



NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

National University of Singapore, Singapore

Fast Facts:

Website:	General university website Exchange student website
Language of instruction:	English
Semester dates:	Semester 1: August to December Semester 2: January to May
Number of students currently enrolled	>40,000
Academic restrictions at a glance <i>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme.</i>	<p>Students may not take modules from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Dentistry • Artificial intelligence • Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (module codes that do not start with LSM only) • Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health (Graduate modules only) • Alice Lee Centre for Nursing Studies • Institute of Systems Science • All modules offered by self-funded programmes <p>A number of courses are not available to exchange students. Please read this PDF for details of course restrictions and ensure there are more than enough appropriate courses available in your subject area.</p>
General Costs	Cost is around \$2000 Singapore dollars per month, not including travel and visa costs.
About the University	<p>Founded in 1905, NUS' innovation, rigorous education, research and entrepreneurship have produced generations of leaders and luminaries. As Singapore's flagship university, we welcome more than 2,300 international exchange students every year.</p> <p>Centred in Asia, we are one of the best places where you can learn more about this exciting region. Singapore is recognised as a global business hub with its developed infrastructure, political stability and open business policy. Its tropical climate, easy accessibility, safe and green environment attracts business and leisure travellers alike.</p>

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Singapore's shiny façade belies a rich history and a unique blend of Malay, Chinese, Arab and Western foods, cultures and religion. There's so much to discover in this incomparable country!

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 National University of Singapore, 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.

Course Load and Credit Load	<p>You are normally required 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 International Exchange Credit Requirements. 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>Academic matters The University of Edinburgh</p>
Courses	<p>Edinburgh students participating in the Exchange Programme at NUS may read undergraduate modules from the following faculties/schools subject to pre-requisites and availability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences· Faculty of Engineering (courses may be very limited, consult this PDF for information on restrictions)· Faculty of Law (based on invitation on a yearly basis)· Faculty of Science (excluding modules offered by Department of Pharmacy)· School of Computing

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	<p>You can view the available modules for non-graduating students here.</p> <p>**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**</p>
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<p>Orientation</p>	<p>Orientation typically happens the week before classes begin. Students will also be sent information via email.</p>

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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!

University Accommodation	<p>As exchange students, you are not guaranteed on-campus accommodation and there is extremely limited availability. You will only be invited to apply for on-campus housing if you indicated that you would like to apply for housing in your application form.</p> <p>On-campus 'hostel' options</p>
Private Accommodation	<p>Students are strongly encouraged to seek off-campus student accommodation early as there is increasing demand from international students in Singapore.</p> <p>Private accommodation information provided by NUS</p> <p>Other resources shared by NUS exchange students*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flat and Flatmates in Singapore (Facebook group)• West Coast Village Residences• Air BnB Singapore• Metro Residences• Property Guru• Student.com• University Living Singapore• Nest Pick• Cove• Novena Hall <p><i>*Kindly note that these external sites and providers are not affiliated with NUS or UoE and the list is meant to be a helpful resource for students as they plan their accommodation for their exchange.</i></p>

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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 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.

Tuition Fees	<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 here and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p>
Estimated Cost of Living	<p>Costs are per month in Singapore dollars</p> <p>On-campus</p> <p>Accommodation: \$480 -\$850 (depending on room type)</p> <p>Food (3 meals a day): \$250 - \$500</p> <p>Public transport: \$100 - \$150</p> <p>Personal expenses: \$300 - \$500</p> <p>Total: \$1,130 -\$2,000</p> <p>Off-campus</p> <p>Accommodation: \$600-\$1,300</p> <p>Food (3 meals a day): \$400 -\$800</p> <p>Public transport: \$200-\$300</p> <p>Personal expenses: \$300 - \$500</p> <p>Total: \$1,500-\$2,900</p> <p>Miscellaneous fee: ~\$150 per semester. Covers health insurance cost and student services fee.</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>

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Insurance	As an international student, you must enrol in a compulsory NUS Health and Insurance Scheme, which is included in the Miscellaneous Student Fees.
Student Loans and Grants	<p>Consult our funding webpages 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>

Other

Passports	<p>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.</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>
Visas	<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>You will need to obtain a Student's Pass (Student Visa) to study at NUS. NUS Registrar's Office will email instructions on applying for your Student's Pass at least one month before the start of the semester. You will collect your Student's Pass after you arrive in Singapore, but you will need to complete a few steps online, prior to your arrival.</p> <p>If you require a visa to enter Singapore, you can print the In-Principle Approval (IPA) letter via the SOLAR system, and use the IPA as a single-trip entry visa. Otherwise, you can enter on a tourist visa, and convert this visa to a Student's Pass during Registration. For details, please refer to the Registration Guide.</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 here.</p>

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	Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.
Employment	While on a Student Pass you are not allowed to work or intern in Singapore.
Disability Statement and Accessibility	<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: international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk.</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>