Information for Students on Exchange

A.	University		The University of Liverpool (UoL)
			www.liverpool.ac.uk/incomingexchange
В.	Country		United Kingdom
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. You can check with the SEP Coordinator in the Dean's Office of your home faculty. 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 late January
		Calendar	Semester 2: Early February to early June Academic calendar: https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/term-dates/#yr2017
	iii)	Exchange Duration	NUS students should go for a full year or semester 2 exchange.
	iv)	Examination	Liverpool does not conduct alternative assessment for students who wish to go to Liverpool in semester 1.
			Students have to take the final examinations at UoL at the end of the semester before returning back to NUS. UoL modules which run for the full year are assessed at the end of the academic year only.
	v)	Curriculum Structure	Students should note that ECTS credits are considered equivalent to half the value of UoL credits, e.g. 7.5 ECTS credits would be equal to 15 UoL credits.
	vi)	Minimum Requirements to Apply	 i) have completed a minimum of one year's undergraduate study at NUS; ii) have GPA of 3.0 /4.0 (or CAP of 3.75/5.0) or above; a minimum 'B' average grade or 65% - 70% average marks or ranking in the top one-third of the class; and no single grade below 'C' in the current/intended discipline/major; iii) not be in the graduating semester when they go for exchange at UoL

vii) Language Proficiency Requirements

All exchange students nominated to study at UoL are required to demonstrate that they have an appropriate level of spoken and written English for full academic and social participation.

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 certificate for Singapore Integrated Programme Cambridge "A" Levels (SIPCAL) with General Paper of Grade C or better. If none of the above supporting documents is available, students have to apply for IELTS test in advance and submit IELTS results together with the other supporting documents to UoL. More information on the English proficiency is found here.

UoL reserves the right, in individual circumstances, to specify an additional language requirement for an applicant if it is felt to be necessary.

viii) Modules Compatibility

Students are reminded 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.

Exchange students can avoid timetable clashes by selecting the majority of their courses from a single year of a single department at UoL. Students who choose modules from different year of studies of various departments will need to take account of the increased likelihood of timetable incompatibility.

Even though modules are pre- approved in the offer letter/email from UoL, all pre-approved modules may be constrained by timetable clashes/caps on numbers before or upon arrival at Liverpool. The relevant academic departments at UoL will register you for the next available module in the list above should a clash or capacity issue be identified. Changes to your modules can be made on arrival.

There is no guaranteed that you will definitely secure the pre-approved modules before your arrival in Liverpool. Please refer to the course catalogue found here. Students will be sent a Guide to Choosing Modules.

• FASS	Political Science
	History
	Philosophy
	Communication and New Media
	 Psychology
• FoE	Electrical and Electronics Engineering
	Computer Engineering
• FoS	Chemistry
	Physics
	Mathematics

	Biological Sciences
	SoC Computer Science
ix) Module restrictions	Postgraduate modules are not open to undergraduate exchange students.
	 FASS Exclude Economics English Literature – very popular and might not be available
D. Application	
i) Procedures	Students should be nominated by NUS to UoL before they submit the online application form to UoL. Applicants must upload their supporting documents onto UoL's online application portal.
	Students are advised to follow the UoL's <u>application instructions</u> and submit all relevant documents punctually in order to avoid delays in receiving their application results. Student should complete the Learning Agreement with modules in the Guide to Choosing Modules <u>here</u> .
	Applicants have to consolidate the application form and the supporting documents in one complete pdf form and send to NUS Registrar's Office for onward transfer to UoL before the stipulated deadlines.
	The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can also be found in the 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.
	Application deadline for exchange in semester 1 is 15 May and for semester 2 is 15 November .
E. Accommodations	
i) University Accommodation	Exchange students for a semester is able to apply for a room in the Study Abroad Village, which is located in Tudor Close and Melville Grove Halls of

Residence. These consist of self-catered, single study bedrooms with shared bathrooms and social spaces.

All accommodation has access to a residential advisor, as well as student-led events and committees. All communal areas are cleaned evert week day.

More information can be found at these links:

https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/incomingexchange/
 my-exchange/accommodation/

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, UoL 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 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. More information on this can be found online here.

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

Students who are on exchange in UK for less than six months are not entitled to subsidised NHS treatment. Therefore semester based exchange students are encouraged to purchase additional insurance to cover medical costs, hospitalisation expenses and emergency evacuation costs which might be incurred while they are on exchange.

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.

The <u>Brownlow Health</u> is a full general practice on UoL's campus offering medical services to students.

ii) Emergency Number

University of Liverpool security - (0151) 794 3252



Global Relations

H. Cost of Living i) Estimated Living Expenses per semester Information on cost of living can be found at https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/tuition-fees-and-scholarships/living-costs/ Exchange guide https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/incomingexchange/my-exchange/ Pre-arrival guide https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/coming-to-liverpool/ Student Support https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/connect/