FASS SEP
APPLICATION BRIEFING
FASS HELPLINE

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SEP basic facts

- Regular semester, only abroad

- Generally 1 semester exchange
  - Extension is generally not possible due to high demand for SEP
  - Extension not possible across different AYs
1+1 Sweet Deal

ENGAGING ASIA’S GIANT WITHOUT FEAR
What is this “1+1 Sweet Deal”?

- To provide opportunities for students to explore both China and other destinations

- Applicable to all Universities places in China (both U-wide and Fac-wide places)

- Excludes Hong Kong and Taiwan

- Students selected to go to a Chinese university can apply for another overseas SEP in consecutive FASS SEP application round*

*Terms and Conditions apply
Terms and conditions

- Open to all FASS majors
  - There may be selected and limited English courses in some of the Chinese universities

- Second overseas SEP is strictly based on CAP and is not guaranteed; you will be treated as if you have never been on exchange

- Financial aid/grants only available for the 1st SEP

- Some financial awards such as free housing and other perks are restricted to U-wide places and on merit basis only. May not applicable to Faculty-wide places.
**Terms and Conditions**

- Selected students who wish to go for second overseas SEP must apply during consecutive application rounds.
- General SEP criteria still apply.

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HOW TO APPLY?

- This round for exchange is for exchange in AY2020/2021 sem 2 only
  - Indicate ANY Chinese university in your list of 5 universities

- State your interest in the 1+1 deal and reasons for applying to that university in your personal statement
SEP Application Workflow

1. Research on SEP application
2. Submit application online in EduRec
3. Selection and Interviews * of applicants (*Selected)
4. Docs collated and send to RO
5. Acceptance of offer + submission of SEP docs to Dean’s Office
6. Internal Offer to students in EduRec
7. Docs sent to partner university
8. Processing of docs by PU
9. Acceptance package sent to RO/DO or student
Key Questions to Answer

Research on SEP Application

- Should you go for SEP?
- Are you eligible for SEP?
- Are there any semesters where I cannot go on SEP?
- Can you afford to go on SEP?
- Which University is available?
- Which Universities offer good training for my major?
- How to increase your chances to go on SEP?
- What type of modules can you read on SEP?
- Who should you talk to plan your modules?
- How does equivalency of MC/credit exchange work?
Key Questions to Answer

Should you go for SEP?

- Considerations
  - Academic
  - Financial
  - Sense of adventure
Key Questions to Answer

Do your own research as to where you want to go. Google is your best friend.

Read as much as you can about SEP.

GRO website
FASS SEP for Undergraduate
FASS SEP FAQ
Key Questions to Answer

Are you eligible for SEP?

- CAP: min 3.00 ^
- Preferably no module with a grade lower than C; No D grade in your major
- Good disciplinary record*

^ This is only a minimum as exchange application is highly competitive, therefore it is likely that average CAP to secure an exchange is much higher than 3.00.

* Good conduct from end-to-end (from application to return from SEP). Your credit transfers will be affected if your conduct becomes unbecoming.
Key Questions to Answer

Are there any semesters where I cannot go on SEP?
- Last BA semester if you are not willing and able to read Honours.
- No Honours year SEP allowed

Ability to do Honours (2012 cohort onwards) – a CAP of 3.2 and above
- Non-negotiable based on current CAP at the point of application
- Upload your Letter of Undertaking into the online application in EduRec or email your major department if the file is too large.
Key Questions to Answer

Which University has available places?
- There are some restrictions stipulated: semester available to NUS student, full year required, language proficiency, must have completed at least 4 semesters of study, modules restrictions etc.

- This information will be available on GRO’s partner university factsheets or partner university’s website.
Key Questions to Answer

Rules for minor/major/ double degree business students

Minor in Management:
http://bba.nus.edu/academic-programmes/bba-majors-minors/for-non-business-students/major-minor-in-mgmt

Major in Management:
http://bba.nus.edu/academic-programmes/bba-majors-minors/for-non-business-students/major-minor-in-mgmt

Double degree students:
Please check with Business on the maximum credits transferrable.

NOTE: NUS Business School does not issue dummy codes. If you wish to fulfil your business graduation requirements, it must be mapped and approved to specific NUS business module codes. Credits are transferred based on FASS MC Ratio.
Key Questions to Answer

- Cost of exchange
  - GRO website or partner university’s website gives you an estimate
  - Wise to factor in some extra money for contingency

- Financial Aid from GRO
  - NASA quantum depends on needs basis and merit basis

- Financial Loans
  - Other External Funding Organisations
Key Questions to Answer

Which Universities offer good training for my major?

