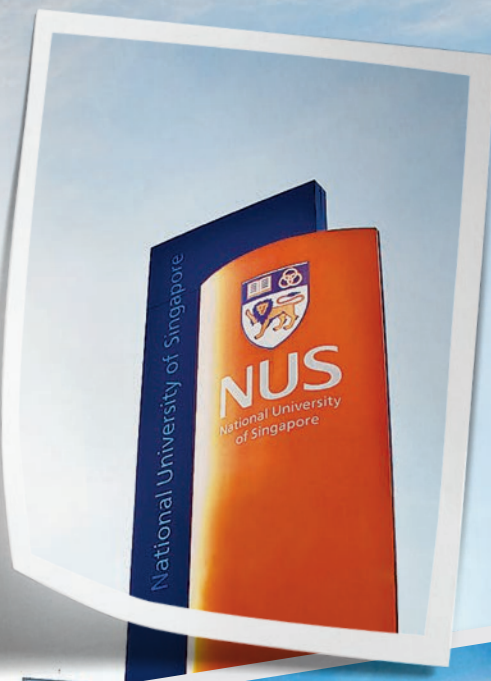


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“During my academic exchange at the National University of Singapore (NUS), I had the chance to encounter and develop connections with new friends from Singapore and other parts of the world, great lecturers, administrative officers, and even the cleaning staff at my dormitory. At NUS, I had the opportunity to work with people from China, Canada, France, and the United States in a group project! This is something I had never done before back in Indonesia. The learning environment in NUS is not only supportive for academic pursuits, but also for social engagements. I learnt so much about work ethics and work-life balance in Singapore and how I would want to implement that to my life. The experience I had from participating in the TFI LEaRN programme was indeed beyond a mere study abroad exposure. It has also motivated me to keep developing my true potential. I will utilise what I learnt here for the betterment of my community.”

Liya Rizqiya Armina, TFI LEaRN scholarship recipient from Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia, on exchange at NUS

WHY NUS?

A leading global university centred in Asia, the National University of Singapore (NUS) offers a global approach to education and research with a focus on Asian perspectives and expertise.

Ranked among the best universities in the world and highly-regarded in disciplines such as Engineering & Technology, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and the Humanities, our transformative education seeks to open minds and nurture well-rounded individuals.



NUS is 1st in Asia, 22nd in the world

(based on Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2018)



All courses are conducted in English

(except Chinese Studies and foreign language courses)



7 faculties/schools across 2 campuses
offer undergraduate modules for
exchange students



**Around 2,000 exchange students
from over 300 partner universities
in more than 40 countries**
are at NUS per academic year

Our Halls of Residence and Residential Colleges located within the main Kent Ridge campus provide an affordable and safe living environment. Festive events and cultural activities are organised throughout the year by students and staff to add vibrancy to the exchange term. From Inter-Faculty sports games to music recitals, there is a wide array of artistic, cultural and sports opportunities to pursue.

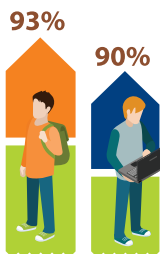
We welcome students from our partner universities to join us for a semester or a year of academic exchange by applying for our most active global programme – the Student Exchange Programme (SEP).



**Over 100 student organisations,
societies and interest groups**



Over 40 sports groups



93% of incoming students were
satisfied with their **exchange at NUS**

90% of incoming students would
recommend **NUS** to their peers

(based on survey conducted in 2016/17)

COURSEWORK EXCHANGE

REQUIREMENTS FOR FEE-WAIVER EXCHANGE

Full-time, degree-seeking students from NUS faculty-level and university-wide partner universities can apply for tuition fee-waiver for a single semester or a maximum of a full academic year exchange if they:

- Have obtained approval from their home university to be nominated as a Non-Graduating Exchange (NGE) student
- Have completed at least one year of undergraduate study at their home university upon admission to NUS
- Are not in their graduating year / semester of studies while on exchange (*subject to respective exchange agreement with NUS*)
- 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
- Have obtained the necessary English proficiency level to follow the classes which are taught in English at NUS. (e.g. IELTS score of at least 6.5 for Law modules applicants)
- Have secured sufficient funds for accommodation fees and personal living expenses for the whole exchange duration
- Possessed the aptitude, motivation and maturity, to thrive in a different academic system and cultural environment

