

## Information for Students on Exchange

<b>A. University</b>	<b>Durham University</b>  <a href="https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/incoming/">https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/incoming/</a>
<b>B. Country</b>	United Kingdom
<b>C. Academics</b>	
<b>i) Module Mapping &amp; Credits Transfer</b>	<p>Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.</p>
<b>ii) Academic Calendar</b>	<p><b>Term 1 (Michaelmas):</b> Early October to Mid-January  <b>Term 2 (Epiphany):</b> Mid-January to Late April  <b>Term 3 (Easter):</b> Late April to Late June</p> <p><a href="https://www.dur.ac.uk/dates/">https://www.dur.ac.uk/dates/</a></p> <p>Orientation Session is held on the Monday morning of Induction Week.</p>
<b>iii) Exchange Duration</b>	<b>FULL-YEAR</b> exchange only.
<b>iv) Examination</b>	<u>Modules (courses) are structured to run for the entire year.</u> Examinations are mostly held at the end of each academic year only.
<b>v) Curriculum Structure</b>	Modularized Bachelor programmes; European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). 120 Durham credits for a full-year exchange. This normally equates to 6 modules per academic year at 20 credits each.
<b>vi) Entry Requirements</b>	<p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Be registered as a full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate student of NUS</li> <li>(b) Have successfully completed at least:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) one (1) semester of study at the NUS upon application for the Exchange Programme; and</li> <li>(ii) two (2) semesters of study upon admission to the host university</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(c) Be a student of good standing at NUS with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a minimum 'B' average grade or 65% - 70% average marks or ranking in the top one-third of the class;</li> <li>(ii) NUS CAP of 3.75 (out of 5.0) or equivalent</li> <li>(ii) no single grade below 'C'</li> </ul> <p>(d) Show the aptitude, motivation and maturity, to thrive in the environment at the host university</p>								
<b>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</b>	<p>Students are expected to provide evidence of English language proficiency based on UK Visa and Immigration requirements due to the need to apply for a Tier 4 visa to support full year exchange.</p> <p>Students have to submit photocopies of GCE "O" level certificate with English language of grade C or better, IB English with 5 or better, or confirmation that they have studied Singapore Integrated Programme Cambridge "A" Levels (SIPCAL) with General Paper of Grade C or better.</p> <p>Non-native English speaking students from NUS may not need to provide an IELTS certificate. However, students may be asked to provide some additional proof of English such as a nomination letter from their home university. NUS students should look for NUS Registrar's Office for the standard letter to support the waiver of IELTS certificate.</p> <p>Full details can be found on Durham's <a href="#">website</a>. Or you may contact Durham's <a href="#">Exchanges &amp; Study Abroad Team</a> for more information.</p>								
<b>viii) Modules Compatibility</b>	<p>Suitable for students from the following faculties:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>FASS</b></td><td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sociology</li> <li>• Social Work</li> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Philosophy</li> <li>• Psychology</li> </ul> </td></tr> <tr> <td><b>FoE</b></td><td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Engineering</li> <li>• Mechanical Engineering</li> </ul> </td></tr> <tr> <td><b>SoC</b></td><td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer Science</li> </ul> </td></tr> <tr> <td><b>FoS</b></td><td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemistry</li> <li>• Physics</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• Biology</li> </ul> </td></tr> </table>	<b>FASS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sociology</li> <li>• Social Work</li> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Philosophy</li> <li>• Psychology</li> </ul>	<b>FoE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Engineering</li> <li>• Mechanical Engineering</li> </ul>	<b>SoC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer Science</li> </ul>	<b>FoS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemistry</li> <li>• Physics</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• Biology</li> </ul>
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<b>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</b>  <b>Please read!</b>	<p>English Studies modules at Durham are available to only students on specific English department to English department exchange. If you are wishing to apply for an English Studies module and are coming through an indirect link then please contact Durham's Exchanges &amp; Study Abroad Team for advice.</p> <p>Students can choose courses from up to <b>three</b> departments across the University. Certain restrictions might apply either in oversubscribed departments or on modules with pre-requisites and co-requisites.</p> <p>Please <b>do not</b> choose courses from both Durham City campus and Queen's campus. The <a href="#">Faculty Handbook Course Catalogue</a> will indicate which courses are taught at Durham City /Queen's Campus.</p> <p><u>Postgraduate modules are not open to undergraduate exchange students.</u></p> <p>For pre-requisites and co-requisites please refer to the module description in the Faculty Handbook Course Catalogue: <a href="http://www.dur.ac.uk/faculty.handbook">www.dur.ac.uk/faculty.handbook</a>.</p>		
<b>D. Application</b>			
<b>i) Procedures</b>	<p>All NUS student has to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for fee-waiver exchange at the host university.</p> <p>The entry requirements, required documents and the application procedure can be found <a href="#">here</a> and/or in SharePoint. Students are advised to follow the application instructions and submit all relevant documents punctually in order to avoid delays in receiving their application results.</p> <p>Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean's Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p>		
<b>ii) Deadlines</b>	<p>All NUS student must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p> <p>NUS students must be nominated by their home faculty to NUS Registrar's Office before <b>28 February</b> and then they can proceed to apply to Durham by <b>31 March</b>.</p>		

