



Hauser Global Law School Program

# National University of Singapore Republic of Singapore

## Exchange Program Information Package 2010-2011



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We are pleased you are interested in New York University School of Law's overseas exchange program with the National University of Singapore. This package gives a general description of the program as well as details about some of its more important aspects. The information in this pack was taken from a variety of sources made available by the National University of Singapore, such as their website – <http://www.nus.edu.sg>, handbooks, and other informational guides. Carefully review this information before deciding whether to apply.

Please plan to attend an information session. If you can't attend, or if you have additional questions about the program, please feel free to stop by the Hauser Global Law School Program Office (FH 340) to speak with Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Visitors and Exchange Programs.

## **Important Application Dates**

<b>January 21</b>	NYU Application deadline
<b>Mid-January to Mid-February</b>	Applicants screened
<b>Mid to late February</b>	Selections made
<b>March 12</b>	NUS application deadline

## **I. Program Description and Information**

### **A. About the Program**

Up to two NYU Law students may study at the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law per academic semester. The program is open to second- and third-year students only who have spent at least one full-year at NYU School of Law. First-year students cannot participate. All courses at the National University of Singapore are taught in English.

Students may elect to take courses from a wide range of upper-class electives, including courses on Maritime Law, Trade and Investment Law, Human Rights Law, Singapore, Chinese and International Law, and International Corporate and Commercial Law. It is recommended that students take elective subjects that will provide an Asian or Singapore perspective on legal issues. In recent years, students have been able to take advanced subjects in International and Comparative law, especially those with a Singapore or Regional perspective, in Intellectual Property and Technology law, and subjects offered as small-group seminars have been most popular.

The academic calendar at NUS starts in July and consists of two semesters: August to December and January to May. NYU students interested in studying at NUS in July should plan to adjust their summer work schedules accordingly. Students going in the fall semester would have to miss the Early Interview Week, or make arrangements with the administration and their professors at NUS to come back to participate.

### **B. The National University of Singapore's Global Focus**

As the gateway to Southeast and East Asia, NUS draws students from around the globe, and particularly Asia. Established in 1959, The Faculty of Law at NUS is the only law school in Singapore, with approximately 750 students. Located about 12 km from the city center, the University's main campus at Kent Ridge occupies approximately 150 hectares of one of the most scenic areas in Singapore.

Located in Singapore, which for almost 200 years has been a major international commercial centre and a cosmopolitan city, the NUS law school is very much Asia's Global Law School. Ever since its establishment in 1957, the teaching of law at NUS has been conducted against the backdrop of legal developments in other parts of the world. Today, virtually all faculty at the NUS law school incorporate global perspectives from civil law or other common law jurisdictions in their teaching. In addition, each year the law school plays host to around a dozen visiting faculty who add to the cosmopolitanism of the law school by bringing their own unique perspectives to legal education. All this reflects the strong belief of the law school that with the increasing demands placed on legal practice by globalization, it is essential for legal professionals to approach the study of law from a broader, multi-jurisdictional perspective. Reflecting the cosmopolitan, outward-looking nature of the law school, NUS undergraduate and graduate students come from many countries, representing all the continents. In the 2006/07 academic year, students come from over 25 countries, including Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Switzerland, the United States and Vietnam. In addition, the law school plays host each year to students from more than 40 student exchange partners all over the world. The diversity of students at NUS adds to a vibrant and stimulating intellectual environment.

### **C. Singapore – Island, City and State**

Singapore is made up of not just one island but a main island with 63 surrounding islets. The main island has a total land area of 682 square km. However, its compact size belies its economic growth. In just 150 years, Singapore has grown into a thriving centre of commerce and industry. Singapore is the busiest port in the world with over 600 shipping lines sending super tankers, container ships and passenger liners to share the busy waters with coastal fishing vessels and wooden lighters.

