

Information for Students

A.	. University		University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
			http://illinois.edu/ Webpage for Incoming Exchange Students
В.	Location		Champaign, Illinois, USA
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	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
	iii)	Exchange Duration	http://illinois.edu/calendar/list/557 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	You must enrol in at least 12-18 credit hours per semester to maintain full-time student status.
	vi)	Entry Requirements	CAP of 3.75 out of 5.0 (equivalent to 3.0 out of 4.0 GPA), with no grade below C
	vii)	Language Proficiency Requirements	 English Each incoming exchange applicant will need to verify their English language proficiency, per U.S. Department of State requirements, through one of the following accepted assessment or documentation methods (more information can be found in the online application upon formal nomination): Student is a native English speaker or their first language is English. Student has successfully participated in a University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign J-program in the past. Degree from or current enrollment in institution where English is language of instruction.





- Documentation from a representative from an academic institution or English language school confirming sufficient proficiency in English.
- Documentation of a personal interview with home institution faculty members whose native language is English or who teaches in the English Department.
- Recognized English language test:
 - TOEFL or IELTS (note that some colleges at the university may require higher scores)*
 - Minimum TOEFL IBT score: 80-102
 - Minimum IELTS score: at least a 6.0 score on all modules

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- The College of Engineering requires a minimum TOEFL score of 100 IBT, or a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 total.
- The College of Media requires a minimum TOEFL score of 100 IBT, or a minimum IELTS score of 7.5 total with a minimum score of 7 on all four modules.
- The School of Social Work requires a minimum TOEFL score of 103 IBT, or a minimum IELTS score of 7.5 total with a minimum score of 7 on all four modules.

viii) Modules Compatibility

UIUC is comprehensive university making it suitable for **FASS**, **FoE**, **FoS**, and **Law** students.

Prior to your arrival on campus, all incoming exchange students must complete the <u>Tentative Course Form</u> detailing which courses they intend to take for each semester that they are enrolled at the university.

Use the lists below to guide your search of the <u>Course Explorer</u>, when filling out the <u>Tentative Course Form</u>. As you identify courses of interest and as you work with your home university on your study plan, please consider the following:

- Enroll in courses at a variety of levels. It is discouraged to take more than three courses at the 300-level or higher.
- It is recommended not to take more than three courses in your major, especially in engineering and the sciences.
- Enroll in at least 12-18 credit hours per semester to maintain fulltime student status.





- Undergraduate students are limited to courses at the 100- to 400-levels; enrollment in courses at the 500-level or higher are by permission only, and permission may not be granted.
- To facilitate academic advising, limit your course choices to 2-3 academic departments.

The Tentative Course Form is <u>not</u> a registration form and will <u>not</u> be used to reserve a seat for you in a course. Please be advised that we cannot guarantee enrollment in any course, even if your home institution requires it.

ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites

Restricted Courses

Due to high demand from degree-seeking students at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, some courses are not available to incoming exchange students.

Closed Programs

Courses within the following programs/departments/schools/colleges are **not** open to incoming exchange students admitted to the university through our office.

- College of Business (ACCY, BADM, and FIN courses)
- Department of Bioengineering
- Department of Computer Sciences
- Division of General Studies
- Graduate College
- School of Labor and Employment Relations
- School of Information Sciences
- College of Medicine
- Department of Recreation, Sport, and Tourism (online graduate courses only)
- Technology and Information Management Program
- College of Veterinary Medicine
- Any internships, co-op programs, or teaching practicums in local schools.



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Limited Programs

Courses within the following departments/colleges experience high demand. Consequently, you will need to be flexible when choosing courses from these departments.

- Department of Advertising
- Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering
- Architecture (College of Fine & Applied Arts)—limited access to studio classes
- College of Education
- Electrical and Computer Engineering (College of Engineering)
- Department of Journalism
- Kinesiology (College of Applied Health Sciences)—some limitations
- Landscape Architecture (College of Fine & Applied Arts)—enrollment in studio classes must be pre-arranged

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.

All incoming exchange students must submit their applications electronically. *You should have received the link and access code via email from your home university.* Visit the <u>Instructions & Components page</u> for next steps in the application process.

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

UIUC does not reserve housing for students. **You are responsible for arranging your own housing.** There are many <u>housing options available to exchange students</u>.





For more information regarding housing options at UIUC, please refer here: https://isss.illinois.edu/students/incoming/pre-arrival/housing.html

F. Visa

Consular/Visa Regulation

Once you are accepted to the exchange programme at UIUC, your admission packet will be shipped to NUS Registrar's Office. The admission packet includes your University of Illinois welcome letter and Notice of Acceptance, and your DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status).

- If you hold a J-1 visa status, please pay your SEVIS fee once you receive your DS-2019 from the University of Illinois. The SEVIS fee can be paid on the <u>Department of Homeland Security website</u> (I-901 fee). Remember to print the receipt to present at your visa interview.
- 2. Schedule an appointment as early as possible for your non-immigrant entry visa with a <u>U.S. Embassy</u>. Please bring the required documents to your visa interview as listed on the embassy website.
- 3. What you will need to show at the United States Port of Entry:
- Passport
- Entry visa
- Original DS-2019 (no copies)

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.

You must complete the Immunization History Form and TB Screening Form prior to your arrival on campus. You will need to submit the completed <u>TB</u> <u>Screening Form</u> to the McKinley Health Center when you arrive on campus.

For more information on UIUC Student Health Insurance, please refer to the following two links:

- Student Health Insurance
- Frequently Asked Questions



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ii) Emergency	http://police.illinois.edu/about/contact-us/	
Number at host		
university		
H. Cost of Living		
i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses	http://www.studyabroad.illinois.edu/incoming-students/incoming-student-finances/	

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