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Information for incoming exchange students

Semesters Available: Fall, Spring, or Academic Year
GPA Requirement: 3.0
Language of Instruction: English

Academic Calendar:
Semester 1: August-December
Semester 2: January-May

Through a reciprocal agreement between the National University of Singapore (NUS) and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at Cornell University, CALS undergraduate students may apply to enroll directly in any field of study at NUS for a semester or a year. Students study alongside NUS and international students, and are eligible to participate in the many activities sponsored by NUS and its student body.

This exchange program is open to undergraduate CALS students of sophomore or higher standing, and is awarded on first-come, first-serve basis.

- Enjoy quality education in a vibrant English medium university in the heart of Asia
- NUS is consistently ranked in the top 40 universities around the world and was recently ranked the 4th top university in Asia by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, and the second highest English-medium university in the top 20 Asian universities!
- Make friends with 7,500 international students from 30 countries among 23,000 undergraduates
- Join halls of residence and participate in vibrant inter-hall sports competitions and theatrical production
- Drive 10 minutes from the city center to trek through a tropical rainforest, with more species of flora than in the whole of North America
- English is widely spoken on campus, but you will also have a chance to learn Chinese, Malay, Tamil, French and countless other languages spoken by the diverse student population.
- Take advantage of attending a comprehensive university with 14 faculties (colleges) offering courses from architecture to history and physics by taking courses outside your major, including in Asian languages, cultures and history.

Areas of Study

For a full list of majors, click here.

Key areas of study relevant to CALS majors:
Communications & New Media
Economics
Business Administration (link to Business School)
Computational Biology
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Bioengineering
Environmental Engineering
Public Health
Applied Chemistry & Chemistry
Applied Mathematics
Computational Biology
Food Science and Technology
Life Sciences
Quantitative Finance
Statistics

“Studying in Singapore was easily the best decision I have made since coming to college. It exposed me to another culture in ways that traveling there for just a few weeks never could have. I was immersed with local students and other exchange students putting me in an environment that was completely unique to studying abroad. Being my first international destination, Singapore has piqued my interest in getting out more and seeing more of the world.” ~ Keith, AEM
Student Reports

What do other CALS students have to say about studying at NUS? Links to student reports can be found on the main Exchange Partner webpage. Be sure to check them out!

Classes

CALS Exchange students are required to take 5 modules (classes) at NUS. Read about the NUS modular system here.

Modules open to Exchange Students

Accommodation

Although NUS has very limited housing available, CALS Exchange students are guaranteed housing. As an added bonus, accommodations are very reasonability priced.

Student Visa

International students studying in Singapore are required to have a student visa or, as it is called in Singapore, a “Student Pass.”

NUS will apply for the entry visa and an In-Principal Approval (IPA) letter for all international students through the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) Student’s Pass Online Application and Registration (SOLAR) system. All international students will then be required to fill out a Form 16 and print a copy to be brought to Singapore.

Program Costs

Students are billed their regular CALS tuition, with no added administrative fees. Students purchase plane tickets and pay remaining costs such as housing, meals, student visa application fees, local travel, and personal expenses. Some partner institutions charge student activity fees and/or health insurance plans which students are also responsible for.

Financial aid travels with students going abroad. Students must complete with grades equivalent to a Cornell “C” or better. Financial aid for study abroad is need-based, consistent with university and government policies and covers all costs relevant to study abroad, including tuition, all mandatory program fees, housing, meals, books, personal expenses, and round-trip airfare. If you are currently receiving financial aid, your aid package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your study abroad program. University grant aid and loan awards may be either increased or decreased to meet study abroad need. The normal work-study component of aid packages will be converted to student loans.

How to Apply

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS—not the university directly.