



# NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

## Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

### Fast Facts:

<b>Website:</b>	<a href="#">General university website</a> <a href="#">Exchange website</a> – more details also <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Language of instruction:</b>	English
<b>Semester dates:</b>	Semester 1 (Fall): August to December Semester 2 (Spring): January to May
<b>Number of students currently enrolled</b>	>35,000
<b>Academic restrictions at a glance</b> <i>Please note: These are <b>guidelines</b>. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme.</i>	Students may not take core courses offered by the School of Computer Science and Engineering, entrepreneurship courses, or courses from the five autonomous institutions.
<b>General Costs</b>	Estimated living costs are SGD 7,000 per semester. Please also consider costs of flights, visas, and insurance.
<b>About the University</b>	Ranked among the top 1% of universities worldwide, NTU places you in an academically stimulating environment that is both culturally enriching and socially fulfilling. Our comprehensive and innovative approach towards education and research will help contribute to your future success and inspire you to realise your full potential as an entrepreneurial and technology-savvy leader. The many extracurricular activities offered on and off campus will also complement your formal studies and help you build lasting friendships from the moment you set foot onto the campus. This is also the perfect 'soft landing' in the heart of a booming Asia-Pacific region and a great jumpingoff point to explore the many cultures, languages and societies surrounding Singapore, which include India, China, Vietnam and Thailand. A fast-growing university with an international outlook, NTU is putting its global stamp on the Five Peaks of Excellence: Sustainable Earth, Future Healthcare, New Media, New Silk Road and Innovation Asia.

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## What to expect

### Application process

You apply for study exchanges through SWAY. You can find out more about our [study exchange routes here](#), and more about the [application process here](#).

After applying, if you are allocated an exchange place at Nanyang, you will be officially nominated by the International Programmes Team. We will then provide you with your detailed application instructions. **You can ONLY apply to any exchange destination if you have been allocated a place there, and if you are officially nominated by us.**

### Academics

For support with the academic side of your exchange, your best point of contact is your Exchange Coordinator, [found here](#). The Exchange Coordinator is a member of academic staff who will be a key contact throughout your exchange.

<b>Course Load and Credit Load</b>	<p>You are normally <b>required</b> to take whatever constitutes a full academic credit or course load at your host university.</p> <p>The page linked below contains a copy of the <b>International Exchange Credit Requirements</b>. This outlines the number of credits you are required to take at your host institution. There are also more answers to frequently asked questions about the academic side of your exchange.</p> <p><a href="#">Academic matters   The University of Edinburgh</a></p>
<b>Courses</b>	<p>You can search for courses <a href="#">here</a></p> <p><b>**Please be aware, there may not be an up-to-date course catalogue available at this exchange destination. Please use the information available to get an idea about what you can study while on exchange**</b></p>
<b>Academic Restrictions</b>	<p>Exchange students are not allowed to take restricted programmes and courses. See this <a href="#">website</a> under the coursework tab for details</p> <p>These include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. All courses from our five autonomous institutions – the National Institute of Education*, the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Earth Observatory of Singapore, Singapore Centre on</li></ol>

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	<p>Environmental Life Sciences Engineering and Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine.</p> <p>2. Entrepreneurship courses offered by the Nanyang Technopreneurship Center.</p> <p>3. Graduate Programmes offered by the Nanyang Business School.</p> <p>4. Exchange Students are not allowed to attend Special Terms.</p> <p>Please note that there will be strictly no appeal for these courses.</p> <p><i>* Only NIE general electives are available to exchange students</i></p> <p><a href="#">Please also review the undergraduate restricted courses list</a></p> <p><b>Please note:</b> These are guidelines. It is <b>your</b> responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme. <b>Even if there are not restrictions on your degree subject, it does not mean that there are appropriate courses for you. Please check.</b></p>
<b>Orientation</b>	<p>An orientation briefing will be held, usually in the first week of August.</p>

## Accommodation

Finding accommodation that you are happy with on your year abroad is very important and there are often many aspects to consider when looking for somewhere to live.

Many host institutions do offer university accommodation but please do note, **this is not always guaranteed**. You may also need to pay for things like agent or administrative fees that is not always the case here in Edinburgh. It is a good idea to do your research so you do not have any surprises!

