

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	University of Otago http://www.otago.ac.nz
B. Country	New Zealand
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	<p>Semester 1: February to June Semester 2: July to November</p> <p>http://www.otago.ac.nz/news/events/keydates/</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	One semester
iv) Examination	Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at the host university.
v) Curriculum Structure	Exchange students are required to take a full time workload of minimum 54 points per semester (equivalent to 3 courses. The recommended workload is between 54-72 points per semester (3 or 4 courses). Each 18 point paper will require approximately 18 hours study a week made up of a combination of lectures, tutorials, laboratories, assignments and reading. You will not be permitted to enroll in more than 4 courses per semester.
vi) Entry Requirements	Completed at least one year of study at NUS upon application with host university. CAP of 3.0 out of 5.0 with no grade below C.
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	<p>English is the language of instruction at the University of Otago.</p> <p>NUS students should possess reasonable English proficiency level in order to follow the classes during the exchange term.</p>

viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business • Health Sciences • Humanities • Sciences <p>The University of Otago offers a free course to new exchange students focusing on study, language and cultural skills in February. Limited number of places available. Students are encouraged to apply early. For more information on course objectives, dates and application form, please visit Prepare for Otago.</p> <p>Course information: http://www.otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects/index.html</p>
ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites	<p>Medicine, Dentistry, Psychiatry, Physiotherapy, Pharmacology, Pharmacy or any other clinical course are not open to exchange students. Some Otago courses such as MBA, Wildlife Management and Marine Science are restricted in admissions – see the notes in the course catalogue.</p>
D. Application	
i) Procedures	<p>Students can apply for SEP one year in advance through their home faculty in NUS between September and June. Please look out for your faculty's announcement regarding the application period.</p> <p>Once you have been selected by your home faculty for SEP, your faculty will contact you and provide information regarding application with your host university. Please prepare the necessary documents before the start of the application period at your host university.</p>
ii) Deadlines	<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>
E. Accommodations	
i) University Accommodation	<p>There were several accommodation options for international students - Residential Colleges or University managed flats. Accommodation options at the University of Otago are in high demand, particularly for the February</p>

	<p>intake. Therefore, you are encouraged to submit your accommodation application earlier.</p> <p>For more information about accommodation, please refer to http://www.otago.ac.nz/about/accommodation</p>
F. Visa	
Consular/Visa Regulation	<p>Exchange students must apply to New Zealand Immigration for a student visa and obtain the visa before entering New Zealand. Please note that it is NOT possible for exchange students to travel to New Zealand on a visitor's visa and apply for a student permit upon arrival in New Zealand, even if you are a citizen of a country with which New Zealand has a visa waiver agreement. It is imperative that all exchange students get their student visa BEFORE travelling to New Zealand, as you may be refused a student permit if you apply from within New Zealand.</p> <p>Students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they received the official offer letter/email from their host university. This is to ensure that you can obtain your visa in time before the start of your exchange term. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</p> <p>For more information on visa applications, please refer to http://www.immigration.govt.nz/</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, please refer to:</p> <p>http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html</p> <p>Exchange students are required to purchase a compulsory medical and travel insurance when studying in New Zealand. The current default insurance cover at the University of Otago is Studentsafe-University insurance. The estimated cost is NZ\$310 per semester.</p> <p>In addition, it is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within/outside New Zealand. Please review the insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs. Students can purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.</p>

	For more information on health and insurance, please refer to http://www.otago.ac.nz/international/healthcare.html	
ii) Emergency Number at host university	+64 3 479 5000	
H. Cost of Living		
i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses	Breakdown of Costs	Cost
	Accommodation	NZ\$600 - NZ\$1,420
	Food	NZ\$400 - NZ\$600
	Transport	NZ\$50 - NZ\$100
	Others (Entertainment, clothes)	NZ\$400 - NZ\$600
	Monthly Estimate	NZ\$1,450 – NZ\$2,720
	For more details, please refer to http://www.otago.ac.nz/international/otago005589.html#costofliving	
For more student exchange information, please refer to http://otago.ac.nz/study/studentexchange		