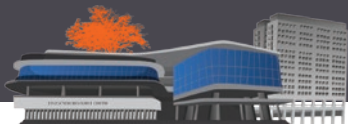
ACADEMIC YEAR	DATE RANGE	TOTAL NUMBER OF WEEKS
Semester 1	Early August – Early December	18 weeks
Semester 2	Early January – Early May	17 weeks
Special Term	Early May – Late July	12 weeks

Did You Know?

The seven faculties and schools that offer modules for exchange are:

- Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Science
- School of Computing
- School of Design & Environment
- NUS Business School*
- NUS Law*

* Modules offered by NUS Business School and NUS Law are limited to Business and Law students through formal invitation only.



MODULAR SYSTEM

At NUS, the undergraduate and graduate curricula are based on a modular system. Under this system, workloads are expressed in terms of Modular Credits (MCs), and academic performance is measured by grade points on a 5-point scale.

A modular credit (MC) is a unit of effort, stated in terms of time, expected of a typical student in managing his/her workload. A 4-MC module would require 10 hours of work a week, including lectures, tutorials, laboratory sessions, assignments, and independent or group study. An exchange student can take a minimum of 12 MCs and a maximum of 20 MCs worth of modules per semester.

MODULES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/info/ng/NG-Modules.pdf

Exchange students should refer to the [online module catalogue](#) to identify suitable modules. Modules which are not listed in the catalogue are not available to exchange students. The online module catalogue will be updated in mid-March and in mid-August annually. The [NUS Bulletin](#) contains brief course descriptions and the workload components of individual modules.

Students are advised to read [modules restrictions](#) before applying for exchange to NUS. Business and Law modules are only

available to Business and Law students who are invited by NUS during the official nomination period. Due to the popularity of some modules, students may not be able to secure their desired modules even though they are majoring in the respective disciplines. Level 4000 undergraduate modules have limited vacancies.

Exchange students pursuing a Master degree at their home university but have yet to obtain any Bachelor degree should apply as an undergraduate student and select from the range of undergraduate modules open to exchange students.

Master level students who have received a bachelor degree must submit bachelor level certificate/transcript in order to be considered (but not guaranteed) for level 5000 and above modules if supported by specific graduate exchange agreements.

Approval for modules will be given based on the fulfilment of pre-requisites, time-tabling and availability. All modules secured by exchange students are examinable by default. Students will need to get the approval from their home university before auditing any modules.

UNIQUE STUDY OPTIONS

NUS offers a number of innovative study opportunities and multidisciplinary programmes many of which are open to exchange students.

- [General Education Modules \(GEMs\)](#), which emphasise intellectual broadening, critical and creative thinking, are usually without pre-requisites.
- [Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme \(UROP\)](#) enables students to do credit-bearing research during the usual exchange term. Students have to source and secure their own NUS supervisor upon approval from both their home university and NUS Global Relations Office.



Did You Know?

NUS offers fee-paying programmes during the mid-year or year-end vacation. Students who are interested to join these programmes taught by NUS academics are welcome to search for the relevant information online. Some of these programmes are:

- Global Science Summer Programme in Data Analytics and Forensic Science
- FASStrack Asia: The Summer School
- IPSA-NUS Summer School for Social Science Research Methods
- NUS (Suzhou) Research Institute
- NUS Enterprise Summer Programme
- Summer Programme – Exploring New Space Technologies and Applications

ACCOMMODATION

ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION




On-campus accommodation is popular among exchange students who want convenient access to classes, sporting and social events in NUS. Undergraduate students on coursework-based exchange are given priority for accommodation.

Due to shortage of on-campus accommodation at NUS, exchange students are **not** guaranteed 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. Non-graduating research students should consider staying at private, off-campus accommodation.

