Information for Students

A.	**University**	**University of Pittsburgh** http://www.pitt.edu/ | http://internationalexchanges.pitt.edu/
B.	**Location**	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
C.	**Academics**	
i)	**Module Mapping & Credits Transfer**	Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange. Modules approved in the past may not be offered by the host university or approved by your Faculty when it is time for your SEP. Please check the latest course offerings at the host university while you develop your Study Plan.
ii)	**Academic Calendar**	**Semester 1 (Fall):** August to December **Semester 2 (Spring):** January to May http://www.provost.pitt.edu/information-on/calendar.html
iii)	**Exchange Duration**	One semester
iv)	**Examination**	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.
v)	**Curriculum Structure**	Incoming international exchange students must maintain full-time enrollment (at least 12 credit hours). At Pitt, this is typically 4 courses (each at 3 credit hours). Students are not to exceed 18 credit hours. Since courses are not guaranteed, it is recommended that students submit at least ten courses while applying to ensure full-time status.
vi)	**Entry Requirements**	CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C

vii)	**Language Proficiency Requirements**	English
		
		Non-native English speakers must meet one of the following requirements:
		
		    IELTS Band Score 6.5
		    TOELF iBT 80
		    TOELF pBT 550
		    TOEFL computer-based 213
		
		According to University of Pittsburgh policy, students who score less than 100 on the TOEFL iBT, 600 on the PBT, or Band 7.0 on the IELTS must take

		an additional test of English language proficiency administered by the English Language Institute (ELI) on campus upon arrival. All exchange applicants who are non-native English speakers should submit either the TOEFL/IELTS scores as a part of their admissions application. If the students do not have these credentials, then a signed verification letter by NUS, on a case-by-case basis will be pursued. It is at University of Pittsburgh's discretion as to whether or not they will accept this letter. It is recommended that students applying to the University of Pittsburgh who are from a non-English speaking background, should submit TOEFL/IELTS scores as part of their application.
viii)	**Modules Compatibility**	U Pitt Faculties and Schools accepting undergraduate exchange students can be found here. U Pitt is a good fit for **FASS**, **FoS**, **FoE** and **SoC** students. For more information on academics and courses available at Pitt, please refer to the following links: • Schools & Majors: http://internationalexchanges.pitt.edu/schools • Course Information: http://internationalexchanges.pitt.edu/courses NUS students typically take modules from Pitt's Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences (http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/) and/or Pitt's Swanson School of Engineering (http://www.engineering.pitt.edu/).
ix)	**Module restrictions and pre-requisites**	Exchange students may select any of the courses offered within the college that they are admitted into, granted there is availability and that they meet the prerequisites.
D. Application		
i)	**Procedures**	All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university. The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint. Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean's Office for the link to the SharePoint. In order to be an exchange student at Pitt, NUS must nominate you. Once nominated, please follow the following steps: 1. Go to the International Exchanges Website at http://internationalexchanges.pitt.edu/apply. Select the correct campus and begin the correct application. 2. Create an account as new user and when completing the User Registration be sure to select your home institution from the drop-down list. Remember to write down your password. Note, "First Name" indicates your given name, whereas "Last Name" indicates your family name.

	3. Next, select the term (Spring (Sem 2), #### or Fall (Sem 1), ####. Students will then be prompted to complete the Required Information section. Upon completion of this section, you will then be brought to "The Program Application Page".
	4. Fill out the Incoming Exchange - Application. This requests information on your status, area of study and housing preference. At the end of each questionnaire, you have the option to "Save" or "Done." Questionnaires are not considered complete and cannot be reviewed until you click "Submit" to finalize your responses.
	5. Fill out the Incoming Exchange Course Selection Questionnaire. This asks about your course preferences. **Be sure to list ten courses/modules that you may be interested in registering for at Pitt**. Include both the course number and title. This does not guarantee the courses, but informs the academic area of your intentions and interests.
	6. Fill out the Incoming Exchange English Language Test Questionnaire. If you have completed an IELTS or TOEFL exam, you will be prompt to upload your scores.
	7. Fill out the Incoming Exchange Passport Information Questionnaire. You will upload the appropriate passport information.
	8. Fill out the Incoming Exchange Transcripts Questionnaire. You will upload a copy of your transcript.
	9. When all 5 sections are complete, you will find each listed under the "completed requirements" section including the date you submitted the questionnaire.
	10. Fill out the Profile section. This requests information on your permanent address and emergency contacts. Do not include your campus address until you have confirmed your accommodations in Pittsburgh.
ii) Deadlines	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. 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.

E. Accommodation

i) University Accommodation	On-campus housing is NOT guaranteed for exchange students. For those living off-campus, students exchanging for one semester should sublet or find a roommate who may be searching for someone to fill a vacancy as most apartment leases are for a full-year.

	Please refer here for more information on housing options: https://internationalexchanges.pitt.edu/housing

F.	**Visa**	
	Consular/Visa Regulation	After admitted students commit to studying at Pitt as either an international exchange or guest student from the Study Abroad Office, students will receive information from the *Office of International Services (OIS)* regarding the overall visa application process. As non-degree-seeking, international students, exchange or guest, will typically receive a J-1 visa status for the duration of study. OIS will then direct you to initiate the overall visa process through their online portal *myOIS.pitt.edu*. Visit the *J-1 Visa Exchange Visitor Program website* for general information as well as a list of required documents for the application.

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 blanket travel insurance, please refer to the following link: https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/ Students are strongly encouraged to purchase a supplemental travel insurance to ensure they are adequately covered during their exchange semester. In addition, students will be required to enrol in the compulsory health insurance policy or scheme at their SEP host university. ***All students are required to have health insurance coverage during the time of their exchange terms. All plans, however, must be a U.S.-based plan, purchased through an American company, which meets the minimums required for J-1 visa holders. International insurance plans will not be accepted.*** ***Specific minimum immunizations are required for all incoming students, with additional requirements for those living on-campus.*** ***See details: https://internationalexchanges.pitt.edu/health***
ii)	**Emergency Info at host university**	For emergency contact information, please refer to the following link: https://www.police.pitt.edu/

H.	**Cost of Living**	
i) Estimated Monthly Expenses		For more information, please refer to the following link: http://internationalexchanges.pitt.edu/costs

Information correct as of July 2021. Please refer to the Pitt links for the latest information.