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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

- Minimum CAP 4.0
- 1 year programme
- Y-VISP Information Sessions
TRI - SEP

✗ McGill and Glasgow
   (Political Science/Global Studies major only)

✗ Queen’s and St Andrews
   (Geography majors only)

Student will have to meet the requirements of both Partner universities.
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
- U-wide and Faculty-level only
- 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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<td>For semester 2 AY2018–2019–other destination</td>
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How to apply?

☒ This round for exchange is for exchange in AY2018/2019 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 SIS**
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 SIS**
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
  o Academic
  o Financial
  o Sense of adventure
Do your own research as to where you want to go. Google is your best friend.

Read as much as you can about SEP.

IRO 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
- Clean 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 SIS or email your major department
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 IRO’s partner university factsheets
Key Questions to Answer

Rules for minor/major/ double degree business students

Minor in Management:
http://bba.nus.edu/majorminor_minor_mgmt.html

Major in Management:
http://bba.nus.edu/majorminor_major_mgmt.html

Double degree students: There is no maximum number of credits transferrable for business modules. Having said that, please adhere to the maximum number of credits you can transfer back from overseas:
http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/intl/special_prog/maximum_credit_transfer_sep.html

NOTE: NUS Business School does not issue dummy codes. If you wish to fulfill 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

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
- New York University S$16000
Key Questions to Answer

✖ Financial Aid from IRO

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 IRO 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 2014 cohort and before

- Major modules
- UEs
- Breadths
- GEMS
- Modules towards your minor
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✗ Major modules
✗ UEs
✗ Modules towards your minor

*General Education modules to be done in NUS.
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 consecutive semesters  
BA (Hons): 8 consecutive semesters |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Leave of Absence (LOA) | Only Medical LOAs are not counted towards normal candidature any other LOAs  
are counted towards normal candidature (e.g. LOA for internship) |

**NUS School Fees after Normal Candidature**


**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

✖ Academic Calendar compatibility
  o Partner University may run on different academic calendar, do not assume it is the same as NUS. Check when (including exams) does the term ends.
  o Possible to continue with Sem 2 if you come back by week 2 if not, you will need to take a semester LOA which counts towards your candidature.

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

✖ Summer School/Overloading at NUS
Application Details

Timeline: 11 Sept – 25 Sept (2359hrs)

Period for Exchange: AY18/19 (Full Year, Sem 1 or 2) only

Application System: Student Information System

*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 students
  - Based on CAP
  - 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, provide reasons in personal statement along with reasons.
Application and Selection Process

Items needed in SIS

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 SIS

1. Personal Statement
   
   ✗ there should be some indication of your academic goals for choosing a particular partner university
   
   o 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 SIS 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?
   o There are close to a 1000 applications a round and they all have to be looked at.
   o Because the Departments and Faculty need time for their recommendations
   o Because the Faculty try to give alternatives when all 5 options are exhausted.
SEP and Scholarships

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

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

✗ Duration of SEP
  o Some scholarship only allows 1 semester of SEP
**Important Dates**

- **Interview weeks:** Week 13 – 14

- **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 before you leave, 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 SIS 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.
  o CCA commitments
  o 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 CORS to register module 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.
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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List of Faculty Partner Universities

Chinese Universities
× Fudan University
× Shanghai Jiaotong University

Asian Universities
× Khon Kaen University
× National Chiao Tung University
× National Chengchi University
× Ewha University
× Korea University
× Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

European Universities
× Sciences Po Bordeaux
× Georg-August University of Gottingen
× Leiden University College The Hague
× Leiden University Faculty of Humanities
× Maastricht University
Fudan University

Schools/Colleges involved with Fudan
× College of Foreign Languages and Literature
× School of Social Development and Public Policy.