Exchange students must indicate that they require on-campus accommodation on their initial exchange application in order to be considered for the accommodation application exercise. The offer email/letter from Registrar's Office will include instructions on how and when to apply for accommodation along with the updated instructions and deadlines.

Upon acceptance of the on-campus accommodation offer, students will be required to make advance payment of their accommodation fees to secure the room. Check-in for on-campus accommodation is available on weekdays from 9am to 5pm.

TYPES OF ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

	TYPE	OPTIONS
	HALLS OF RESIDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Eusoff Hall2. Kent Ridge Hall3. King Edward VII Hall4. Raffles Hall5. Sheares Hall6. Temasek Hall7. Prince George's Park House (PGP House)
	RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. College of Alice and Peter Tan (CAPT)2. Cinnamon (USP) College3. Tembusu College4. Residential College 45. Ridge View Residential College (RVRC)
	STUDENT RESIDENCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. UTown Residence (UTR)2. Prince George's Park Residences (PGPR)



View of NUS Residential Colleges from the swimming pool at University Town of NUS.
Photo contributed by **Andy Aumiller**, ETH Zurich, Switzerland

“I’ve changed so much as a person coming on exchange. I’m now more outgoing, confident and willing to try new things! I never expected to be part of a family coming on exchange, but Tembusu Residential College has provided me with that, so when it is time to leave there will always be a piece of my heart left in Tembusu! It really has been the best year of my life and I would want others to experience the same things I have!”

Francesca Farlie, King’s College London, UK

For detailed information including the cost of accommodation, please refer to www.nus.edu.sg/osa/has

COST	DESCRIPTIONS
Approx. \$1,870 to \$2,670 per semester including compulsory meal plan	The Halls are known for their vibrant co-curricular activities, rich history and character. Residents are encouraged to participate actively in hall activities.
Approx. \$2,350 to \$3,850 per semester including compulsory meal plan	Each Residential College has its own academic tone and character to create a friendly environment through social, educational and cultural interaction.
Approx. \$2,090 to \$3,750 per semester with no meal plan	UTown Residence (UTR) is located within the University Town (UTown). Prince George’s Park Residences (PGPR) offers single-room accommodation with communal kitchens, study areas and lounges.



Sunset over NUS’ University Town.
Photo contributed by **Valerie Hollunder** from University of Stuttgart, Germany

OFF-CAMPUS
ACCOMMODATION

If your on-campus accommodation application is unsuccessful, you are encouraged to explore off-campus accommodation options. Our Office of Student Affairs has prepared the necessary information to assist in your search for off-campus accommodation.



Paintings along the stairs of a HDB flat that showcases a multicultural society with the four major ethnic groups in Singapore. Photo contributed by **Shavena Vigneswara Kumar**, University of Bristol, UK

Did You Know?

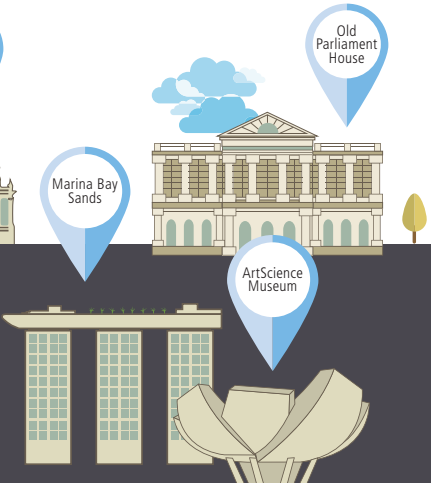
80% of Singapore’s population live in government-subsidised apartments also known as Housing Development Board (HDB) flats. HDB flats are highrise buildings with shared corridors, elevators and other amenities. Within a block of HDB flats, you can find people of various ethnicities and religions living harmoniously as a community.

HDB flats painted in rainbow colours at Rochor Centre. Photo contributed by **Jin ilseok Jeremy**, Korea University, South Korea



Did You Know?

Singapore has a blend of old-world and new architecture. Some old colonial buildings such as the General Post Office and the old Parliament House were preserved and converted to The Fullerton Hotel and National Museum of Singapore respectively. Some of the new iconic buildings are Marina Bay Sands (MBS), ArtScience Museum and Esplanade Theatre.



