

College of Science and Engineering

STUDENT EXCHANGE BLOG (OUTBOUND)

My Profile

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Introduction



You can experience another kind of school life that is totally different from CityU, NUS also arranged city tours that introduce you the culture and city life of Singapore!

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My Pre-departure Checklist

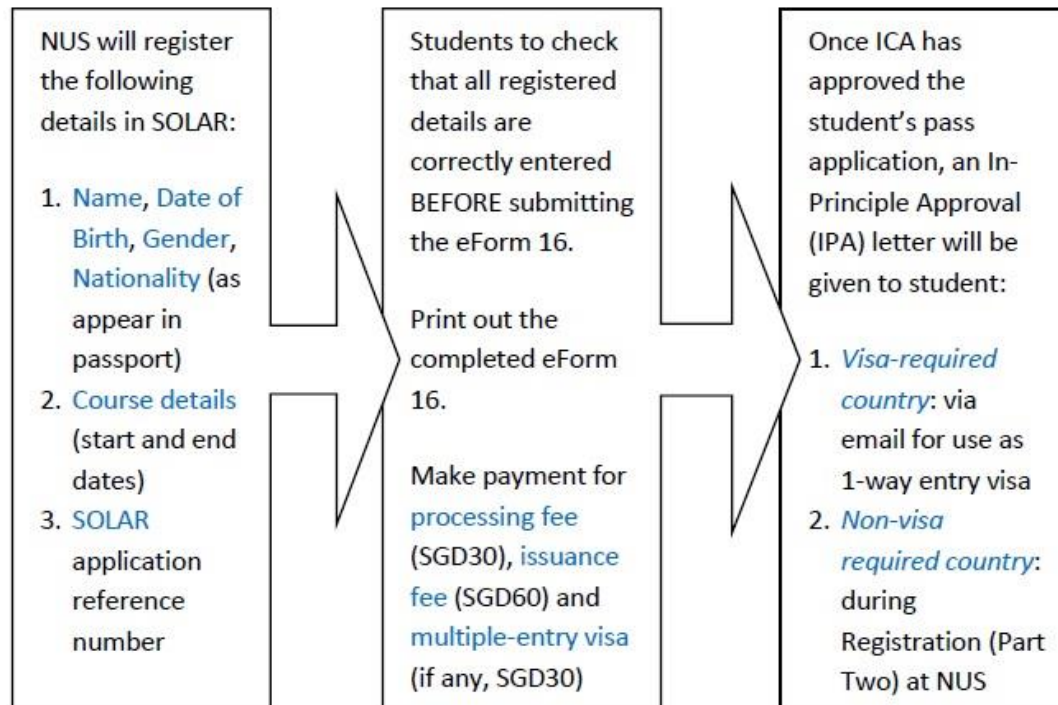
It is important to keep checking email and read through the procedures and details of the related document received from authorities!

Also before departure remember to make sure that you have taken all required documents for all applications and registrations!

My Pre-departure Checklist

- Application of **Student Visa** for Singapore
→ via Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA)
website

- Receive an email from NUS Registrar's Office to complete eForm 16 via [Student's Pass Online & Registration \(SOLAR\) system](#)



My Pre-departure Checklist

- ❑ On-Campus Accommodation
- ❑ Air-ticket
- ❑ As soon as you know the schedule of orientation week, buy air-ticket immediately to ensure you have a seat for your desired flight
- ❑ Sim Card
- ❑ Check and compare different sim cards and choose the best one

Just Arrived...

At first you might feel a bit worry as you came to a place that is not familiar by yourself. So it is important for you not to be shy, ask people when you need help.

For me, I also feel confused at first since NUS is totally different from CityU, but after asked people for help, they kindly explained the procedure of checking in the hostel to me and told me where is the convenience store and canteens.

Orientation

If your Schedule is available, try to attend the orientation offered by the university. They will provide you important information like procedures of school registrations, class registrations, etc.

