

Information for Students

A. University	<i>Pennsylvania State University</i> http://www.psu.edu
B. Country	<i>USA</i>
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	<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>
ii) Academic Calendar	http://registrar.psu.edu/academic_calendar/calendar_index.cfm
iii) Exchange Duration	<i>One semester</i>
iv) Examination	<i>Students should check the exam timetable at their host university, and ensure they can stay at their host university until after the end of the official exam period.</i>
v) Curriculum Structure	
vi) Entry Requirements	<i>CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C</i>
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	<p><i>English</i></p> <p>For exchange students who are enrolled at an institution where English is the primary language of instruction, PSU will accept a document that they have created called the “EA Exchange Proof of English Proficiency” form. PSU ask that an academic adviser, dean, or other official university representative please fill out the form, sign it, and put the NUS institutional seal or stamp on the form.</p> <p>PSU will make sure that the students who they are working with from NUS receive a copy of this form so that they can get it filled out by the appropriate individual and upload it to PSU’s Exchange Application e-form.</p>
viii) Modules Compatibility	<i>Suitable for students from the following Faculties (this does not mean there will be places available for each Faculty).</i>

i) Procedures	<p>All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university.</p> <p>The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint.</p> <p>Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean's Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p>
ii) Deadlines	<p>All NUS students 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 by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>

E. Accommodation

i) University Accommodation	<p>Housing Options</p> <p>On-campus Housing:</p> <p>Exchange applicants planning to apply to live in University housing must create a Friends of Penn State Account (FPS) https://fps.psu.edu/ to receive a <u>special</u> e-mail address connection that will facilitate communication from the Housing Assignments Office. The exchange application materials include an <i>Intent to Live in On-Campus Housing Form</i> from <i>International Student Services (ISS)</i> on which applicants must write the FPS e-mail account. Once all of the exchange application materials have been approved, applicants would be sent an on-line housing contract, a legally binding agreement.</p> <p>Off-campus housing:</p> <p>There are almost always adequate and affordable off-campus accommodations available in the local area, although it is quite expensive to rent an apartment without financial assistance from roommates. Assistance with locating off-campus accommodations is offered by ISS during the Orientation Program. Students who are not required to live on campus and desire to prepare their own meals and/or have their own private bedroom are urged seriously to consider off-campus options. More information is located at http://www.sa.psu.edu/ocl/ .</p>
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F. Visa

Consular/Visa Regulation	<p>Students must apply for the J-1 visa. The Certificate of Non-Immigrant Eligibility for J status is the DS-2019. This is also a non-immigrant visa status. The rules for the J-1 are similar to the F-1. However, there are two important differences. Those in J-1 status may be subject to what is referred to as the "two-year home residency requirement" or subject to 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The other difference is that dependents may apply for work permission. The two-year home residency requirement means that those individuals must return home for two years before applying for the H, L, or permanent residency visas. In addition, those subject to the two-year home residency requirement cannot change status to another within the U.S. A J-1 becomes subject to 212(e) by coming from a country and studying a field on the skills list, being sponsored by the U.S. government or the home country government, or studying in a program for graduate medical education.</p>
G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance	
i) Health/Medical Insurance	<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 http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/healthservice/insurance-schemes/undergraduate-scheme.html.</p> <p>For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/InsuranceCoverforOfficialNUSTrips.html</p> <p>All international students are required to have health insurance that meets the Penn State guidelines. You must either come prepared to purchase health insurance upon arrival to the University or apply in advance to be considered for a waiver. Those applying for a waiver must also provide a copy of their insurance policy. The policy must meet all of the Penn State guidelines. You must be prepared to purchase health insurance deemed acceptable by Penn State if your alternative policy is not approved.</p> <p>Information about the mandatory insurance policy requirements, waiver standards, and the health insurance coverage and exclusions can be found at: Click Here.</p>
ii) Emergency Number at host university	
H. Cost of Living	
i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses	<p>(Tuition is waived for exchange students): http://admissions.psu.edu/costs-aid/tuition/</p>

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