APPLYING TO NUS

APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR SEP

- Apply online after your official nomination has been sent to NUS by your home university exchange coordinator.
- Prepare a study plan that includes a list of relevant undergraduate modules offered at NUS to exchange students.
- Follow the checklist and upload scanned copies of supporting documents to the online application portal directly.
- Late and/or incomplete application will not be considered.



Photo contributed by **Aleksandra Anna Ciezarek** from University of Birmingham, UK

COURSEWORK-BASED SEP APPLICATION DEADLINES & TIMELINES*

	SEMESTER 1 (August to December)	SEMESTER 2 (January to May)	SPECIAL TERM (May to July)
<u>ONLINE APPLICATION</u>	21 Mar to 15 Apr	1 Sep to 1 Oct	1 Feb to 1 Mar
<u>SUBMISSION OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS</u>	By 1 May	By 15 Oct	By 15 Mar
APPLICATION RESULTS	By mid-Jun	By end of Nov	By mid-Apr

* subject to change

Did You Know?

Students who want to do research during or after their coursework-based exchange at NUS have to seek written approval from both home university and NUS Global Relations Office. Thereafter, they need to source for and secure a NUS supervisor and submit all supporting documents at least 3 months before the start of the research attachment.

CHECKLIST FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS

This checklist aims to guide students through the list of things to do before, during and after the exchange at NUS. Please put a tick ☒ beside the recommended task once you have completed it.

A BEFORE APPLYING FOR EXCHANGE

- ☐ 1. Read the **Information Sheet** and check the **list of modules** for exchange students
- ☐ 2. Apply to your home university and request for official nomination to NUS
- ☐ 3. Make or renew your passport (if needed)
- ☐ 4. Submit an **online application** and **supporting documents** to NUS by the deadline
- ☐ 5. Apply for **NUS-administered scholarship** before the deadline (if applicable)

B AFTER APPLYING FOR EXCHANGE

- ☐ 1. Check email and NUS application portal in mid-June / end of November for application results
- ☐ 2. Modify your Study Plan/Learning Agreement if needed
- ☐ 3. Apply for on-campus accommodation before the deadline stated in your offer email
- ☐ 4. Check **immigration requirements** and submit relevant documents
- ☐ 5. Ensure you have sufficient money to cover the whole duration of your exchange

C AFTER ACCEPTING THE EXCHANGE OFFER

- ☐ 1. Read the **NUS Registration Guide**
- ☐ 2. Purchase air-tickets to arrive in time for orientation & registration
- ☐ 3. Purchase health and travel insurance, if needed
- ☐ 4. Secure on-campus accommodation by paying the full accommodation fees upfront
- ☐ 5. Source for private accommodation if university accommodation is not available
- ☐ 6. Join our official NUS Peer Advising **Facebook** group and get to know fellow exchangers

D BEFORE ARRIVING IN SINGAPORE

- ☐ 1. Get to know Singapore
- ☐ 2. Read the **NUS Code of Student Conduct**
- ☐ 3. Make travel plans together with students from your home university if possible
- ☐ 4. Arrange for check-in to accommodation during weekdays from 9am to 5pm
- ☐ 5. Pack for the hot, humid and sunny weather in Singapore



E UPON ARRIVAL AT NUS

- ☐ 1. Attend orientation
- ☐ 2. Register for your **Student's Pass** and **NUS Student Card**
- ☐ 3. Visit University Health Centre for medical check-ups or follow-up assessment supported by doctor's letters, if applicable (e.g. Full year exchange, disability support)
- ☐ 4. Participate in modules **Add/Drop exercise** within the first two weeks of school term (if necessary)
- ☐ 5. Seek your home university's consent if you wish to audit any modules
- ☐ 6. Participate in the activities organised by PALs and Office of Student Affairs
- ☐ 7. **Download the Apps** designed for NUS students
- ☐ 8. Use map: map.nus.edu.sg to familiarise yourself with the campus

