

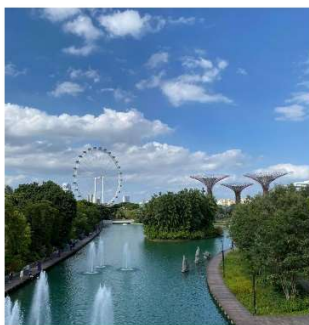
National University of Singapore Exchange Report

Spring Semester

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Major: GBUS & FINA

Monthly Activity Log- January

- Singapore schools usually start earlier than HKUST. NUS started on Jan 13th for spring semester this year. Orientation is on January 6th.
- Most exchange students I know struggled with course selections because quota for exchange students are limited. If you can't get into the class you want, you can appeal, but the process can be long and frustrating.
- Very happy to find friends that make my exchange experience so much better.
- Took advantage of not having too much work at the beginning of semester. Went to most of the attractions I wanted to go to during this month.
- Visited "Gardens by the Bay"
- Visited Newton Food court – where they filmed Crazy Rich Asian
- Visited China Town at Tanjong Pagar
- Visited the bubble tea museum
- Visited Tioman Island in Malaysia – saw a crocodile in our resort
- Visited Sentosa beach



Monthly Activity Log- February

- This is when COVID-19 started to spread to Singapore
- Singapore is hot. The only season in Singapore is summer
- Me and my friends are informed that our dorm will be used for quarantining potential COVID-19 patients
- A new room was assigned but there is no AC
- Starts to get busier with school work
- Celebrated birthday with friends
- Visited Changi Airport
- Went to the US and visited Michael and Kat at Emory University



Monthly Activity Log- March

- Mad struggled with Japanese class
- Friends going back to their home country
- Went back to Taiwan half-way through March

General Exchange Information

1) Visa Procedures:

- Not very complicated.
- Did not have to go to any embassy.

2) Orientation / Exchange Activities

- Only a few orientation events.
- Can be hard to meet people.

3) Accommodations

- All exchange students I know are offered accommodations.
- Remember to check email, the application information is embedded in one of the emails sent to you.
- There are two rounds of hall application.
- Recommend PGP and Utown

4) Courses Registration

- Much harder to get classes compared to UST
- Can appeal for classes that you did not get

5) Teaching & Assessment Methods

- Same as UST

6) Sports & Recreation Facilities

- Simple gym at PGP
- Bigger and newer gym at Utwon
- University gym is tiny

7) Finance & Banking (including currency / expenses)

- DBS allows you to open a bank account after the school issues you a Singapore identity card.
- Depends on lifestyle and how much you want to travel

8) Social Clubs & Networking Opportunities

- Not much

9) Health & Safety

- HKUST provided insurance will work

10) Food

- On Campus food court is great. Good and affordable food.
- Off campus recommendations: Hawker Stands, Tan Yu, Genki

11) Transportation

- In school bus (can get very crowded)
- Buildings are far apart from each other in NUS.

13) Climate: humid and hot most of the time

- Spring: 25 °C to 31°C

14) Communication: Get M1 plan 10G data with reasonable price

15) Vaccination: remember to fulfill requirements before going, results take some time

Items to bring & useful links and contacts

- MUST BRING: any relevant documents just in case
- LumiNUS: canvas for NUS
- Myedurec: SIS for NUS
- NUS mods: Ustspace for NUS
- NUS NextBUS: You will need this for checking internal school bus schedule