<b>University Accommodation</b>	<p>Incoming Study exchange students may apply for <b>on-campus housing on availability basis</b>. Incoming Research exchange shall be recommended for off-campus housing in view of the varied project dates.</p> <p><b>Note: On-campus housing is subject to availability. Students must be prepared to rent off-campus accommodation if required.</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upon acceptance as an exchange student, you may apply online for on campus housing through the GEM Trailblazer Exchange/Study Abroad Portal before the stipulated closing date.</li> <li>• Students who have submitted an online application for campus housing before the stipulated closing date will be considered for on-campus housing, <b>on availability basis</b>. Students who are unsuccessful in their campus housing application would need to look for off-campus options.</li> <li>• Students who are successful in their campus housing application will be allocated randomly for hall rooms, and requests for specific types of rooms will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Students with medical condition(s) and/or have specific requests will have to submit a doctor's letter certifying their condition, which shall subsequently be verified by NTU's Medical Centre.</li> <li>• Students are required to declare medical conditions and requests when submitting their application for GEM Trailblazer.</li> <li>• Request for specific room-mates or preferred Halls is not allowed.</li> <li>• Full-year exchange students, who successfully secured on-campus housing for their first semester must re-apply for housing in their second semester.</li> <li>• Period of stay in the Hall is determined by the approved period of exchange as stipulated on the NTU Letter of Enrolment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Private Accommodation</b></p>	<p>Students seeking off-campus housing should begin their search well in advance of their arrival in Singapore. Students are recommended to search in Estates near NTU such as: Boon Lay, Jurong West and Jurong East.</p> <p>For more information please refer to this <a href="#">link</a></p>

## Costs

It is important to budget for different expenses while on exchange. Your exchange destination may be more expensive than Edinburgh, and different expenses may be required. For example, rent may be higher; you might need to take public transport more; essentials may be more expensive or different, like sun cream in warmer

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climates or woolly socks in colder climates! These costs will add up so it is good to have an estimate of how much money you might need.

<p><b>Tuition Fees</b></p>	<p>While on exchange, you will continue to pay fees to the University of Edinburgh, as appropriate, and your fee status will determine how much you pay.</p> <p>Consult our webpage <a href="#">here</a> and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p>
<p><b>Estimated Cost of Living</b></p>	<p>Estimated monthly expenses in Singaporean Dollars</p> <p>Accommodation: \$500-\$1,200</p> <p>Meals: \$300 to \$400</p> <p>Personal expenses (transport, books, entertainment etc.): \$450</p> <p>Undergraduate administrative fee: \$250 per semester (subject to change)</p> <p><i>Note: The admin fee covers IT facilities; sports amenities; student health service; <b>insurance</b>, etc.</i></p> <p><b>Total:</b> Around \$6,500 to \$10,000 SGD per semester</p> <p>Other fees may include getting your student pass (\$30 processing fee and \$60 issuance fee), health screenings required to receive your student pass (\$50-100), COVID tests and quarantine costs depending on restrictions at time of travel, and flights to and from Singapore.</p> <p>You may also be required to pay for administrative fees at your host institution. This can include paying for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange.</p>
<p><b>Insurance</b></p>	<p>It is compulsory for exchange students to be covered under the NTU student insurance schemes. The cost of this is included in the administrative fees (\$250) listed above. Please note the cost of the administrative fees is subject to change.</p>
<p><b>Student Loans and Grants</b></p>	<p>Consult our <a href="#">funding webpages</a> for more information about the Funding available to you through SWAY while on your year abroad.</p> <p>If you receive a student loan or grant, you may still be eligible to receive them during your exchange. Contact your funding providers for more information on the availability and eligibility of funding during your exchange, as well as any additional support they may offer. For example: some loan providers offer travel grants to students.</p>

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## Other

<b>Passports</b>	<p><b>Make sure that your passport will be in date for the entirety of your stay, and for any additional required time after the end of your exchange for entry requirements and visa purposes.</b></p> <p>If you need to apply for a new passport during the application process to your host institution, this may delay the application and visa processes.</p>
<b>Visas</b>	<p>The visa process will vary from country to country, and your own citizenship will influence the visa process you need to undertake. You must make sure to enter your host country on the appropriate visa.</p> <p>Students may need a student pass. Information from NTU on this can be <a href="#">found here</a>.</p> <p>Here in SWAY we cannot give specific visa advice. Please research using the relevant embassy and government websites for more information. There is more information on our webpage about things to consider regarding visas <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.</p>
<b>Employment</b>	<p>Working on a student pass is <b>not</b> allowed.</p>
<b>Disability Statement and Accessibility</b>	<p>Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulties or disabilities and you wish to study abroad please contact The International Programmes Team via email: <a href="mailto:international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk">international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk</a>.</p> <p>We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It may also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and the Disability and Learning Support Service as well.</p>

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