Information for Students on Exchange

A. University		King's College London			
		http://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/abroad/at-kings/index.aspx			
B. Country		United Kingdom			
C. Ac	C. Academics				
i)	Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange.			
	Transiei	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.			
ii)	Academic Calendar	Semester 1: Late September to Mid-December Semester 2: Early January to Early June			
		http://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/abroad/at-kings/dates-and-deadlines.aspx			
		Please attend the <u>compulsory</u> <u>orientation</u> programme at King's.			
iii)	Exchange Duration	Single semester exchange is recommended. There is no overlapping of academic calendar.			
iv)	Examination	Students must take the examination at King's before returning back to NUS. Information about examination is available here: http://www.kcl.ac.uk/campuslife/services/examinations/index.aspx			
v)	Curriculum Structure	Exchange students are required to read a minimum of 45 King's Credits (3 modules) and <u>not</u> more than 60 King's Credits (4 modules) per semester. A standard 15 King's Credit module requires 150 hours of work including lectures, seminars laboratory sessions (if relevant), assignments, and independent or group study. NO overloading on credits is allowed.			
vi)	Entry Requirements	You should: (i) Have completed a minimum of one year's undergraduate study at NUS; (ii) Have obtained a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above on a 4.0 scale; or its equivalent (i.e. at least an average "B" Grade and no grade below "C");			

	(iii) Show the aptitude, motivation and maturity, to thrive in the environment at King's College London.
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	It is recommended that NUS students submit GCE "O" & "A" Level certificates or SIPCAL (with Grade B or better) to prove English language proficiency. Students who do not have GCE "O" & "A" level or SIPCAL results are advised to have recent (less than 2 years) and valid IELTS results to prove English language proficiency. Student can also approach NUS Registrar's Office for a personalised letter which states that NUS teaches in English and you have the necessary ability to communicate and study in English both inside and outside of the classroom.
viii) Modules Compatibility Students are reminded	Students are reminded to review the list of available courses carefully and to be flexible in the courses they can take because many modules are in high demand at King's. Course catalogue for exchange students:
to review the online course list carefully as it contains important information which is often ignored. Please read so that you will save time, effort and have less stress in your application process.	Course catalogue for exchange students: http://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/abroad/at-kings/modules.aspx Read King's Module Selection Guide: http://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/assets/PDF/study-abroad/Study-Abroad-Module-Selection-Guide.pdf You will have the chance to request module amendments closer to your arrival to King's in September. Suitable for students from the following faculties:
	 FASS Geography History Economics – Less Mathematical and Statistical based Global Studies Philosophy Political Science
	FoS Physics Mathematics Bioscience
	SoC • Informatics

ix)	Module
	restrictions and
	pre-requisites

- Postgraduate modules are not open to undergraduate exchange students.
- The Health and Society programme, is only available for fee-paying exchange students.

FASS	English Literature – Very popular and might not have vacancy
FoS	Chemistry – Only Year 1 and 2 modules available to exchange students
Law	Law – semester 1 or full year exchange only

D. Application

i) Procedures

NUS Registrar's Office will consolidate the nominations from NUS Faculties and Schools before submitting the nominations to King's.

Nominated students have to submit an online application to King's via http://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/abroad/at-kings/how-to-apply.aspx and upload all supporting documents online by **31 March**. Any questions on application procedures can be sent to studyabroad-admissions@kcl.ac.uk.

Student will require the following supporting documentation:

- Personal Statement of more than 500 words in length
- One Academic Reference
- NUS Transcript provided by NUS Registrar's Office
- English language proficiency test certificate such as IELTS or the letter mentioned under Section C (vii)
- Copy of Passport

Please read King's application information found in SharePoint. Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean's Office for the link to the SharePoint.

ii) Deadlines

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

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.

Nominated students are expected to complete King's online application by 31 March for semester one and full year exchange and by 31 October for semester 2 exchange.

E. Accommodations

i) University Accommodation

On campus accommodation is <u>not</u> guaranteed. Exchange students will be provided housing application link in their odder/admission package. The College offers a variety of accommodation within its own halls of residences and also the University of London Intercollegiate Residences. Please refer <u>here</u> for King's accommodation information.

Full year and Semester 1 only students can apply for a King's residence from 4 April and the deadline to apply will be 13 June 2016. If you have any queries concerning student residences, please contact the Student Residence Team directly on bookings@kcl.ac.uk.

King's student residence contract lengths for Semester 1 students run from September - January, for Semester 2 students from January - June and for Full Year students, from September - June. Students will be charged for the **full** contract, regardless of university holidays.

ii) Private Accommodation

Some Study Abroad students opt to live in private housing during their time in London. The <u>Student Advice Service</u> at King's is able to provide support, guidance and information to students on all aspects of private housing, including <u>finding somewhere to live</u>. They also operate on campus housing drop in sessions and a <u>Facebook flat finder group</u>.

F. Visa

Consular/Visa Regulation

UK Visa and Immigration updates their immigration policy regularly. It is the student's responsibility to check on the requirements via their website before they leave for the exchange.

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration

Short-term Study Visa for Semester Exchange

If you are a Singapore citizen or a citizen of another country on the UK non-visa nationals list, and if your course of studies is less than 6 months, you can apply for:

(1) single-entry Short Term Study Visa to the UK at the port of entry (free) or;

(2) multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa prior to leaving your home country (£93).

The single-entry Short Term Study Visa is free but if you leave the UK during your home university registration period you will need to re-apply as a short-term student when you re-enter; for this reason you should always travel with your short-term study visa support letter.

Alternatively if you think you are likely to leave and re-enter the UK during your course you should apply for a multiple entry short-term study visa in advance of travelling to the UK.

Non-visa nationals who enter the UK on a short-term study visa are required to leave the UK after the course end date given on your Short-term Study visa support letter. If you wish to travel within the UK after your studies you will need to exit the UK and re-enter as a Standard Visitor which you can do at port of entry.

Citizens from a country that needs a visa to enter the UK should apply for the multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa prior to leaving for your overseas exchange. You can contact the external visa office approved by UK Visa and Immigration to apply for multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa.

Applying for a single-entry Short-Term Study Visa is usually an easier and cheaper process than applying for a Tier 4 Student Visa, if you do not need a Tier 4 Student Visa, please do not apply for it.

Tier 4 Student Visa for Full-Year exchange

For students who need Tier 4 Student Visa, UCL will issue the necessary CAS statement for Tier 4 Student Visa application. Applicants should ensure that they are fully aware of what they will need to do in order to successfully apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa. The CAS statement will contain a number that allows student to apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa. The application for Tier 4 Student Visa can take up to three months and students are advised to apply for the visa in advance of their intended date of travel to the UK.

Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.

G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

i) Health/Medical Insurance

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

	http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/services/billing-insurance/insurance-matters.html. For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/InsuranceCoverforOfficialNUSTrips.html If the insurance coverage is not enough, students are advised to purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.			
ii) Emergency Numbers and helplines	http://www.kcl.ac.uk/aboutkings/orgstructure/ps/estates/contact.aspx Tel: +44 (0)20 7848 7385			
H. Cost of Living				
Estimated Living Expenses per term	Detailed breakdown of living costs is available at http://www.kcl.ac.uk/campuslife/london/budget.aspx and http://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/living-expenses/index.aspx			
I. Useful Links				
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