

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	University of Canterbury
B. Country	New Zealand
C. Academic Calendar	Semester 1: End February to End June Semester 2: Mid July to Early November https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/keydates/
D. Exchange Duration	One semester
E. Course Load	A normal workload for one semester is 60 points, minimum workload is 45 points per semester. Although different courses have different point values, in most cases each course will be 15 points. A normal full-term programme for a semester would be three or four courses.
F. Visa	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. 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.
	For more information on visa applications, please refer to https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/options/study
G. Insurance	All full-time NUS students are covered under the university's Student Group Personal Accident & Medical Insurance and the Student Travel Insurance. For more information on the university medical insurance, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/ .
	Exchange students are required to purchase a compulsory medical and travel insurance when studying in New Zealand. The current default insurance cover at University of Canterbury is Studentsafe-University insurance. The estimated cost is NZ\$350 per semester.
	It is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within/outside Australia. Please review the insurance coverages to ensure



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	that they meet your needs. Students can purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.
H. Useful Links	Student Exchange Information:
	https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-abroad-and-
	exchange/incoming-student-exchange/
	COVID-19 Updates:
	https://covid19.govt.nz/
	Study Abroad at UC: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgENzPHwXUU