situated centrally at the Kent Ridge main campus. Please refer to this <a href="#">link</a> for its range of services.  Students may be referred to the <a href="#">National University Hospital</a> on campus during weekends and if the medical conditions warrant hospitalisation/surgery.
<b>Counselling services</b>	Students who are in need of counselling and psychological services may approach the <a href="#">University Counselling Services</a> to make appointment.
<b>Campus Security</b>	Information about campus security is available at <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/ocs/">http://www.nus.edu.sg/ocs/</a>

While in Singapore	
<b>Can students extend their exchange period?</b>	A full academic year is the maximum exchange term allowed.  Students who wish to extend their exchange beyond the nominated semester must submit a written approval given by their home university exchange coordinator to the NUS GRO <u>at least 8 weeks</u> before their exchange terms ends.
<b>Terms and Conditions of maintaining the Student's Pass</b>	NUS is the sponsoring institution for the Student's Pass for all incoming exchange students. Therefore students are expected to abide to the terms and conditions stated by Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) of Singapore.
<b>NUS Code of Student Conduct</b>	Please read <a href="#">NUS Code of Student Conduct</a>

After Exchange	
<b>When will the Official Transcripts be ready?</b>	Two copies of the original transcript will be sent directly to the central Study Abroad/Exchange office at the student's Home University, approximately <b>two months</b> after the completion of the exchange.
<b>Will there be unofficial transcripts?</b>	Students can retrieve their results and unofficial transcripts via NUS Student Information System (NUS SIS) about 20 calendar days from the exams release date. Students' NUS accounts will be terminated at the end June (for exchange in January) and at the end January (for exchange in August).  Alternatively, students may write to <a href="mailto:nghelp@nus.edu.sg">nghelp@nus.edu.sg</a> for further assistance.

## Annex A: Flowchart for the Application Process



\*The approved modules have been pre-registered for you. **If you are taking Law modules, you will be informed to go through a separate module registration with the Faculty of Law.** You will see that you have been pre-registered for at least 12 modular credits. Modification to pre-registered modules should be made during the module add/drop period at the start of each semester to avoid delaying the visa application process.