- Please do your own research and Google is your best friend!
- Talk to your lecturers
Key Questions to Answer

How to increase your chances to go on SEP?

- Consider non-traditional locations such as China, Germany, countries outside of the UK.

- Be proficient in the language of the country where your university is located. How to do that?
  - Enrolled in the GRO French and German Language Preparation Programme (LPP)
  - LPP students will not be given priority nor guaranteed a placement but it will give students a better standing as compared to the next best competitor. Also, it will allow the student more choices in terms of where you can apply to.
What type of modules can you read on SEP?
- Applicable only for students in 2015 cohort and after

- Major modules
- UEs
- Modules towards your minor

*General Education modules to be done in NUS.

Students are advised to keep your UEs for SEP
Criteria for credit recognition:

- Must pass module and credits earned from PU
- Must be of certain academic rigor (credits given for orientation-related events NOT included)
- Must be approved by the SEP coordinator from a discipline in NUS. Examples of modules that cannot be mapped.
  - Tennis
  - Art of Wine Drinking
  - Hiphop Dance
- Minor only 8 MC overseas credit
### Normal Candidature
2016 cohort onwards

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#### Adjustment of fees after normal candidature

For example:
- $8,050 – Normal Candidature
- $9,660 – 120% of semester fees (1st semester after NC)
- $12,825 – 150% of semester fees (2nd semester after NC)

Implications

- **Credit Transfer**
  - Increase tuition fees in the returning semester (Sem 7 – out of NC) as credit transfer has not been completed and not promoted to Honours Track. Increased tuition fees not payable by CPF.
  
  - Submit your documents for credit transfer ASAP so that additional fees (Sem 7) can be reversed at the end of the returning semester.
  
  - Sem 8 tuition fees should be back to the usual once you are on the Honours track.

- **Summer School/Overloading at NUS before SEP**
Application and Selection Process

Application Details

Timeline: 23 Jan – 13 Feb (2359hrs)

Period for Exchange: AY20/21 (Sem2) only

Application title: FASS: SEP AY2020/2021 –
Application ID: 01421 (Run 2) (important to check the “Run” number)

Application System: EduRec

*email studyabroadfass@nus.edu.sg before the deadline if you encounter IT issues and think you are not able to submit your application in time. Office closes at 6pm.
Application and Selection Process

- Interviews will be conducted for students
  - Not all students
  - Conducted by SEP coordinators

- No more ranking of universities
  - List up to 5 universities that you wish to go.
  - Only list universities that you are happy to receive offers if not, do not apply for it.
  - If there is a strong preference for a university, indicate and provide reasons
Application and Selection Process

Items needed in EduRec

1. Provide a proper SEP personal statement
2. Indicate language proficiency
3. A list of up to 5 universities that you wish to go to with no ranking
4. Upload complete study plan and letter of undertaking/s
5. Indicate ‘NA’ if the section is not applicable to you

Incomplete application will delay your outcome. Use the SEP application checklist to help you.
Items needed in EduRec

1. Personal Statement
   - there should be some indication of your academic goals for choosing a particular partner university
   - it will play a very important part in the application as it will determine if student will be successful in the interviews or when comparing between competing students (Senior vs Junior students).
**Key Questions to Answer**

**Selection of Applicants**

- What is the selection process like and how long does it take?
- How does the internal offer in EduRec work and what is the collection of documents process and what documents will I need?
- What happens after I submit the documents to the Dean’s Office?
- How long does it take for the PU to respond? What happens at the PU processing?
- Is there an appeal system or waiting list?
- If after acceptance, I need to withdraw from SEP, what should I do?
Application and Selection Process

1. Departments’ first selection
2. Faculty’s second selection
3. Email to students with internal offer
4. Waitlist rounds

Why so long?
- There are close to a 1000 applications a round and they all have to be looked at.
- Because the Departments and Faculty need time for their recommendations
- Because the Faculty try to give alternatives when all 5 options are exhausted.
How is allocation of PU done?

Allocation starts for the student with the highest CAP. We allocate the university in this order:

a. PU suggested by the department first. (if no space/NA) – we move on to
b. Student’s preference of PU (if no space/NA) – we move on to

If the student has no preference and the department does not make a distinction between the universities applied, we will take a look at which PU is the most competitive (highest on the popularity ranking) and offer it to the student.

In cases, where we have a tie, similar CAP and where demand of the university exceeds supply, we will ask the student down for an interview.

Interviews will only be conducted after we exhaust all PUs the student applied for. This is to maximise the number of students we can offer places to.
SEP and Scholarships

- Guaranteed SEP places
  - NUS Scholars (Kent Ridge Scholarships)
  - May not be one of your 5 choices
  - Write in, if you did not receive a place during the waitlist rounds.

