# SG Ministry of Education presents NU Mobility Programs guidebook



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## Mobility Forms

## Academic exchange

one or two semesters **credit-bearing** program on a reciprocal basis with subsequent transfer of credits. The inter-institutional agreement is a must **Fees**: tuition-free basis

## Study abroad program

Summer term OR module of the program credit-bearing program at Host Institution on a non-reciprocal basis, with the possibility of transfer of credits

Fees: Fee based (part of the program)

### Research Internships

allow students to undertake research experiences preliminarily approved by School (often credit-bearing) Fees: Varies, often tuition-free basis

## Cultural mobility program

Short-term cultural exploration visit abroad (1week-1 month, noncredit bearing)

Fees: Varies

### Benefits

### Academic

- Acceptance and understanding of different cultural and community perspectives
- Language acquisition or practice
- Practice communication
- Multi-faceted approaches to learning
- Problem-solving skills
- Broader general knowledge and outlook

### Personal

- Increased self-esteem and self-awareness
- Maturity and social poise
- Agility, adaptation and travel/survival skills
- Development of new friendships
- Reassessment of home and family

## NOTE

- Student mobility is an additional OPPORTUNITY, not a requirement
- NU sponsored mobility is meritbased, and it is an incentive for good study
- Since NU students are on state grants for 4 years, the length of study at NU should not change
- choice of the courses for study at the host institution should be coordinated and approved for transfer towards the program of study at NU SCHOOL
- If a student happens to earn a scholarship or win an external exchange program it is requested to contact the academic manager and School adviser asap.

## Eligibility

- be currently enrolled at NU as a degreeseeking student;
- an applicant must be in a good standing
- have no incomplete grades in any courses;
- be above 18 years old at the day of application for the Mobility Program;

have a CGPA of 3.0 and above (does not apply for programs with no GPA);

undergraduate students
must have completed at
least one academic year at
NU and graduate students
must have completed at
least one semester at NU
(for two-year Master's
programs).

## Application Process



- 2 Announcement to students
- 3 Submission of application to Schools
- Admission and Invitation Letters
- Sending documents to the Host University
- 6 Student Selection Committee
- Filling "Approval of mobility" form
- Departure to the Host University
- Completion of studying and filling "Completion of mobility" form



- the department that provides professional aid to students regarding:
  - professional orientation, career advising, cover letters
  - internships, finding jobs in Kazakhstan.
  - Additionally, they help students to apply for Masters, PhD independently
  - hold webinars to develop necessary skills for your future career



- A department that promotes Academic Mobility programs
- This department is mainly responsible for:
  - calling for application
  - sending documents of selected students to the Host Universities
  - approval of exchange programs proposed from outside by students





## Program completion and fail cases

- After completion of an Academic exchange program and Study abroad program, the Host Institution should send the official academic transcript to OR or Student should submit an official transcript to OR.
- OR should inform the School of the grades, received by students at a Host Institution.
- Course grades during the Academic exchange and Study abroad programs are not calculated in the NU CGPA in any case other than "Fail" or its equivalent.







- NU Outgoing exchange Students should start attending the classes at NU no later than two weeks after the beginning of the semester.
- If students return to NU after the start of a term, it is their responsibility to make arrangements with their NU professors regarding the missed class periods and to make up course work that is missed
- NU does not guarantee that absences due to mobility will be considered excused.





## CURRENT Nazarbayev University inter-institutional agreements for Exchange (MOBILITY IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED!)

 Renmin University of China (China) (borders closed) 2 students

• KDI School of Public Policy and Management (Republic of Korea)

2 students GSPP only

 University of Tsukuba (Japan)\* (Japan closed borders in 2022) 3 students (SSH)

Waseda University (Japan) (closed border)

2 students

• Duke University, Business School (suspended)

2-3 students (GSB)

LKY, National University of Singapore (closed borders)

2-4 students (GSPP)



## CURRENT NU AV 2021-2022 Erasmus+ Partners for Exchange (MOBILITY IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED!)



Humboldt University of Berlin (Germany)

1-2 students (UG or PG)

University of Valencia (Spain)

1 student (UG)

• Tampere University (Finland)

1 student (PG)

 International School for Social and Business Studies (Slovenia)

1 student (UG or PG)

• University of Thessaly (Greece)

1 student (PhD)

• Dortmund University (Germany)

1-2 students (PG or PhD)





## SCHOOL MANAGERS ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

#### **SCHOOLS**

- Graduate School of Business
- Graduate School of Education
- Graduate School of Public Policy
- School of Engineering and Digital Scienceы
- School of Sciences and Humanities
- School of Mining and Geosciences
- School of Medicine

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### Q:Is mobility at NU for free?

A: Yes and No.

Depending on the terms of the relevant agreement between NU and the Partner institution Student Mobility may be organized on a tuition-free basis. But there are other expenses to consider

Q: Who will be given priority?

A: 2nd and 3rd Undergraduate students For 1st year full-time Graduate students

### Q: Will the university send students on summer-exchange programs? (E.g. The University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Buffalo)

A: all mobility programs are suspended right now except for the Tsukuba University exchange program. The list of available programs might change for the Fall'22 semester. Regarding the University of Buffalo the reason for cancellation is poor condition and insecurity.

#### Q: What expenses to consider for mobility?

- 2-way air fair
- PCR tests
- Medical insurance
- Visa fee

- Tuition fee
- Accommodation
- Expense for meal
- Miscellaneous expenses

### Q:What are the reasons for cancellation programs?

A: It is uncertain whether the university will approve budgeting for mobility programs. The reason is schools are growing, and their extension needs additional expenditures.

Khadisha Dairova added that NU "will prioritize the budget; for example, the construction of new dormitories is more important for us at the moment than the financing of academic mobility programs."

### Q: Can they be conducted at least online?

A: Some universities do not support online mode. But in fact, the main reason is discussed above.

### Q: Can students find credit-bearing programs themselves?

A: Yes, but credits will not be counted from all programs. To get credits counted, you should get it approved by Global Relations and your School.



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