## E. Accommodations

<p><b>i) University Accommodation</b></p>	<p>Durham University is a 'collegiate' university, i.e. the colleges provide the social context for students including accommodation. The university has a central accommodation office managing university residence halls/dormitories.</p> <p>All overseas exchange students are guaranteed a place in one of the residential colleges of the University if they apply for the programme by the deadline.</p> <p>The university likes to encourage all students to express a preference for a college on their application form and the individual college web pages may help them make their choice. Please note that if the student's programme of study is based at the Durham campus, they may only choose a college based in Durham, and if their course is based at Queen's Campus, they may only express a preference for a college based at Stockton. For more information, visit <a href="#">here</a> and for information on the cost of different colleges can be found <a href="#">here</a>. College prices include food (fully catered / part catered options only) and utility costs.</p> <p>While students can state preference Durham cannot guarantee their college choice but will certainly consider preferences when making college allocations. Students will be notified of their college in their offer letter. The college will then contact the student with further details prior to arrival.</p> <p>Accommodation in most Colleges is limited to term time. However, accommodation options are available during semester breaks (Christmas and Easter only) at additional cost. Students should contact their college for advice.</p> <p><a href="https://www.dur.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/costs/">https://www.dur.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/costs/</a></p>
<p><b>ii) Private Accommodation</b></p>	<p>If looking for off campus private accommodation, students may contact the Accommodation Office on <a href="mailto:accommodation.office@durham.ac.uk">accommodation.office@durham.ac.uk</a></p>

## F. Visa

<p><b>Consular/Visa Regulation</b></p>	<p>You need a Tier 4 (General) student visa for a full-year exchange in Durham.</p> <p>For more information on visa application, read the information available <a href="#">here</a>. Information about medical requirements can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>UK Visa and Immigration website is at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/visas-immigration">https://www.gov.uk/visas-immigration</a>. All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa</p>
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	immediately after they received the official offer letter/email from their host university. Some visa application process could take up to 2 months to process. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.
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## G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

<b>i) Health/Medical Insurance</b>	<p>NUS students participating in the Exchange Programme at Durham can now choose to register with one of the medical practices in the vicinity rather than with the one designated University Health Centre.</p> <p>As of 6 April 2015, there is a mandatory, up-front surcharge of GB£150 for medical services provided under the National Health Service for international students. This surcharge is added to the cost of Tier 4 student visa fee. More information can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/services/billing-insurance/insurance-matters.html">http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/services/billing-insurance/insurance-matters.html</a>.</p> <p>For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to <a href="http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/InsuranceCoverforOfficialNUSTrips.html">http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/InsuranceCoverforOfficialNUSTrips.html</a></p> <p>If the insurance coverage is not enough, students are advised to purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.</p>
<b>ii) Emergency Number at host university</b>	<p>Rachael Bird - Incoming Students <a href="mailto:incoming.exchange@durham.ac.uk">incoming.exchange@durham.ac.uk</a> Tel.: +44 (0)191 334 6325</p>

## H. Cost of Living

<b>Estimated Annual Living Expenses</b>	<b>Breakdown of Costs</b>	<b>Cost</b>
	Accommodation (self-catered, 39 weeks)	GB£5,195 - GB£5,655
	Food	GB£2,000
	Transport	GB£600
	Others (Entertainment, clothes)	GB£2,000
	<b>Annual Estimate</b>	<b>GB£9,795 - GB£10,255</b>
<a href="https://www.dur.ac.uk/undergraduate/live/colleges/ourcolleges/costs/">https://www.dur.ac.uk/undergraduate/live/colleges/ourcolleges/costs/</a>		

**I. Useful Links****Pre-Departure  
Information**

- <https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/exchange/incoming/predeparture/>
- <https://www.dur.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/downloads/>