

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Student Exchange Application

**1. Must I fulfil all the eligibility criteria to apply for SEP?**

Yes, students must fulfil all eligibility criteria for SEP. Student who do not fulfil the criteria will have their applications rejected.

**2. One of the criteria is that students should not obtain a grade below C. Do I qualify if I have obtained a U grade.**

Students are evaluated based on their overall academic performance (ie. GPA). Do note that in the event that you are offered an SEP place, all students are required to submit an application to the partner university and it is at the discretion of our partner universities to admit students.

**3. Do I need to fill up all 5 courses and/or reserves in the initial study plan (ISP)?**

There is no need to fill up all. However, students should always prepare extra courses in their study plans as backups. Not everything works out all the time for SEP and it is always good to have a backup plan, and not be fixated on a certain basket of courses.

**4. I'm only interested in one partner university, do I have to still choose 5?**

If you are only interested in one partner university, it is perfectly fine to apply for just one.

**5. I'm a NUS scholar with guaranteed SEP. How does the processing affect me?**

Due to parity, all students will be reviewed equally. This means NUS scholars may not receive an offer within your 5 choices if there are more competitive students. If you do not receive an offer during the waitlist rounds, please write to us.

**6. How many offers will I receive?**

You will only receive one offer. There will not be any counter-offers even if students withdraw or reject their offers.

### Partner Universities & Courses

**7. How do I evaluate if a Partner University is suitable for me?**

Students have to do thorough research to assess which country/partner university best suits your own objectives for Study Abroad, course offerings for mapping etc. Students should also take into account how they will be financing their own exchange and other personal factors that will affect their selection as well.

**8. As a Science student, am I eligible to apply for places that are only available to FASS students under the CHS structure?**

FASS and FoS majors will have access to their own quota. Due to how the agreements are signed, only certain majors are considered.

**9. I would like to ask how SEP works for universities whose academic calendar does not correspond to NUS?**

Not all universities have the same calendar and name their semester the same way as NUS does. Thus, you will have to match the months with the NUS academic calendar. Students are advised not to go for SEP in semesters where PU's calendar overlaps severely with NUS's.

**10. Is it possible to appeal for more places for a specific partner university?**

Unfortunately, the number of places available is fixed and is agreed by both universities through an agreement that is legally-binding.

**11. Am I guaranteed an offer from the partner university if I'm nominated by NUS to take part in the exchange?**

No. Although most of the time students have no problem applying to the partner university, we have seen occasional cases of students being rejected by the partner universities. Hence, it is best to wait for them to process your application before you make any travel plans.

**12. Do I need to pay the Partner University tuition fees?**

Students do not pay tuition fees at the partner university but pay NUS tuition fees as per normal. Please note that students will have to pay fees relating to exchange to the partner university (e.g. medical insurance, for usage of facilities).

Course Mapping

**13. Is there a deadline for course mapping?**

While there is no specific deadline, you have to complete the course mapping before you request for credit transfer, upon the completion of your SEP. You are advised to do the mapping as soon as feasibly possible to ensure you are able to complete the course to fulfil your programme requirements. Do note that the departments will require at least 2 weeks to process your course mapping requests and we are unable to entertain last minute request.

**14. The partner university's course assessment/ contact hours is not available, how should I proceed with course mapping?**

Different universities publish their course information at different times and thus you might wish to check the PU website regularly for updates.

**15. NUS Course A is a pre-requisite to NUS Course B. Am I allowed to read both course A and course B within the same exchange semester at the PU?**

It is permitted as long as you have obtained course mapping approval for both courses and the Partner University allows you to read both courses within the same semester

**16. Can I map UPIP course during SEP?**

Students cannot take UPIP in the same semester as their exchange.

**17. Can I map a course that is not offered by the major departments?**

Students can map a course that is not offered in NUS, assuming that it is related to a discipline in NUS and there is sufficient academic rigour.

**18. Is there a limit to how many courses I can map for my major/minor?**

You may refer to the requirements on the courses that are to be earned from NUS courses from the following links.

[Residency Requirements](#)

[Graduation Requirements](#)

**19. Can I map more than 20 units?**

It is possible subjected to course mapping evaluation and students meeting the unit ratio for credit transfer.

**20. Should UEs be included in the course mapping, assuming I want to transfer the credits over to NUS?**

Yes. Map to existing NUS course/course code. If it is in a topic that NUS does not offer, most NUS departments have exchange enrichment course/course code thus try and map to the course code that is nearest to the NUS major.

**21. Where can I find more information on course mapping and credit transfers?**

Please refer to [this link](#).

Completion of Study Exchange Programme

**22. What should I do if I cannot return on time from my exchange for the new academic semester?**

Students should strive to return in Week 2 of the new semester to resume your studies in NUS. In the event that you are not able to do so, you are required to submit short term leave of absence via [EduRec](#), providing documentation of the last date of your examination.

In addition, students are to inform their course coordinators as soon as possible if they anticipate that they cannot return on time from their exchange. Delays in returning from exchange could affect students' assessments that are scheduled in the beginning of the semester. If the course coordinator is not able to accommodate your late return due to the assessment structure of the course, you would be expected to withdraw from the course.

**23. How should I apply for credit transfer after I have received the transcript from the Partner University?**

Please refer to the instructions [here](#).