One of the world's major oil refining and distribution centres, Singapore is a major supplier of electronic components and a leader in shipbuilding and repairing. It has also become one of the most important financial centres of Asia, with more than 130 banks. Singapore is an incredibly clean city where nothing is allowed to dull the shine – even down to the banning of chewing gum. Its strategic location, excellent facilities, fascinating cultural contrasts and tourist attractions contribute to its success as a leading destination.

## D. Program Dates\*

Please note these dates are subject to change. The Complete University Academic Calendar can be found on the site: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/>

<b>Fall Orientation</b>	August 4 – 09, 2010
<b>Fall Semester Teaching</b>	August 11 – November 14, 2010
<b>Recess Week</b>	September 20 – 28 2010
<b>Reading Week</b>	November 16 – 21, 2010
<b>Fall Semester Exams</b>	November 23 – December 6, 2010
<b>Spring Semester Teaching</b>	January 13 – February 21, 2011
<b>Recess Week</b>	February 22 – March 1, 2011
<b>Reading Week</b>	April 18 – 24, 2011
<b>Spring Semester Exams</b>	April 25 – May 09, 2011

\* dates to be confirmed

The Law Faculty's calendar follows the university's academic calendar. More detailed information on the faculty's calendar is available at [http://law.nus.edu.sg/calendar\\_events/calendar\\_events.htm](http://law.nus.edu.sg/calendar_events/calendar_events.htm)

There is an add/drop period during the first two weeks of teaching and also a compulsory consultation session with the academic staff on the course selection. During this period, students are allowed to add and/or drop subjects that they have selected. This will be subject to availability and other relevant policies.

## E. Courses

### Course Requirements

NYU School of Law students will be expected to take a minimum of four courses at the National University of Singapore in order to earn 12 credits towards their NYU Law degree. Additionally, in order to ensure compliance with all ABA regulations, NYU School of Law requires that all courses be approved by our office before your schedule has been finalized.

### Academic Focus

The program focuses on international and comparative law topics related to Asia and the Pacific rim.

### Courses Offerings

NYU School of Law students will be able to select from the course offerings in either the LL.B. or the LL.M. curriculum. Students may also request permission from the conveyer of the course to enroll in the survey, "The Singapore Legal System." Among the many courses that are offered, a few that might be of interest for NYU School of Law students include:

--Chinese Contract Law	--Human Rights in Asia
--Chinese Public Law	--Introduction to Indian Business Law
--Globalization and International Law	--Commercial Law in Vietnam
--World Trade Law	--Introduction to Indonesian Law
--Maritime Law	--International Labour Law
--Law, Governance and Development in Asia	--Comparative Environmental Law
--Environmental Law in Singapore and Southeast Asia	--Chinese Intellectual Property Law

Courses generally meet in either one or two three-hour sessions during the week. A complete list of courses, timetables and descriptions for the 2007-2008 academic year can be found at <http://law.nus.edu.sg/current/course/electives.htm>.

Before you make your selection of courses, it is important to read the information found on <http://law.nus.edu.sg/current/LLB/ay0607/infollb.htm> and [http://law.nus.edu.sg/prospective/incoming\\_exchange\\_info.htm](http://law.nus.edu.sg/prospective/incoming_exchange_info.htm) for more details on the faculty's general policies. More information on the preclusions and restrictions of the courses will be reflected at the individual course descriptions.

## F. Exams and Grades

Exams at NUS take place at the end of the course and are written exams, typically three hours in length. Students may also write papers during the semester for each course, which are calculated into their final grades.

NUS uses a letter grading system: A, B, C, D and F. Grades are typically based on a combination of final exam, research papers, assignments, class participation and other factors, depending on the course requirements.

Your exams will be graded in the first instance by the NUS faculty in accordance with the NUS grading system. NUS grades its students in the International Program on a scale of A-F, similar to that in the U.S. However, because grading standards between NYU School of LAW and NUS may differ, a direct translation to NYU School of Law's letter grading system can be quite difficult. Therefore, participating NYU students will, upon successfully completing a course, receive a designation of "pass/fail" for the course on their transcripts. **All students must receive the equivalent of a letter grade C in order to receive credit for the class.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF ANY CREDIT OR GRADE FOR ANY COURSE TAKEN IN THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO DETERMINATION BY NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW.** We expect, however, that all credits earned at the National University of Singapore will count towards New York University School of Law credits.