F WHILE AT NUS AND IN SINGAPORE

- ☐ 1. Explore **NUS IVLE portal**
- ☐ 2. Attend lectures, tutorials and participate in group projects
- ☐ 3. Seek feedback from NUS professors on your academic performance
- ☐ 4. Join in the festive celebrations of the four main ethnic groups in Singapore
- ☐ 5. Help out at Global Relations Office (GRO) **International Exchange Day** in late August / early September

G BEFORE RETURNING TO YOUR HOME UNIVERSITY

- ☐ 1. Attend the final examinations for the modules you are taking
- ☐ 2. Pay any outstanding bills and check-out from your accommodation
- ☐ 3. Print a **provisional transcript** from your NUS student's account before the account is terminated at the end of the school term
- ☐ 4. Complete the survey sent out by GRO
- ☐ 5. Return your NUS Student Card to Registrar's Office before leaving NUS and surrender your Singapore Student's Pass to the immigration officer upon exiting Singapore
- ☐ 6. Collect the original NUS transcript from the exchange coordinator at your home university approximately two months after the last examination date at NUS
- ☐ 7. Submit a request to Registrar's Office if you need additional copies of your official transcripts



STUDENT SERVICES

Different offices provide the various services needed by exchange students before, during and after their exchange at NUS.



GLOBAL RELATIONS OFFICE (REGIONS)

The Global Relations Office (GRO):

- is the first stop for student exchange matters
- Fosters and maintains partnerships with institutions around the world
- Coordinates with NUS Faculties and Schools to support coursework-based exchange for undergraduates
- Oversees the PALs and PALs events

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE (NON-GRADUATING PROGRAMME)

The Non-Graduating Office (NGE) at Registrar's Office (RO) assists incoming exchange students with:

- Admission to the NGE Programme
- Application, extension and termination of Student's Pass and NUS Student Card
- Module registration and Add/Drop exercises
- Endorsement of Home University's Learning Agreement / Module Enrolment forms
- Examination matters
- Issuance of transcripts after the exchange term ends

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Office of Student Affairs assists international students in their integration into the NUS community. Their services include:

- Managing on-campus accommodation application and allocation
- Arranging and conducting orientation briefings each semester
- Organising the Host Family Programme
- Providing i.CARE networking events and cross-cultural events
- Providing support through the Disability Support Office

FACULTIES & SCHOOLS

Seven participating faculties and schools for student exchange programme are responsible for:

- Identifying modules for exchange students
- Approving module applications based on pre-requisites, time-tabling and availability
- Providing curriculum
- Setting class and examination timetables
- Looking after the academic needs and welfare of students

UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTRE

The University Health Centre (UHC) provides:

- Management of acute and chronic illnesses
- Vaccinations
- Health screenings and medical check-ups
- Counselling & Psychological Services

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Exchange students do not need to pay tuition fees to NUS if they are nominated through an existing exchange agreement. However, students should continue to pay tuition fees to their home university (if applicable) while on exchange at NUS. All exchange students are responsible for the compulsory miscellaneous fees and their own living expenses while on exchange.

HEALTH AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

All exchange students will be required to pay NUS' health insurance premium which is included in the compulsory Miscellaneous Student Fees of approximately S\$130 per semester. Coverage of the insurance plans can be found at www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/services/billing-insurance/insurance-matters.html.

Students are encouraged to purchase travel insurance to cover their personal travel outside of Singapore.

LIVING COSTS

This table shows the breakdown of living expenses of an average student on campus. Overseas travel and vacations are not included in the estimated costs.



	ON-CAMPUS	OFF-CAMPUS
Accommodation	S\$380 – S\$850	S\$600 – S\$1,300
Food (3 meals a day)	S\$250 – S\$500	S\$400 – S\$800
Public transport	S\$100 – S\$180	S\$200 – S\$300
Books, stationery supplies, etc.	S\$200 – S\$350	S\$200 – S\$350
Telecommunication, toiletries, clothing, etc.	S\$250 – S\$350	S\$300 – S\$450
ESTIMATED COSTS (PER MONTH)*	S\$1,180 – S\$2,230	S\$1,700 – S\$3,200

*The estimated costs are for reference only. The actual costs are expected to vary based on personal spending habits and choices.

