Student Exchange Program

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NUS Vision

A leading global university centred in Asia, influencing the future.

NUS will be a **globally-oriented** university, in the distinguished league of the world’s leading universities. A key node in **global** knowledge networks, NUS will have distinctive expertise and insights relating to Asia.
What is SEP?

OPPORTUNITIES for undergraduates to spend **ONE** semester at overseas universities to:

- Widen their global perspective;
- Enrich their academic experience;
- Appreciate another country’s culture & history;
- Make new friends.
What SEP students say

“The semester spent at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, was an enjoyable and rewarding experience for me. I consider this exchange semester to be the most fun and fruitful experience ever.”

Chen Qing Mei Jean
University of Illinois, Fall 2011
What SEP students say

“Spending six months abroad has shown me that there is a bigger world out there, and it really opened up my perspectives about the world, my career aspirations, and most importantly myself.”

Tai Wai Kit
University of Queensland, Fall 2012
What SEP students say

“I am grateful to have been granted the opportunity to embark on the Student Exchange Programme. It has been a memorable and meaningful once-in-a-lifetime experience, and I would definitely recommend it to all interested students.”

Loh Jun Hong
KTH, Fall 2012
What SEP students say

“You have got to live out SEP for yourself to appreciate one of the best programs that NUS has to offer.”

Tang Li Min
University of Auckland, Fall 2010
What SEP students say

“I fervently believe that spending six months abroad was without a doubt, the highlight of my entire university experience.”

Tu Sophia Iskandar
Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden),
Fall 2010
What SEP students say

“Yes, SEP is all about Exchange and it's a great Eye-opener, an Enthralling Experience, and full of Excitement! I wouldn't mind going for a second time, you know this is an opportunity not to be missed.”

Andy Budiono
French Language Preparation Program
Universite Joseph Fourier (France),
Fall 2009
What SEP students say

“No doubt the six months near the north pole is one of the best parts of my university life! It is an excellent experience in every way. Please do not hesitate to join SEP!”

Wu Yue
University of Guelph, Winter 2014
Who is eligible to apply?

B.Sc. (Real Estate) students will go on SEP during their Year 3 Semester 1 or 2.

Students on fast-track (completing degree in 3.5 years) are advised to go on SEP in Year 3 Semester 1.

A minimum CAP score (as at point of application) of 3.0 with at least a C in any module is required.

Priority will be given to students who have not participated in any other enrichment programs, e.g., iLead, Summer or Winter Programs (organized by IRO), in previous semesters.

Ability to be a good ambassador for NUS is an essential prerequisite.
How much does SEP cost?

The estimated cost serves as a point of reference. The actual amount varies across countries due to differences in cost of living.

Students should budget (excluding return airfare) between S$5,000 to S$15,000 for living expenses:

- Food;
- Accommodation;
- Books;
- Transport.

Before applying for SEP, students should ensure that they have sufficient financial resources as withdrawals due to financial difficulties will not be acceded to.
Financial Assistance Schemes

- NASA (NUS Awards for Study Abroad)
- Loans
- Awards/Scholarships

www.nus.edu.sg/iro
What are the SEP places available?

Students will be informed of the available SEP places when applications open for:

- University-wide places;
- Department-level places;
- MOU with University of Aberdeen (Scotland);
- MOU with Central University of Finance & Economics (Beijing);
- MOU with European Business School (Germany).

The list of available SEP places will be posted on DRE’s SEP website:
http://www.rst.nus.edu.sg/programme/sep/index.html
Students on LPP

Language Preparation Programs (LPP) [e.g. French, German, Korean] are administered by IRO.

LLP students will proceed to the French, Korean, or German universities, etc., designated by IRO in which case, DRE will not assign them English-speaking universities.

Students should check with IRO on their LLP obligations and comply accordingly.
Modular Credits Earned on SEP

Students could transfer modular credits earned on SEP back to NUS, provided that the:

• Modules have been approved by DRE or other NUS departments;
• Student has passed those approved modules.

Only the modular credits are transferred back, not the letter grades.

Academic performance during SEP will not be reflected in CAP.
Module Mapping

During the semester that you are on SEP you will miss taking:

• Prescribed essential modules;
• Restricted and unrestricted electives;
• GEMs, SS, or Breadth modules.

You should conduct a search of the syllabuses of relevant modules in the partner university to try and map SEP modules to NUS modules.

SEP students should not take more than the equivalent of 5 modules (20 MCs), which is the average workload per semester in NUS.
Module Mapping: DRE Modules

1. Download **module mapping form** from DRE’s SEP website.

2. Provide information required:
   - **SEP module** code, syllabus description, prerequisites, contact hours, modular credits, etc.
   - **NUS equivalent module** code, syllabus description, prerequisites, modular credits, etc.

3. Email soft copies of completed forms to Ms Vidya who will forward them to B.Sc. (Real Estate) Program Director for approval.
Module Mapping: Non-RE Modules

1. Prepare information using the same form.

2. Email them to Ms Vidya who will liaise with the respective NUS departments.

3. Note:
   - NUS Business School has pre-mapped modules. They maintain a master list on their website. Students who meet the prerequisites do not need to ask for approvals again.
   - NUS Centre for Language Studies (CLS) has indicated on their website the information for evaluating a module mapping request.

   [http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/cls/mapping.htm](http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/cls/mapping.htm)
Real Estate Module Mapping

Only a handful of universities in the world offer undergraduate real estate modules.

It is unlikely that you will be able to map ALL the Real Estate Essential Modules, or Restricted Electives (for specialization in RE Finance or Urban Planning) in the semester you are away.

The SEP modules offered to you remains the prerogative of the overseas universities. DRE cannot dictate them to offer to you what is on your wish list.

Therefore, please be flexible in your study plan.
Range of Enrichment Programs

Enrichment Programs have limited placements:

- Student Exchange Program (SEP);
- Winter/Summer Programs organised by IRO;
- iLead;
- NUS Overseas Colleges (NOC);
- Real Estate Internship Program (REIP) organised by DRE (RE4202);
- Summer Program organised by DRE (RE4203);

Students who have not participated in the other enrichment programs will be accorded higher priority for RE4202 & RE4203 if these modules are oversubscribed.
SEP Application

SEP applications will open towards end of Sep 2015. (Students will be notified in advance of the exact date.)

ALL SEP applications have to be submitted on-line through OPAS (Overseas Programs Application System).

Applications will close within 2 weeks from opening date.

Successful applicants will be offered by end Nov 2015.

Please reply to accept or reject (by prescribed deadline).
Things to Note

OPAS will perform the SEP eligibility validation.

Students could indicate in order of preference **up to a maximum of 5 partner universities.**

Prior to the actual SEP allocation, a **draft study plan of possible relevant SEP modules** should be prepared for each partner university. No approval is required for this draft study plan.

After the actual SEP allocation, successful students can **accept/decline** the offer within the stipulated period, and prepare their **module mapping** for approval.
OPAS opens for 2 weeks from end Sep 2015.

SEP offers are made by end Nov 2015. Students accept/reject SEP offer by deadline.

DRE will contact successful SEP students in 2016 about registration in partner universities and module mapping.
Winter & Summer Programs organized by IRO

Winter Programs: typically offered in Dec each year
Summer Programs: typically offered from May to July

As and when these programs are available, DRE will email students to provide details. Students apply for these programs through DRE.
The Department would like to thank students for contributing their comments and photographs.