Student Exchange Programme

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Student Exchange Programme (SEP)

- Once in a lifetime opportunity to study in an overseas partner university for a semester or two
  - Majority of students choose to go for 1 semester
- Valuable learning experience
- Excitement of living, and learning in another country
  - Make new friends
- Immerse in the host country’s culture
  - Pick up a new language
- Great travelling opportunity
- Valuable for future employment
Which Universities?

- 180 partner universities in 27 countries
- English speaking countries
  - USA and UK
- Continental Europe
- Eastern Europe
- Asia
  - China, India, Japan
Eligibility Criteria

- Full-time student at NUS
- Have completed AT LEAST two semesters of study
- Good academic record
  - Minimum CAP of 3.0
  - Should NOT have any grade below C in any module
- You need to cover financial expenses per semester
  - $5000-$15000 depending on the country
- Approval from CEG SEP coordinator (currently me)
- Satisfy host institution and country entry requirements
Eligibility Criteria – contd.

- You cannot go for SEP if
  - You are in the final semester of your degree
  - You are scheduled for final year projects/internship/industrial attachment
  - International student receiving a scholarship that is financed or administered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (e.g. Singapore Scholarships)
  - Foreign nationals are NOT allowed to apply for overseas SEP in Partner Universities that are located in their home country
Selection Criteria

- Academic Merit
- Good ambassador for NUS
Financing SEP

- Pay normal NUS tuition fees
- You are NOT required to pay any tuition fees at the host university
- Pay for the living costs
- Various SEP awards offered by NUS, Faculties, Admin office, External agencies as well as partner universities can lower your financial burden
  - You can apply for scholarship/awards
  - You can apply for student exchange loans
Application Procedure

- Planning – Call for Application around Sep-Oct
  - Confirm your eligibility
  - Select a partner university
  - Think about financial support
- Submit your application through OPAS
  - Selection process at NUS and then at host university
- Formal application to host university once selected
- Finalization
  - Arrange accommodation at host university
  - Apply for any financial assistance available at NUS
  - Visa and travel arrangements
  - Medical/health insurance
  - Pre-departure briefing by IRO
Module mapping

- Your workload during SEP should be approximately equivalent to your workload here (15-25 MCs)
- Only the modular credits and not the grade attained will be transferred back to NUS
- You may map core modules if necessary
- Minimum number of programme requirement modules to be taken in each semester of SEP is 2
- Please ensure that you do not violate the max. number of MCs allowed to be excluded from CAP
- If a module has been mapped before, your job is easy; otherwise, fill up the forms and request for approval
Will my graduation be delayed?

- No if you plan carefully
- Prepare SEP study plan so that you can fulfill your graduation requirements while on SEP
- Submit your transcripts once you return from SEP for credit transfer
- Credit transfer is only allowed for modules approved by CEG
Overlap of semester dates

- Request for alternative assessment at partner university (project, oral exam, earlier exam etc.)
- Stay on for 1-2 more weeks to sit for the exam
  - CORS online from overseas
  - Get approval for late registration back at NUS
- Return to NUS and take the SEP university exam in NUS supervised by home faculty/department