Did You Know?

Singapore offers many affordable food options. Come and try the signature Chilli Crab, *Nonya Laksa*, *Char Kway Teow*, *Hainanese* Chicken Rice and also the aromatic *Nanyang* coffee with *kaya* toast. With so many food choices around, it is easy to see how eating is often referred to as one of Singapore's favourite pastimes.

From left in clockwise direction, *Hainanese* Chicken Rice, *Bak Kut Teh*, *Sambal* Stingray, Fried Rice and Crispy Carrot Cake. Photo contributed by **Aaron Budwal**, University of Manchester, UK





FINANCIAL AWARDS

Students are encouraged to explore the award(s) available at their home university or home country to support their exchange. The GRO at NUS administers a limited number of awards on behalf of external sponsors. Only successful applicants will be contacted by NUS.

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

Exchange students who hold a Student's Pass sponsored by NUS for coursework-based exchange are not allowed to work on-campus or off-campus 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.

Students on exchange who wish to do an internship or industrial attachment after the coursework-based exchange, will need to approach the hosting faculty/school/ department at NUS or the hosting external company to support their application for (i) mainstream Work Pass; or (ii) Work Holiday Programme; or (iii) Training Employment Pass. A Work Pass is required even if the student is not receiving a salary or allowance from the employer. It is illegal for anyone to engage or use the service of international exchange students who do not have a valid Work Pass. Students will not be permitted to hold both the Student's Pass and a Work Pass concurrently. More information is available at Ministry of Manpower's website.



Did You Know?

Singapore celebrates its National Day every year on 9 August in commemoration of its independence from Malaysia in 1965. The country is awash in a sea of red and white as buildings and structures are decorated with the Singapore flag. The National Day Parade is a feast for the eyes with an impressive aerial display, a mobile column showcasing the nation's defence capabilities, spectacular fireworks display and more.

NAME OF AWARD	DETAILS
<u>DUO-Singapore Exchange Fellowship Awards</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsored by Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs Applicable to exchange students from selected European countries
<u>NUS-UBC Lee Foundation Student Exchange Award</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funded by Lee Foundation Applicable to exchange students from University of British Columbia in Canada
<u>Temasek Foundation International Leadership Enrichment and Regional Networking (TFI LEaRN) Programme @ NUS</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funded by the Temasek Foundation International in Singapore Applicable to exchange students from selected countries in Asia

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

STUDENT CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND SPORTS GROUPS

There are more than 100 student organisations, societies and interest groups for exchange students to participate in at NUS. Students may choose from a wide variety of options, from recreational sports, cultural activities to community engagement.



NUS mOSAic Fiesta 2018. Photo contributed by **Daniel Alejandro Yanez Diaz** from Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico



A game of table tennis with friends at the Inter-College Games 2018. Photo contributed by **Siddharth Brahmhatt** from Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, India

Did You Know?

NUS' main campus situated at Kent Ridge, houses 14 of its 17 Faculties and Schools, many research institutes and a variety of different student residences. Seven out of the 17 Faculties and Schools at NUS offer undergraduate modules to incoming exchange students supported by existing bilateral exchange agreements. NUS Law is housed at the Bukit Timah campus.



www.facebook.com/NUSPeerAdvising

PEER ADVISING PROGRAMME

The Peer Advising Programme is a student-led programme spearheaded by Global Relations Office (GRO).

Students leaders selected by GRO will organise events throughout the academic year for exchange students. Events ranging from Welcome and Farewell Parties to Dragon Boat races, to Travel Clinics, are organised for students to interact.

All exchange students are encouraged to join our official Facebook and participate in the events organised by GRO's Peer Advising Leaders (PALs).