Please note that you may be able to get courses from other Schools but again, this is not guaranteed.
Fudan University

College of Foreign Languages and Literature

- Fudan University is ranked 25th among the top 100 Asian Universities in THE Asia University Ranking 2014
- College of Foreign Languages and Literature - pioneer faculty in Fudan University
- Offers various language and literature courses:
  - Russian language and literature
  - Japanese language and literature
  - German language and literature
  - French language and literature
  - English language and literature and so forth
- Offers translation courses
- Open to all FASS majors
Fudan University

School of Social Development and Public Policy

- Department of Sociology
- Department of Social Work
- Department of Psychology
- Department of Social Management and Social Policy
- Institute of Population Research
- Open to all FASS majors
Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Schools/Colleges involved with SHJT

× School of Humanities
× School of International and Public Affairs
× School of Media and Design
× School of Foreign Languages.

Please note that the Antai School of Economics is not a partner. The chances of you getting Economics modules is low.
Shanghai Jiao Tong University

- Ranked 47th among the top 100 universities by THE Asia University Ranking 2014
- One of the oldest universities in China but with beautiful campuses and modern facilities
  - School of Foreign Languages
  - School of Humanities
  - School of International and Public Affairs
  - School of Media and Design
- Open to all FASS majors
Shanghai Jiao Tong University
School of Foreign Languages

- Boasts a contingent of high calibre teaching and research faculty working in English, Japanese, German departments and College English Divisions

- Comprises a number of educational, research and professional training units: Natural Language Processing Institute, the International Testing Centre, Language Laboratories Centre, Journal of Contemporary Foreign Languages Studies, Canadian Studies Centre, Centre for Translation Studies and Lexicography
Shanghai Jiao Tong University
School of Humanities

- Department of Chinese Language and Literature
- Department of History
- Department of Philosophy
- Department of History and Philosophy of Science
- Art Education Center
- National Cultural Quality Education Base for College Students
Shanghai Jiao Tong University
School of International and Public Affairs

✗ Founded in June 2003: One of the important strategies for social sciences development at Shanghai Jiao Tong University
✗ Involves Political Science and Public Administration as the First-class Discipline of China
✗ Teaching and research at the school include political theory, comparative politics, international relations, public administration, public policy, social welfare, public economics, etc
Founded in September 2002

Features its teaching as interaction of arts and science, interdependence of theory and practice, interconnection of technology, academic research and arts, internationalization, digitization and integration of Industry–University–Research

Orients itself toward setting up cluster of disciplines where journalism and communication, arts and management interact and complement each other
Sciences Po Bordeaux

× One of nine Institutes of Political Studies in France
× Suitable for Political Science majors
× Offers English courses in Political Science and International Relations both at undergraduate and graduate level
× Students with good French proficiency may attend courses taught in French
× Requires students to follow French language courses (beginners to advanced level)
Georg-August University of Gottingen

- Distinguished by the rich diversity of its subject spectrum particularly in the humanities
  - Faculty of Social Sciences – [List of courses taught in English](#)
  - Faculty of Economics Science – [List of courses taught in English 1](#) [List of courses taught in English 2](#)
  - Faculty of Humanities
  - Open to all FASS majors with some German proficiency
Leiden University College The Hague

International honours college of Leiden University situated in the world’s capital of peace and justice

Provides unique combination of world-class scholarly depth, drawn from the oldest university in the Netherlands, with a cutting-edge and globally conscious curriculum that capitalises on its location in the vibrant, international atmosphere of The Hague

Offers courses in Liberal Arts & Sciences that focus on issues of Peace, Justice and Sustainability

Open to all FASS majors
Located in the city of Leiden, is the oldest university in the Netherlands

Humanities Faculty - 49th place for Arts & Humanities (QS World University Ranking)

Especially in areas of Linguistics and History & Archaeology

The Times Higher Education World University Rankings consistently rank Leiden University as the best university in Continental Europe for Arts and Humanities
Khon Kaen University

- The first higher educational institution in the North-eastern Region of Thailand
  - Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
    - Open to all FASS majors
- Southeast Asian Studies majors must complete at least 2 levels of Thai language modules before embarking on the exchange
- For non-SEA majors: Documentation of Thai language proficiency before you will be offered an exchange
- Students can only go in Semester 1 of any given AY
Thanks!
Any questions?