Student Exchange Programme

Briefing by
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Agenda

• SEP as an Enrichment Programme
  • Benefits & Costs

• Academic and Administrative Details
  • Module Mapping for Credit Transfers
  • Application Procedures & Timeline

• Other Enrichment Programmes

• Q and A Session
NUS Vision

Towards a **Global** Knowledge Enterprise
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

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

The semester spent in 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 (Urbana Champaign) Fall 2011
What our SEP students say

Spending 6 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
SEP @ University of Queensland
Fall 2012
What our 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
SEP @ KTH
Fall 2012
What our SEP students say

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

Tang Li Min

SEP @ University of Auckland
Fall 2010
What our SEP students say

I fervently believe that spending 6 months abroad was without a doubt, the highlight of my entire university experience.

Tu Sophia Iskandar
SEP @ Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden) Fall 2010
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 Programme
SEP @ Universite Joseph Fourier (France)
Fall 2009
Who is eligible to apply

• BSc (RE) students will go on SEP during their 3rd Year of study. AY13/14 cohort will proceed for their SEP during
  • Semester 1 AY15/16
  • Semester 2 AY15/16
    • Students on fast-track (completing degree in 3.5 years) are advised to go on SEP in Semester 1 of AY15/16

• Minimum CAP score (as at point of application) of 3.0 & at least a C in any module

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

• Ability to be a good ambassador for NUS
How much would it cost to go on SEP?

- The estimate serves as a point of reference. The 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 to cover
  - Food and Accommodation
  - Books
  - Transport

- Students should ensure that they have sufficient financial resources. 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 places when application opens
  - University-wide places
  - Department-level places
    • MOU with University of Aberdeen (Scotland), Central University of Finance & Economics (Beijing), & European Business School (Germany)

- The list will also be posted on the Department’s SEP website

- University-wide or Department-level SEP places – makes no difference to the student!
Students on LPP

- Language Preparation Programmes (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. The department will not assign them English-speaking universities.

- They should check with IRO on their LLP obligations and comply accordingly.
My Overseas Credits Earned

- Students could transfer the credits earned overseas back to NUS
  - For APPROVED modules
  - For PASSED modules
- Only the credits are transferred back, not the 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 for your cohort
    - Sem 1 AY15/16: RE3101, RE3102, RE3103, RE3104 & RE3107
    - Sem 2 AY15/16: RE3105 & RE3106
  - Restricted Electives, Unrestricted Electives, GEMs, SS, or Breadths

- You should undertake a search (contents-wise) of relevant modules in the partner university with the aim of mapping them to modules that you could have taken in NUS

- SEP students should not take more than the equivalent of 5 modules (20 MCs), the average workload per semester in NUS
Module Mapping – Real Estate Modules

• Provide the relevant information in a template which can be downloaded from the Dept’s SEP website

• Information required
  • Overseas Module Code & Description, including all prerequisites, contact hours, modular credits, etc.
  • Proposed NUS equivalent module code & description, modular credits, etc.

• Submit soft copies to BSc (Real Estate) Programme Director for approval. A meeting, if required, will be arranged to go through these proposed mappings.
Module Mapping – Non RE Modules

• Prepare information using the same template
• Email them to Ms Srividya who will liaise with the offering departments
• Please 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. Check it out - http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/cls/mapping.htm
  • GEM mapping template
Template for mapping to

- Real Estate Essential Modules, Restricted Electives and Unrestricted Electives
- Modules offered by other departments

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Module Code | Module Title
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Pre-requisite
Have you met the pre-requisite(s) for the NUS module? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No" and if the NUS module is offered outside the Department of Real Estate, please do not submit mapping proposal.

Modular Credits
Offering Department
Mapping for Essential / Elective / Unrestricted Elective / Breadth / USP *
NB: Please use RO’s form for GEM Module Mapping

If you are enrolled in a double degree, double-major or minor programme, please provide the details.

* Whenever possible, students should provide the URL or other sources for the below information to be verified:

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Total Contact Hours Per Semester (T * N) =
Note: 4 modular credits at NUS = 3 * 12 = 36 hrs

Module Synopsis

Assessment (in %)
Exam
Test
Assignment
Others (please specify)

For Official Use Only:
Request is APPROVED / NOT APPROVED *
Name, Signature & Designation of Approver:
Date:

* (Delete accordingly)
### Request to replace a GEM with a module read while on SEP

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Template for mapping to a module offered by NUS Centre for Language Studies
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 specialisation in RE Finance or Urban Planning) in the semester you are away

• The modules offered to you remains the prerogative of the overseas universities. The Department CANNOT dictate them to offer to you what is on your wish list.

• If you plan to go on SEP be FLEXIBLE in your study plan
Ensuring that many will benefit from Enrichment Programmes

- Enrichment Programmes have LIMITED placements
  - SEP
  - Winter/Summer Programmes organised by IRO
  - iLead
  - NOC
  - Real Estate Internship Programme (REIP) organised by DRE (RE4202)
  - Summer Programme organised by DRE (RE4203)
    - RE4202 and RE4203 will be offered in May to July 2016 (for AY13/14 cohort)

- “One Bite of the Cherry”
  - Students who have participated in the other enrichment programmes will be accorded lower priority for RE4202/RE4203 if these modules are oversubscribed.
How to Apply

• Application will open toward the end of Sep 2014 (Students will be notified in advance about exact date)
• ALL applications to be submitted on-line through OPAS (Overseas Programmes Application System)
• Applications will close within 2 weeks from opening date
• Successful applicants will be notified by end of NOVEMBER 2014
  • Please reply to accept or reject (by prescribed deadline)
Things to Note

• OPAS will perform the eligibility validation
• Students could indicate in order of preference a maximum of 5 partner universities
  • Prepare a study plan for each university to have an idea of the modules you are likely to take in the partner universities
  • Each study plan is a draft only – there’s no need to discuss it with the BSc (RE) Programme Director or to seek his approval for it.
• Successful students will be informed of their allocated university. They can then accept/decline the offer within the stipulated period.
OPAS opens for 2 weeks from end Sep 2014

Notification by end - Nov 2014 if successful; Accept or reject offer by deadline

DRE will then get in touch with successful students in 2015 about registration in partner universities and module mapping
Winter & Summer Programmes organised by IRO

• Winter Programme (typically offered in Dec of each year)
• Summer Programme (typically offered during the NUS vacation period from May to July)
• As and when these programmes are available, we will email students to provide further details about them.
  • Modular credits can be earned
• Students apply for these programmes through the Department
## SEP Placements for AY2014/2015

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The Department would like to thank the students for contributing their comments and photographs to this set of slides.
Q & A Session