



Student Exchange Program

International Student Services

Exchange Final Report

Student Information

Faculty at UVic	<u>Social Science</u>
Major/Minor	<u>Economics</u>
Host University	<u>Nanyang Technological University</u>
Host Country	<u>Singapore</u>
Dates of Exchange	<u>Aug.7-Dec.5</u>

Overall Exchange Experience

Please Rate your Overall Exchange Experience

1	2	3	4	5
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What was the most rewarding part of your exchange experience? Please outline any highlights.

Met and get to know some friends from local and foreign. Able to share cultural and knowledge background.

What was the greatest challenge during your exchange?

Every student is very competitive to each other, lots of pressure if not follow up works assigned.

Travel

Cost of air travel \$450 CAD

Cost of ground transportation (ex. monthly bus pass) \$50 CAD monthly bus (depend on how often you travel)

Did host university representatives meet you at the airport? No

Is there easy transportation between the airport and university? Can take MRT at airport and buses to school but takes 2hrs (Grab (taxi app) recommended: approx. 35mins)

Orientation

Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival?

Yes

How easy was it to find the info you needed to know upon arrival?

The residential hall is far from the center of university, need to take the shuttle to get there. After arriving, need some time to find the place for the info needed.

What assistance did you receive from your host institution upon arrival?

Got a map from them, student pass and student id. Overall the map is useless, needed to walk around to familiar the geographic location.

Accommodation

Is on-campus accommodation available? Yes

If yes, did you live on campus? Yes

Would you recommend this to future students? Yes

If you lived off-campus, how did you find housing?

Approximately how much money would you budget per month for living, including accommodation and meals?

\$400CAD /month rental fee (realistic) I think 400 is reasonable for a month. My budget for these would be around \$800 per month.

Language Programs

Is there a language program available either before or during the semester?

Yes

Is there an additional cost for the language training?

No

Academics

Was it possible for you to get all the courses that you wanted?

Yes, on the last two days of Add/drop period.

Please describe the course registration process

Course registration in NTU is a very frustrating process (only first two weeks after starting school). For exchange student, there was no priority for us, at first I was only registered for one course and they cannot sign me up for additional because every courses I chose are full including my major (econ courses). They want me to register other courses instead, that includes the courses that are not popular or very high level of difficulty. Overall, that two weeks were painful.

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university

Some prof are professional ex. Very detailed teaching, slow and clear, but some are just reading of their notes three hours non-stop with 200 slides of powerpoint.

What do you feel is the greatest academic benefit you have gained personally from your exchange?

Understand and learned not only North America based but also Southeast Asia and Asia.

Personal and Cultural Connections

How easy was it to adjust to the local culture? What (if any) cultural differences did you find particularly challenging? What parts of the culture did you most appreciate?

It was not that hard for me to adjust to the local culture because I was born in Asia also, their lifestyle was not much of a different with myself personally.

What kinds of cultural, athletic and social activities were available for students at your host institution?

I am not sure about that. But for exchange students, I often received emails for activities like Mooncake festival gathering...etc.