- Terms and conditions
  - Some scholars had to forfeit their SEP because their scholarship company was not supportive of the country or partner university.

- Duration of SEP
  - Some scholarship only allows 1 semester of SEP
Important Dates

- **Interview weeks**: Reading week (first 3 days)

- **Application outcome**
  - Earliest: Mid May
  - Latest: Early June

- **Waitlist rounds**: Starting end May

*students will be informed via email. Please do not call requesting for your status, we will not release this information via the phone.*

*In the month of May–June, if you are overseas and have no access to emails, it is your responsibility to notify the office before the start of the result outcome month, that you will be away so that we can assist with special arrangements. Students offers had lapsed or they missed the waitlist rounds because they were overseas and did not check their emails.*
Successful application

Internal Offer Email

- Documents to complete the SEP application after acceptance of Internal Offer
- Please adhere to the deadline so that processing is not delayed
- Items required to complete your SEP application is based on what the PU requires

*More information will be send via email upon successful application*
Successful application

- Acceptance of internal offer
  - YOU MUST GO INTO EduRec TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE OFFER. PLEASE DO NOT DO NOTHING.
  - Please do not appeal for alternative places

Caution: Think long and hard before you accept the internal offer; admin fee of $300 applies if you withdraw after internal offer acceptance. Appeal for waiver is possible but not guaranteed.

- CCA commitments
- Alternative offers e.g. internship/NOC
Appeals for Non-Successful Applications

- The odds of reversal is not high.
- Wait-listing may be possible but it depends on the timeline given by RO/PUs for the submission of SEP documents.
- Please appeal for places that you previously did not apply for. If we could have offered you the place, we would have done so.
Withdrawal Process

- Write formally to Study Abroad Query
- Please do not assume that withdrawal is automatic because you did not submit the relevant SEP documents
- Come start of semester, you will not be able to participate in module registration as your status is “On Student Exchange”
Key Questions to Answer

How does equivalency of MC/credit exchange work?

Example
For Peking University, 15 credits = 20 MC so therefore if you read 17 credits = 23 MCs.

You can read more credits if you want, you get to bring back more MCs.

If you read less, you will also bring back less MC – no ifs and buts about this rule. If you end up with 1 MC less and you need to graduate, then you will need to do special term or another semester for 1 MC to graduate.

All modules are transferred based on MC Ratio even if they are approved to actual NUS code.
A lot of students disappointed

Limited spaces for US, Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Korea and Hong Kong

Think about other overseas programmes

Choose wisely
# Reality Check
High Demand, Limited Places

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Alternative overseas programmes

- **NUS Overseas Colleges** (semester/full year)
- **STEER** (term break)
- **Summer/Winter School** (term break)
Summer / Winter Programmes (SWP) Briefing
Overseas SWP

- Global Relations Office (GRO) – Recommended SWP
  Google search ‘GRO Summer’ for website or Self-Sourced SWP

- Majority of SWP are fee-paying

- Module mapping required for credit transfer

- No pre-approved list of mappings

- Think of what graduation requirement you intend to fulfill with the mapped module (Major elective? UE?)

- Do your own research and map to relevant discipline (based on title, syllabus, dept that offers the module etc.)
Credit Transfer Policy for SWP

- Max **10MCs** for each **summer** (2 modules)
- Max **5MCs** for each **winter** (1 module)
- Total of **12MCs** with **fee-waiver** for up to 2 SWP during your course of study in NUS

*IMPT: Credit transfer is NOT automatic! Credit transfer form and copy of transcript are required.*
Overseas SWP

- Module Mapping & Credit Transfer Procedures: https://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/international-relations/summer-winter-programme-module-mapping.html


- Details on Credit Transfer Policy for SWP: http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/international-relations/undergraduates/overseas-educational-programmes.html
Summer Programme @ FASS

FASStrack Asia: The Summer School

- 22 Jun – 24 Jul (5 weeks)
- Open to all NUS students and international students
- Take 1 or 2 NUS–coded modules
- Module mapping & credit transfer not required
- No CAP restriction / module pre-requisites
Summer Programme @ FASS

FASStrack Asia: The Summer School

- Popular modules with small class size; 100% CA
- Local / Overseas Fieldtrips (7–10 days; Indonesia / Cambodia)
- S/U option available (12MC quota)
- Social events & optional on-campus accommodation
Contacts @ FASS Summer

- Contact Person: Ms Jane Toh (6601 5830)
- Email: studyabroadfass@nus.edu.sg

*Please provide your matric no. in your email.
Thanks!

Any questions?