## G. Program Cancellation Policies

We expect the program to go forward as planned and anticipate no obstacles to implementation. However, in the highly unlikely event that the entire program has to be canceled, students selected for the program will be informed immediately by telephone, email, or in person, and notices of cancellation will be posted on the Hauser Global Law School Program website. In addition, individual meetings will be arranged with any student who wishes one. If in the even more unlikely event that the Program is canceled after students have arrived in Singapore, Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Visitors and Exchange Programs, will contact all participating students by telephone, if possible, or by email. Should particular courses be canceled or rescheduled, students selected for the program will be informed by email, telephone, or in person to the extent that we are made aware of these changes.

## II. NUS Staff and Facilities

Until students are admitted to the Exchange Program by both NYU School of Law and the National University of Singapore, we ask that students not contact the administration at the National University of Singapore directly with inquiries about the exchange program. Until that point, NYU School of Law will be your point-of-contact for all questions you might have. However, upon admission to the program, the following contacts from NUS may prove useful:

### A. Program Staff

The International Program Director at the National University of Singapore is **Amirthalingam Kumaralingam**. Professor Amirthalingam joined the National University of Singapore in 2000. He holds a doctorate in law from the Australian National University, where he began teaching in 1994. Kumar's teaching commitments are mainly in criminal law and torts. His research has a strong comparative element and he has a special interest in the tort of negligence, especially medical negligence and economic loss. Kumar is actively involved in international education; he was the International Student Adviser at the ANU Law Faculty and is presently the Director, International Programmes at the NUS Law Faculty. Professor Kumaralingam's contact information is:

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Professor Kumaralingam is supported by the Senior Administrative Manager, **Ms. Tan Swee Hiang** and Management Support Officer, **Ms. Silah Karim**. **Ms. Swee Hiang and Ms Karim** are the primary contacts for visiting exchange students and handle all of the applications, orientation, and student affairs-related issues. Their contact information is:

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Ms Silah Karim  
Management Support Officer (Int'l Programmes)  
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### B. International Student Support at NUS

The Office of Student Affairs offers support to incoming international students at NUS. To access an extensive welcome brochure for non-graduating international students, visit: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/international/svcs/guides.html>

## C. Academic and Library Facilities

The C J Koh Law Library is one of the constituent libraries within the NUS Library system. The original NUS Law Library was established in September 1957, catering primarily to the Faculty of Law which was then at Bukit Timah Campus. In April 1980, the Library moved to Kent Ridge, occupying two floors of the new Faculty of Law building. It was renamed the C J Koh Law Library on 1 January 2001, in appreciation of Mr Koh Choon Joo's generous donations to refurbish the Library's facilities and expand its book collection. On 27 February 2002, the Honourable Chief Justice Yong Pung How presided over the official opening under its new name. Following the Government's announcement to reallocate Bukit Timah Campus to NUS on 28 May 2005, the Library and Faculty of Law made their historic return to their first home in August 2006.

The C J Koh Law Library collection development policy emphasizes the acquisition of the complete primary resources of Singapore and Malaysia. The legal resources of the United Kingdom, United States of America, India, Canada, Australia and New Zealand are also extensively acquired. Over the years, the library has developed collections on public international law, international business transactions as well as the laws of the European Community, the ASEAN nations and the People's Republic of China. As at 1 July 2006, the unique title collection of the library numbered 51,245 books, 3,874 periodicals and 59 e-resources. The Law Library's major online databases include Lexis.Com and HeinOnline.

## III. Preparing for Your Trip

### A. Anticipated Tuition, Fees and Living Costs

#### Tuition

Because this is a revenue-neutral exchange program, participating NYU Law students will pay New York University the normal tuition for a 12 credit-hour semester at NYU Law.