IMMIGRATION INFORMATION

APPLYING FOR STUDENT'S PASS

- Exchange students need to secure at least 12 modular credits per semester to support their Student's Pass application.
- The Registrar's Office will send the acceptance letter via email together with the information on visa matters to successful applicants.
- The Registrar's Office will request for the In-Principle Approval (IPA) letter from Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) of Singapore for all exchange students. Exchange students who do not require an entry visa to Singapore will receive their IPA letter during registration in NUS. Exchange students who require an entry visa will receive the IPA letter via email before coming to Singapore.
- Students have to fill in the online eForm 16, print and bring the hard copy document to Singapore.
- Full-year exchange students need to submit a medical report based on ICA's requirements. Students can choose to have their medical check-up done at NUS' University Health Centre (UHC) or in their country of residence.



CLEARING THE CUSTOMS

- Exchange students who do not require an entry visa to Singapore need to show their passport and disembarkation card at the Singapore Immigration counter.
- Exchange students who require an entry visa to Singapore will need to show the IPA letter (which serves as a single-trip entry visa), passport and disembarkation card at the Singapore Immigration counter.



COLLECTION OF STUDENT'S PASS

- The Registrar's Office will distribute the stamped IPA letter (to students who did not require an entry visa) during the stipulated registration date on campus. The registration date will be announced in the Registration Guide which will be attached to the acceptance email.
- During registration, immigration officers from ICA will be on-site in NUS to process the Student's Pass. Students need to produce the stamped IPA letter to collect their Student's Pass.

GETTING TO NUS CAMPUSES



NUS shuttle bus that ply the main Kent Ridge campus. Photo contributed by **Jilian Schoonhoven** from University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

TRAVELLING TO NUS

NUS campuses are conveniently linked to the rest of Singapore by Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) trains and public buses. A train ride from the MRT station located on the Kent Ridge campus will take you to Orchard in about 30 minutes. The MRT train ride from Changi Airport station to Kent Ridge station will take over an hour. The same trip by taxi will take at least half an hour, depending on traffic conditions.

Students taking Law modules can take a train ride to Botanic Gardens station and walk to the Bukit Timah campus through the Singapore Botanic Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

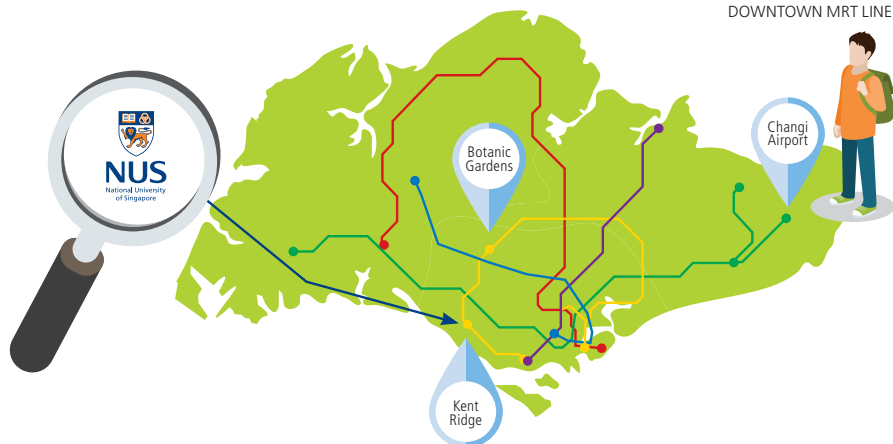
MOVING AROUND NUS CAMPUSES

NUS shuttle buses ply the main Kent Ridge campus, with one bus serving the Bukit Timah campus which houses NUS Law, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and several other research institutes.

These distinctively blue and orange air-conditioned buses provide students with hassle-free transportation in and between both campuses.



EAST WEST MRT LINE █
 NORTH SOUTH MRT LINE █
 NORTH EAST MRT LINE █
 CIRCLE MRT LINE █
 DOWNTOWN MRT LINE █



EXPLORING SINGAPORE AND THE REGION

- Singapore has four official languages, which are English, Mandarin, Malay and Tamil. **English is the main language used in business, education and administration.**
- Experience Singapore's melting pot of cultures by visiting the **various ethnic enclaves**, including Chinatown, Little India and Kampong Glam.
- A variety of cuisines from Peranakan to Chinese, Indian to Malay, fusion and more are available in this **little food haven**.
- An **extensive, inexpensive and convenient public transport system** connects you to all corners of the city state.
- **Lush greenery** provides up to 50% of natural shade in this garden city.
- Singapore is near the equator and you will experience **year-long summer** of 25 to 34 degrees Celsius.
- Strategically located at the **heart of Southeast Asia** with extensive air, sea and land connections to the rest of Asia.



