



Information for Students

A.	University		University of Miami
			http://welcome.miami.edu/ Webpage for Exchange Students
В.	Location		Coral Gables, Florida, USA
C.	Academics		
	i)	Module Mapping & Credits	Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange.
		Transfer	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.miami.edu/index.php/registrar/calendar/
	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	http://bulletin.miami.edu/general-university-information/university-policies/course-information/
	vi)	Entry Requirements	CAP of 3.375 out of 5.0 (equivalent to a 2.7 out of 4.0 GPA), with no grade below C
	vii)	Language Proficiency Requirements	English
	viii)	Modules Compatibility	Faculties and schools accepting undergraduate exchange students at University of Miami include Arts & Sciences, Communications, Marine Science, Education & Human Development, Nursing & Health Studies, Architecture, Music, and Engineering. Website for course information (for exchange students): http://bulletin.miami.edu/ Things to note:





- Courses are often the same from year to year, but you should have alternative courses as not all courses are guaranteed to be offered, some courses will be taught at the same time, and some courses may be full.
- Courses are listed as a three-letter code for the department and a course number (e.g. HIS 101) with a section letter or number.
- 100-200 level courses are introductory courses, levels 300-400 are intended for upper division students.

Exchange students should not register for 500-level classes without first consulting their NUS School or Faculty, the UM professor of the course and the UM Study Abroad Advisor.

Registration takes place one semester at a time. You can view your specific enrollment appointment (the date you may begin registering for classes) in CaneLink; go to your Student Center and look in the box named "Enrollment Dates" in the bottom right hand corner of the screen.

A place in a course cannot be guaranteed in advance of registration. It is your responsibility to make sure you earn credit at your home institution; agreements between you and your home institution do not entitle you to a seat in a specific course at UM.

Prior to registering for courses, students must develop a registration plan by utilizing the <u>CaneLink Class Search</u>. You must research and choose alternative course options. For each class you request to enroll in, you must indicate an alternative course in case the class is full or you do not receive permission to enroll in your first choices. Once you have identified the courses you would like to request, you must complete the Course Request Form. Students should plan on submitting this form in advance of their enrollment appointment. More information and detailed instructions on registering for classes will be sent to students from the Study Abroad Office prior to registration.

ix) Module restrictions and prerequisites

Exchange students may not register for courses in the School of Medicine, School of Nursing, or School of Law; School of Music courses are limited to those listed under MNM "for non-music majors only". Miami Herbert Business Courses are also restricted.

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.
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 and is only available to students who come to UM through an undergraduate exchange. Exchange students have the opportunity to apply for on-campus housing or may choose to live off-campus. Given the high demand for on-campus housing, students should research and be familiar with off campus housing options; please see Off Campus Housing section below.
	If you choose to apply for on-campus housing, you should do so as soon as possible.
	The housing application is completed online through your CaneLink account. Please follow along with this step-by-step tutorial (with pictures) for assistance when applying for on-campus housing. At the time of application, a USD \$500 pre-payment will be required.
	Before applying for on-campus housing, it is your responsibility to review the housing contract/agreement/lease and the cost of housing.
	 The University has both single and double rooms. New students, like you, are assigned to double occupancy rooms. Effort is taken to assign roommates of similar age, and class standing. Housing facilities are organized with men and women on alternate floors or alternating suites. All residential college rooms are air-conditioned and equipped with a bed (extra-long twin), dresser, desk, chair, trash can, recycling container, and window coverings. 140+-channel cable television and local telephone services are also provided. Each residential college room is wired for internet access. Wireless internet access is available throughout campus. Note that in the U.S., it is typical for housing to provide furniture, but students must provide bedding and other household items. See this guide from housing for examples of what you may want to bring or buy.

Please note, for Sem 1 exchange students, housing contracts are for the academic year, therefore you must cancel your spring housing in-person before December 1st at the Housing Office (Eaton Hall Suite 153)





Off Campus Housing

Off Campus Housing The Department of Housing and Residential Life operates a 'Living Off Campus' page that allows students to view listings, apartment complexes, and realtors, as well as create a roommate profile and search for potential roommates. You can access the page here.

The process for renting an apartment or a room in the US may be different from the process in your home country. Miami has a very large rental market. When living off-campus, you should expect to sign a lease agreement to secure housing. Renters are expected to pay rent on a monthly basis, and the due date is strict. Typically, the lease will require renters to provide first and last month's rent in addition to a security deposit that will be returned to the renter following the end of occupancy, provided there is no damage assessed. In the US, renters are not expected to pay realtors; rather, the landlords pay the realtor once a lease is signed. See the Off-Campus Housing Guide for detailed information and tips.

F. Visa

Consular/Visa Regulation

Upon acceptance by the University of Miami, the University will issue an acceptance letter and Form I20. Both documents will be sent via courier to the exchange office at your home institution. The Form I20 is official US documentation that allows you to apply for an F-1 visa. You will need both the acceptance letter and I-20 during the visa application process.

As part of your acceptance, your home university will receive by mail your UM Form I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Non-Immigrant F-1 Student Status). You will use your UM I-20 to apply for an F-1 Visa at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate before traveling to the U.S. to begin your studies. You will need to present your Form I-20 along with your valid F-1 visa and passport when entering the U.S. Review your UM I-20 immediately upon receipt and contact Study Abroad at studyabroad@miami.edu if there are any errors on your I-20.

For more information, please refer to the <u>UM Exchange Guide Book</u> (scroll down to 'Apply for US Visa' section).

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. Upon full course registration, students will automatically be charged for and enrolled in the UM student health insurance plan. Waivers are not permitted, regardless of existing insurance coverage. The fee for the University sponsored health insurance covers medical, surgical, and hospital insurance for major illnesses, accidents, surgery, psychiatric emergencies, and for off-campus emergency room care. Additional information on the policy benefits, exclusions and limitations is available online. For more information on benefits, exclusions and limitations of coverage contact the Student Health Service at studenthealth@miami.edu or +1 (305) 284-5921. The UM health insurance does not cover dental or vision insurance. An additional policy to cover dental and vision is optional, and can be purchased online .	
ii) Emergency Number at host university	For emergency contact information, please refer to the following link: https://umpd.miami.edu/	
H. Cost of Living		
i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses	For more information, please refer to the <u>UM Exchange Guide Book</u> (scroll down to 'Review Financial Obligations and Pay Fees' section).	

Information correct as of July 2021. Please refer to the UM/Miami links for the most up-to-date information.