#### Cost of Living

Singapore ranks just ahead of New York City in terms of the cost of living. S\$1 is approximately 65 cents.

NUS has informed us that students can expect to pay the following per month:

On-Campus Accommodation	S\$150 to S\$473
Off-Campus Private Accommodation	S\$300 to S\$500
Meals On Campus	S\$200 to S\$300
Books, stationary supplies (depends on course of study)	S\$80 to S\$100
Travel Expenses on Public Buses / Trains	S\$100 to S\$150
Toiletries, clothing, groceries, entertainment, etc	S\$80 to S\$120

Students should therefore budget about S\$1250 per month for on-campus dorms and living expenses. If you plan to travel around Singapore and further a-field, you should budget more for additional expenses.

### B. Student Housing and Living Arrangements

Exchange students are welcome to apply for on-campus housing at NUS. Due to the number of requests they receive, however, NYU Law students are not guaranteed to be granted a place in on-campus housing.

NYU Law students can apply for on-campus accommodation in either one of the six Halls of Residence or Prince George's Park Residences by submitting an application form to Residential Services, at the Office of Student Affairs, preferably two months before their arrival. The application form can be downloaded from Student Residential Services' website and should be submitted together with your NUS application. Rooms are granted based on availability. Living in one of the six Halls of Residence will be similar to living in an undergraduate dorm. Students will be required to participate in social activities including sporting events and community service. Students living in the Halls of Residence are also required to have a meal plan.

Living in the Prince George's Park Residences will afford students more of an independent lifestyle. Single and double rooms are in a cluster and there are shared kitchens and bathrooms. Taking part in social activities within the Residence is not compulsory and meal plans are not available for those students.

On-campus student housing will cost approximately \$165/month. Both the Halls of Residence and the Prince George's Park Residences are located in walking distance to the campus facilities.

For more information on on-campus accommodation options, visit <http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/housing/acc/ngd.html>. If you have further inquiries on accommodation matters, you may wish to email Residential Services at: [stu\\_accom@nus.edu.sg](mailto:stu_accom@nus.edu.sg).

## C. Visa Information

U.S. citizens do not require a visa to study in Singapore, but must obtain a Student's Pass before arrival in Singapore. The International Students Office will apply for a Student's Pass on student's behalf, once a student's application has been approved. Once the Student's Pass application has been approved, the student will receive an In-Principle Approval [IPA] letter, which will be given to you during the registration exercise at NUS.

## D. Health Insurance

Students must prove that they have health insurance which covers you in Singapore. You can purchase health insurance from the National University of Singapore or ask whether your current policy covers you during your stay in Singapore. The fee for the NUS Group Medical Insurance Scheme for one semester is S\$59.40. For coverage on a monthly basis, the fee is S\$9.55 x number of months plus S\$4.30.

If you are insured through NYU's Student Health Insurance, you are covered for emergencies when traveling more than 100 miles from your campus address through Assist America. Do carry your Assist America card with you when traveling. In case you do get into an emergency, you are to contact Assist America to arrange all medical services. You will not be reimbursed for any services that are not arranged through Assist America. Reimbursement is the same as the NYU-sponsored Basic plan of 20%/80% co-insurance. For more information, visit [http://www.chickering.com/stu\\_conn/travel\\_assistance.aspx](http://www.chickering.com/stu_conn/travel_assistance.aspx).

It is possible to waive your NYU Student Health Insurance. In order to do this, you must have an insurance policy that is comparable to NYU's Basic plan. For more information, visit [http://www.nyu.edu/shc/about/waiving\\_plans.htm](http://www.nyu.edu/shc/about/waiving_plans.htm) or contact NYU Student Health Insurance Services at 212-443-1020. **Your waiver will not be processed until Student Health Insurance Services confirms that your insurance plan meets the University's criteria.** To avoid being obligated to pay for two health insurance plans, please do not purchase another health insurance plan before it is approved by Student Health Insurance Services.

