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)
Special programmes
Yale visiting international Student programme

- Not offered anymore
- **Queen’s and St Andrews**  
  (Geography majors only)

Students will have to meet the requirements of both Partner universities.

Students will spend, 2 semesters away, 1 semester in each university.
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 (excludes Hong Kong)
- 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 AY2020/21 Sem1 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. Apply online in EduRec-GE
3. Selection and Interview 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-GE
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

Should you go for SEP? Where to go for SEP?

Considerations
- Academic (what you want to study)
- Financial (what fits in your budget)
- Sense of adventure
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?
- 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?
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.
Go Away Fair & SEP Clinic

Go Away Fair
27 August 6pm - 8pm (Europe & Middle East)
29 August 6pm - 8pm (Asia & Oceania)
4 September 6pm - 8pm (the Americas)

SEP Clinic
Week 4 and 6 - Tue, Thu
Week 5 - Mon, Wed, Fri

Location
Shaw Foundation Alumni House
Global Lounge #01-01

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At the sessions, you will have the chance to:

- Find out more about exchange – Can you transfer credits? What fee do you pay? Etc.
- Hear seniors share their overseas experience and know what to expect during your time abroad
- Enjoy small bites and bits of culture unique to that region
- Network with seniors and exchangers who can share more about the universities with you

https://mysurvey.nus.edu.sg/EFM/se/543BE5C20748A639
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-GE or email your major department
Key Questions to Answer

Which University is suitable?

- 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
Rules for minor/major/ double degree business students

https://bschool.nus.edu.sg/prospective-students/undergraduate

Double degree students:

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.
Module mapping: Minor/specialisation

- Some minor or specialization require specific NUS module codes to fulfil the requirements.

- E.g. EC specialization, GIS

- Please check your graduation requirements, if it allows dummy codes.

- If you do not earn enough credits at the PU, it will also affect the module code you can transfer.
Key Questions to Answer

Can you afford to go on SEP?

Cost of living per semester (6 months basis)

- Zhejiang University S$4850
- Fudan University S$6300
- Chinese University of Hong Kong S$9800
- Lund University S$7000
- University of Helsinki – S$9100
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill S$11300
- King’s College London S$10700 (a term)
- Sciences Po S$9700
- University of Melbourne S$15700
Key Questions to Answer

- Financial Aid from GRO
  NASA (up to maximum of $2500), 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 French and German Language Preparation Programme (LPP)
  - LPP students will not be given priority but it will give students a better standing as compared to the next best competitor.
Key Questions to Answer

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.
* Compulsory Major modules may not be mappable – check if your major department.
Key Questions to Answer

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 (NC) | BA: 6 semesters  
BA (Hons): 8 semesters |
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**NUS School Fees after Normal Candidature**

**IMPORTANT**

- **Credit Transfer**
  - Submit your documents for credit transfer ASAP so that additional fees can be reversed within the semester.

- **Summer School/Overloading at NUS**
  - If you are unable to complete a normal semester load of 20 MC, you might want to make up for the shortfall during special term or overload.
Application and Selection Process

Application Details

Timeline: 27 Aug – 12 Sept (2359hrs)

Period for Exchange: AY20/21 (Full Year, Sem 1 or 2) only

Application System: EduRec-GE

*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 now be conducted for selected students
  - Not all students; competing students with similar CAP only
  - Conducted by SEP coordinators

- No more ranking of universities
  - List up to 5 universities that you wish to go.
  - Apply for universities that you have met the requirements for
  - 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, provide reasons in application.
Application and Selection Process

Items needed in EduRec-GE

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
5. Indicate ‘NA’ if the section is not applicable to you

Incomplete application will NOT be considered
Application and Selection Process

Items needed in EduRec-GE

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 would be successful in the interviews.
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-GE 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 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)
b. Student’s preference of PU or region (if no space)
c. Remaining university

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. Students will only be interviewed if there is no other alternatives.
SEP and Scholarships

- Guaranteed SEP places
  - NUS Scholars (e.g. 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 offer because their scholarship company did not support the country or partner university.

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

Interview session: 19 Nov (Tentative) (Reading week)

Application outcome
  Earliest: Early Dec
  Latest: Early Jan

Waitlist rounds: Starting mid Dec

*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 Dec, if you are overseas and have no access to emails, it is your responsibility to notify the office by the start of Dec, that you will be away so that we can assist in 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–GE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE OFFER. PLEASE DO NOT DO NOTHING.

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 (after Round B)

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.
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. Please take note of the residency MC rule stated in your **modular paper** for your cohort.

MC Ratio affects the number of credits you need to read at the partner university.

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.
Reality Check Here

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

A lot of students disappointed

Think about other overseas programmes

Choose wisely
## Reality Check

**High Demand, Limited Places**

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Alternative overseas opportunities

NUS Overseas Colleges

- For students with keen interest in working and living in entrepreneurial hotspots such as Beijing, Israel, New York, Shanghai, Silicon Valley, Stockholm etc.

- 6 months/1 year depending on the programme.

- Open to all FASS majors. MCs earned from NOC will fulfil UE. For NM and GL majors MCs from NOC may be used to fulfil major requirements.
**Alternative overseas opportunities**

**STEER**
- Study Trips organized by GRO to emerging region and cities
- Classroom-based learning and experiential site visits
- Regions include: Southeast Asia, Asia, Central America, Latin America, Middle East, Saudi Arabia, Eastern Europe and Southern Africa
Alternative overseas opportunities

Summer/Winter Programmes
- During vacation periods, i.e. May – Jul or Dec–Early Jan
- Generally 3–5 weeks; fee-paying
- Students can earn credit and fulfil graduation requirements if approved.
- GRO-recommended / Self-sourced

For more information, please visit our FASS Summer/Winter website
Alternative overseas opportunities

FASStrack Asia

- FASS organized Summer School

- 5 week programme in end June – end July (Special Term 2)

- Popular modules, some with overseas fieldtrip

- Avenue to earn extra credit before SEP or make up for shortfall of credits after SEP (mapping & credit transfer not required).
Thanks!

Any questions?

Email us or come for our SEP/Summer Consultation Sessions