Did You Know?

Dubbed the Garden City and fast becoming a City in a Garden, Singapore truly lives up to her expectation. Singapore Botanic Garden is a 158 year-old tropical garden and it has been honoured as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2015. The newly completed Gardens by the Bay houses over 500,000 plants in three bay-side gardens, two cooled conservatory domes, and a Supertree Grove that creates a vertical garden with tree-like structures towering 25 to 50 metres high.



Singapore's Gardens by the Bay. Photo contributed by **Hua Ye** from Fudan University, China

SNAPSHOT OF EVENTS AT NUS AND IN SINGAPORE DURING TERM TIME

JANUARY

- Orientation Briefing & Welcome Party*
- Round the School Tour and Chinatown Food Bingo*
- International Coffee Catch-up* (TBC)
- Singapore 101 Talk* (TBC)

FEBRUARY

- Row, Row, Row your Dragonboat*
- ExplorAsia*
- Chinese New Year Celebrations*
- Chinese New Year
- Chingay Parade

MARCH

- "Go Away" Exchange Fair*
- BRIDGE networking session*
- Pulau Ubin Cycling Trip*

APRIL

- Good Friday
- Farewell Party*

AUGUST

- National Day
- Singapore Night Festival
- NUS Rag & Flag*
- Orientation Briefing & Welcome Party*
- Around the School Tour and Shopping trip*
- Amazing Race*
- International Exchange Day*
- Hari Raya Haji

SEPTEMBER

- Row, Row, Row your Dragonboat*
- ExplorAsia*
- Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix

OCTOBER

- Deepavali
- Pulau Ubin Cycling Trip*
- BRIDGE networking session*

* Events organised by the various offices at NUS. Look out for emails from Office of Student Affairs and GRO's PALs for the event(s) confirmation.



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1. Chinese New Year celebration with lion dance organised by PALs
2. Dragon Boat race along Kallang River organised by PALs
3. Pulau Ubin cycling trip. Photo contributed by **WisZ Orlowski** from Cracow University of Technology, Poland
4. Singapore's National Day celebration on 9 August. Photo contributed by **Stephennie Lee-Phen Teng** from University of California, Santa Barbara, USA
5. Farewell Party organised by PALs for students on exchange at NUS
6. Deepavali festival decorations in Little India. Photo contributed by **Tan Hui Min** from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
7. Night scene of Marina Bay. Photo contributed by **Gulin Tuzcuoglu** from Bilkent University, Turkey



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"I had an incredible experience both inside and outside of the classroom. There is not one negative aspect of my travel abroad experience. Traveling with new friends was a great experience, and I made incredible friends from students around the world."

Matthew Aronson, Pennsylvania State University, USA

"Overall the experience has been one that I feel blessed to have. The knowledge I have gained from my professors and the superior teaching quality at NUS has really challenged me intellectually and I have had an opportunity to learn and take modules that I would not have otherwise had. I have also made many friends here, both local and other exchangers from around the world. I feel very supported and safe at NUS and in Singapore. The facilities here are amazing, I have been spoilt with the convenient internal shuttle buses and public transport system, the food variety at canteens, the gym, library and other facilities. Being in Southeast Asia, it is also conveniently located and I have had the opportunity to explore Southeast Asia with my new friends."

Elaine Yeo, The University of Sydney, Australia

"I have really enjoyed my time at NUS as it has been a welcoming university atmosphere, with plenty of new opportunities to experience. Staff and students have been helpful and friendly, allowing me to benefit both socially and academically. The opportunity to travel has also been fantastic."

Rosalind Griffiths, University College London, UK



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