



# Student Exchange Program

International Student Services

## Exchange Final Report

### Student Information

Faculty at UVic Social Sciences  
Major/Minor Political Science/ Gender Studies  
Host University National University of Singapore  
Host Country Singapore  
Dates of Exchange August-December 2019

### Overall Exchange Experience

Please Rate your Overall Exchange Experience

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What was the most rewarding part of your exchange experience? Please outline any highlights.

Getting to experience living in a new country and culture, and getting to meet like-minded people from all over the world. Also being able to travel to neighbouring countries.

What was the greatest challenge during your exchange?

Logistics when I first moved. Like figuring out what to do with my phone and banking, as well as navigating Singapore.

### Travel

Cost of air travel \$1,500 (two one-ways) excluding extra travelling

Cost of ground transportation (ex. monthly bus pass) No monthly transport pass but approximately \$50/month

Did host university representatives meet you at the airport? No

Is there easy transportation between the airport and university?

Yes - approx. 1.5 hours on public transport or 40min taxi

## Orientation

Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival?

Yes

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

Some basic information was given but there was a lot of trial and error/guessing when it came to school transportation, registration, etc.

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

Check in and welcome to accommodation, and on-call assistance from the Resident

## 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?

N/A

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

Housing on campus \$700/month, food (not on meal plan and no kitchen) \$500/month, entertainment \$100/month

## Language Programs

Is there a language program available either before or during the semester? Not sure

Is there an additional cost for the language training? Not sure

## Academics

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

Please describe the course registration process

It was a very long process. Exchangers were last, you selected 8 modules you wanted and waited for them to reply, then you had add/drop for 2 rounds, and then 2 rounds for tutorials/labs (month long process)

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university

Some lecturers had slides and others did not. Predominantly lecture, not a lot of discussion and decent use of alternative media.

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

Being able to learn about cultures while living in said culture.

## 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?

Little to no cultural difference. Slight differences in language, food culture, and mannerisms. Nothing too challenging but the best thing is food culture (hawkers)

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

Intramural sports, walking tours, dragon boat racing