

Exchange report

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Monthly Activity Log:

January: Arriving at Singapore airport with my friends, we began to have a real taste of the hot and wet climate of this country. The entry policy for students is really convince. Since I still haven't got a hall offer during the second round of application, I rent a single room in the student hostel named YO:HA@Evans for one month to wait for the result of third-round application of on-campus housing. I checked in my hostel and settled down. In the first month, I got familiar with the surrounding environment of my living place, it is near the law school of NUS and Singapore botanic garden. I can also travel to the NUS main campus by the off-campus shuttle bus service between the law school and main campus. I travel around Singapore with my friends. We went to universal studio and city central, enjoying the local food and local culture there. I went back Shenzhen, China to spend the Spring Festival with my family.

February: I went back to Singapore. Since the COVID-19 was spreading severely in Wuhan during this time, I was informed by NUS to have a 14 days leave of absence (LOA) once I went back to Singapore, which means that I can only take online courses and avoid going to the classroom during the period. After LOA, I received a hall offer and moved to a single room with air-conditioner located in university town cinnamon college.

March-April: From the end of February, the COVID-19 widely spread in Singapore. Singapore government and NUS both take social distancing actions to prevent further spread of the disease. The only thing I can do is stay at the apartment and take online courses. And I flew back to Hong Kong in mid-April due to the severity of the disease.



General Exchange Information:

- Visa Procedures: please follow the instructions through emails. We shall fill in our information in e-form 16 in the SOLAR system <https://eservices.ica.gov.sg/solar/index.xhtml> And obtain a temporary IPA letter to enter Singapore. Upon arrival, we will change the IPA letter into a student pass card, there will be a detailed lecture about this procedure after we arrive NUS.
- Orientation Activities: There is an orientation meeting held for all exchange student from different major and different countries.
- International Services & Activities: All cancel due to the COVID-19
- Accommodations: We can apply on campus housing, but it is not guaranteed. We should be prepared for the situation of renting apartments or other hostels ourselves. But usually we can get an offer within the semester if we have patience to wait and send enough emails to request for it. Suggested off-campus hostels: YO:HA@Evans, Matchbox (NUS will provide websites if we fail to obtain a hall in the rounds of application.
- Courses Registration: through the email of the host University and there is a website named Modreg@NUS. All the add, drop and swapping of courses and tutorials are done on it. I chose 4 courses there: QF3101, FIN3701A, SN1101E, PL1101.
- Teaching & Assessment Methods : Teaching & Assessment Methods is very similar with that in UST.
- Sports & Recreation Facilities: The campus is large and has many gyms and sport facilities for us to use.
- Finance & Banking (including currency / expenses): Credit card is okay for almost everything. Prepare some basic amount of the cash.
- Social Clubs & Networking Opportunities: All cancel due to the COVID-19
- Health & Safety: Please refer to WHO due to the COVID-19 about health. Safety is guaranteed in Singapore and NUS.
- Food: There are many choices of food in NUS and are very tasty, the food delivery service in Singapore is also convenience, but a bit expensive.
- Transportation: Transportation is very convenience both on campus and off campus. There are many lines of on-campus free shuttlebus services.
- Climate: Very wet and hot, no need of winter clothes.
- Communication: Academic issues are discussed in English and in daily life food can be ordered in Chinese.
- Cautionary measures: N/A
- Other notes (if applicable): N/A

Items to Bring:

Clothes
Notebook
USB
Phone
Charger
Medicine

Useful Links and Contacts:

Contacts:

The most useful contact is the person in charge from the host university.

Housing:

<https://yoha.com.sg/zh/faq/hostel-amenities/>

<http://matchbox.sg/hostels/100up/zh/>