When I attend the orientation, they even provide information like if you feel stressful or homesick, you can contact where for consultation, so it is good for you to join it!

My Place

Prince George's Park Residence



My Place

- My Room
- Electric lock for lifts and rooms → very safe



My First Class

Basically, teaching style of NUS is similar to CityU, but besides knowledge, professors always encourage students to think deep and try to apply what they have learnt to daily life

For example, in Biochemistry, Professor always give real life example after the teaching of knowledge like genetic modified food, chemical reaction of ATP on respiration, etc.

People I Met

Here in NUS, not only local students, but I also make lots of friends from different countries!

I first make friends through city tours organized by NUS



Out of Classroom

□ City Tour - Chinatown



Out of Classroom

□ City Tour - Chinatown



Out of Classroom

□ City Tour - City Hall



Out of Classroom

□ City Tour - Marine Bay



Out of Classroom

- International Language Exchange
- Teach Cantonese to other students!



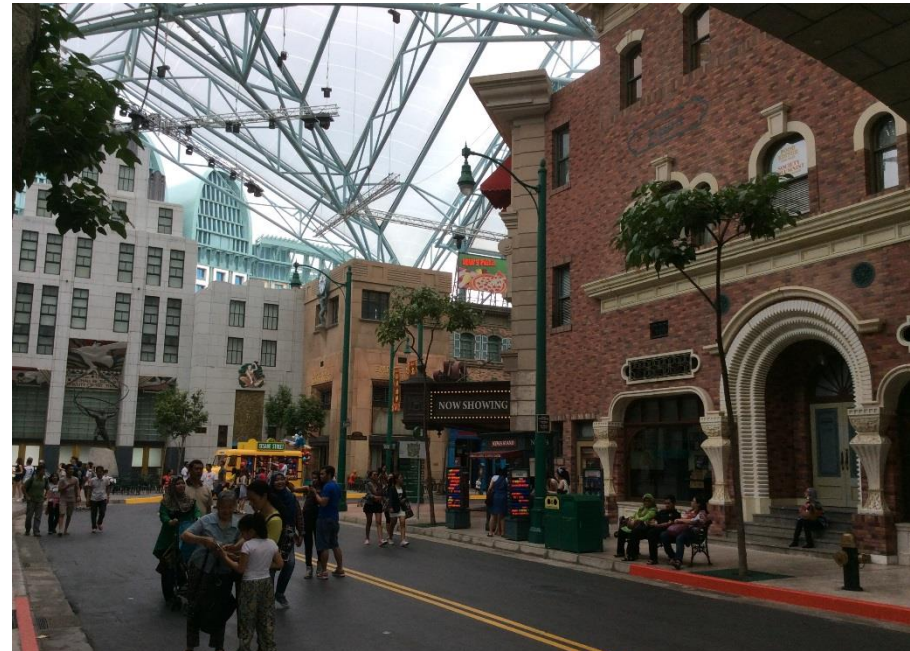
Out of Classroom

□ Universal Studio of Singapore



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Out of Classroom

□ Jurong Bird Park



Out of Classroom

□ Batam Island, Indonesia



Out of Classroom

□ Batam Island, Indonesia



Money

In order to avoid of lacking of money, we should plan well for the budget before depart.

But sometimes accidents will happen. So it is also important to let your family and friends know when you need help, don't try to hide it!

If you really need money at the moment, you can use ATM in Singapore to withdraw. But don't depends on it since it may request a large amount of administrative fee!

Goodbye

It's really a bit sad when I realized that I need to say farewell with my friends in NUS, but nowadays the convenience of social media helped me to contact them even we went back to our own countries!



Home Sweet Home

I again feel that my home is the best! Of course the exchange was very enjoyable, but after all, and again, my home is the best!

Sharing

Just remember prepare everything well before depart, then you can fully enjoy your whole exchange semester!

Ah, but remember don't spend all your time on entertainment! School work is also very important!

Overall Rating

My overall exchange experience is 5! It is very enjoyable and I gain lots of experiences!