## E. Provisions for Students with Disabilities

The National University of Singapore Law School facilities are accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you are interested in the program and will need some special assistance due to a disability, please speak with Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Visitors and Exchange Programs, who will contact NUS to obtain information about the availability of needed services.

## F. Resources for Living, Studying, and Traveling in Singapore

Below are websites you can get more information about living and traveling in Singapore.

<http://www.filmo.com/sgwklife.htm>

<http://www.singaporeedu.gov.sg/htm/liv/liv01.htm>

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/international/>

<http://www.visitsingapore.com/publish/stbportal/en/index.html>

### Student Travel Agencies

When buying your flight, you should consider using a student travel agent. Not only might you get a better price, you may also get a more flexible ticket that allows cancellation or date changes. The fees for these are often less than other agents or the airline itself.

*STA Travel.* There are branches around the city and all over the world. Also online at [www.statravel.com](http://www.statravel.com)

*Travel CUTS.* There is an office on MacDougal Street. Also online at [www.travelcuts.com](http://www.travelcuts.com).

[www.studentuniverse.com](http://www.studentuniverse.com). Online only. You do not need an ISIC card to purchase products from this site. You must have an active university email address.

### Getting Around, Beyond Singapore

By Train (to Malaysia)

<http://www.ktmb.com.my>

Budget Airlines

<http://www.jetstar.com/sg/index.html>

<http://www.jetstar.com/valuair/home.html>

[http://www.silkair.com/mbe/en\\_UK/index.jsp](http://www.silkair.com/mbe/en_UK/index.jsp)

<http://www.tigerairways.com/home/index.php>

### Student Discounts

*International Student Identity Card.* This is the only internationally recognized student identity card. It is available at student travel agencies. An ISIC card costs \$22 and is valid for a calendar year. ISIC cards purchased in September are valid through the following calendar year. With an ISIC card, you can get discounts on flights, tour packages, entry to attractions, and more. Visit [www.isic.org](http://www.isic.org) to

find out what discounts are available in the country you are going to.

#### **IV. Semester Follow-Up**

Please note that all NYU School of Law students selected to participate in a study abroad program will be requested to submit to the Hauser Global Law School Program upon completion of their studies abroad:

- 1) A one or two-page report evaluating their experiences in the program
- 2) A Student Questionnaire Form at the end of their studies to be used to provide a resource for future students interested in the program with NUS.

#### **V. How to Apply**

If you decide to apply to the Exchange Program at the National University of Singapore, you must complete a written NYU application available from the Hauser Global Law School Program website:

<http://www.law.nyu.edu/global/intlprograms/studyabroadprograms/applicationprocedures/index.htm>

In screening applicants, we will look for such things as a strong academic record, serious interest in international and comparative law, and experience with different cultures and overseas travel. The timetable for the application process is as follows:

<b>January 21</b>	NYU Application deadline
<b>Mid-January to Mid-February</b>	Applicants screened
<b>Mid-late February</b>	Selections made and applicants notified
<b>March 12</b>	NUS application deadline

If you are nominated by NYU to participate in the exchange program with the National University of Singapore, you will be given their application to complete and submit to the Hauser Office by **March 12, 2010**. We will then forward your application to NUS where it will be considered for admission. Should you be accepted by NUS, you will receive an acceptance letter and instructions for obtaining your visa.

#### **VI. Additional Information**

One of the resources we offer to our students to provide further information on our exchange programs is a collection of questionnaires that have been completed by our past students about their experiences while studying at each of our partner institutions. If you are interested in looking at these questionnaires, please feel free to stop by our office (Furman Hall, Suite 340) between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM.

Additionally, we maintain a list of past students at each program who have indicated their willingness to speak with interested students about their experiences while abroad. Should you be interested in receiving a copy of this document, please either stop by our office or send us an email at: [lawglobal@exchange.law.nyu.edu](mailto:lawglobal@exchange.law.nyu.edu) .