Yale-NUS College

Semester Study Abroad Info Session
For Semester 1 of AY 2020-21
1. Study Abroad Goals
2. Partner and Non-Partner Institutions/Programs
3. Number of Spots
4. Factors for Consideration
5. Application Form
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Why Study Abroad?

**Academic Goals**
- Broaden or deepen knowledge in academic areas of interest
  - Gain a new perspective, study in a different language, see ideas in action in a new context
- Keep in mind non-coursework engagements such as the CIPE leadership certificate
  - Look for host institutions and destinations that can help you to develop your interests both in and outside the classroom

**Personal Goals**
- Push yourself outside your comfort zone and try new things
  - Try winter sports, gain confidence in a new language, learn to cook for yourself, etc.
- Gain perspective on your priorities and goals back at Yale-NUS
  - Take a step back from regular academic and extracurricular commitments, reevaluate

**Professional Goals**
- Build hard and soft skills that will help you in your post-graduation life
  - Take courses in particular hard skills, improve intercultural communication and problem-solving skills
- Consider destinations where you can do an internship or build your professional/academic network
  - Be aware of visa regulations related to work and internships
Students at Pitt in the Himalayas climbing a glacier
2. Partner and Non-Partner Institutions/Programs
Semester Study Abroad

Partner Institutions/Programs
  ▪ Have a special exchange agreement with Yale-NUS. Many have hosted Yale-NUS students before and are sending exchange students to Yale-NUS.

*Non-partner Institutions/Programs
  ▪ Approved Institutions/Programs
    ▪ Have been vetted by Yale-NUS College, i.e. credit transfer has been approved and you will not need to submit a petition for them with your Semester Study Abroad application.
    ▪ Approved Programmes: http://cipe.yale-nus.edu.sg/international-programs/semester-study-abroad/approved-external-programs/
  ▪ Petition Institutions/Programs
    ▪ Alternative, external, and not previously-approved programs. Students must submit a petition for review by a committee of faculty and CIPE administrators.
    ▪ Submit a petition here: https://cipe.yale-nus.edu.sg/study-abroad/semester-study-abroad/petition-programme/

*For special cases, where students have specific academic interests which may not necessarily be covered by our existing partner institutions.
Partner Institutions/Programs

- Partner institutions and programs are selected based on academic rigor, unique opportunities, location, health & safety
- They know Yale-NUS well and are invested in building a relationship with us
- Incoming exchange students bring new ideas and perspectives for a vibrant Yale-NUS campus
- The exchange model brings a greater diversity of study abroad experiences accessible to all students and long-term sustainability
- CIPE nominates students to partner institutions/programs and provides support during the application process
- Over 150 partner spots available for Academic Year 20/21
- Most students will find multiple options that work well for their majors
Non-Partner Institutions/Programs

- For students with specific academic interests that are not necessarily covered through our partner institutions/programs

- Non-partner options include both direct enrollment at a university and third-party providers such as CIEE and SIT

- You are in the driver’s seat to manage the application and take note of deadlines: might be BEFORE Yale-NUS internal deadlines.

Non-partner Institutions

- Approved Institutions/Programs
  - Students have successfully petitioned in the past so you do not need to petition
  - You have to explain in your application why the program is a better fit for you than our partner institutions

- Petition Institutions/Programs
  - You should consult with Head of Studies/Major Adviser (They need to know what your plans are)
  - You must meet with Lindsay by 5 Feb (Wed) to discuss program’s safety, reputation etc.
Access the Semester 1 Study Abroad Infographic [here](#) for an overview of Semester Study Abroad processes.
Students celebrating Chinese New Year in New York
3. Number of spots
**Partner Institutions**

**PARTNERS: ASIA**

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4. Factors for Consideration
Type of experience

- Classroom-based or experiential? Seminars or lectures?
- What type of academic culture - American, European, East Asian, other?
- Interactions with faculty members or independent learning

Vassar College

Pitt in the Himalayas
Type of environment

- Residential college or off campus housing
- Close-knit community or large student body

University College Utrecht

University of Virginia
Other Factors

- Individual academic fit (research for your discipline), Language, Weather

National Taiwan University

Uppsala University
# Scenarios

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<th>Going in Year 3 after declaring a major/choosing courses to fulfill major requirements</th>
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<td>▪ Broaden your exposure to different disciplines</td>
<td>▪ Able to take higher level courses that need prerequisites</td>
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<td>▪ Limited to lower level courses that do not need prerequisites</td>
<td>▪ May have to choose institutions or courses based on specific major requirements</td>
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<td>▪ Plan course pathway carefully to ensure that you will fulfill all major requirements subsequently and graduate on time</td>
<td>▪ Check that you will not miss any Yale-NUS course that you want/need to take which is only available in a particular semester</td>
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*Year 4 only possible in very specific situations. Talk to CIPE and your major advisor EARLY!*
Note on course planning

Before application
- Research course options and identify institutions/programs with courses relevant for you

Upon selection
- List proposed courses on CIPE’s mandatory pre-study abroad course planning form, obtain approval from advisors, keep a copy for your reference

Upon enrolment
- If you take courses different from what you proposed, email your advisors for their approval of the new courses and keep the email correspondence for your security
- Keep course syllabi and significant assignments for your Heads of Studies

Upon return
- List all completed courses on CIPE’s mandatory online credit transfer form.

Familiarise yourself with more details on CIPE website
A Note on U.S. Student Visas

- Find out which student visa a U.S. institution offers: J-1 or F-1 (or both)

- J-1 visa: can sometimes be extended for summer internships
  - Yale University: offers the J-1 extension for summer internships
  - Other U.S. institutions with J-1 visa: ask about extension for summer internships (is at the discretion of the university)

- F-1 visa: **NOT** possible to extend visa for summer internships

- See our Semester Study Abroad FAQs online for more details on U.S. visas
5. Application Form
Application Form

- Available on [website today, click Apply Now](#)

- Read instructions carefully and start early - you can submit one section at a time

- List up to 10 choices, of which up to 2 may be non-partner institutions
  - A note on “strategy” and being flexible
  - Listing more options helps your odds of going abroad, but only if you want to go the institutions you list
  - Advising sessions are optional for most students, please consult only one International Programs advisor
    - Not required unless you are petitioning for a new program or applying for 2 semesters abroad
    - Come to our new study abroad drop-in advising hours!

- Timeline
  - Application deadline: **Sunday 9 February at 5pm Singapore time**
  - Notification of nomination/approval: by **1 month after application deadline, varies by institution, students will get one offer**
  - Confirmation of attendance: **within a week of notification of nomination**
  - Pre-departure orientation ([Mandatory](#)): **Reading week in April, details to be confirmed**
  - Possible additional pre-departure session for students going to Yale
Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Applications for spots on Partner Programmes and Non-Partner Programmes will be reviewed with several criteria in mind. These include:

- Rationale for why the chosen programme fits into the student’s academic, professional, or personal development
- Leadership or involvement in extracurricular activities, including student organisations, athletics, community engagement, research, internships, or other activities
- Letter of recommendation from faculty recommender
- Ability to serve as a good ambassador for Yale-NUS College; adaptability, flexibility
- Intent to bring learning back to Yale-NUS College and share with the community
- Good disciplinary standing
- Academic transcript
- CAP, to meet minimum requirements from partners
Letter of Recommendation - A Few Tips

▪ We will read only one (1) letter of recommendation
▪ Recommendations should be requested electronically. Click on “Request Electronic Recommendation” in CIPE application platform and fill in your recommender’s name and email address.
▪ Recommenders can be a Yale-NUS professor (current or former), a professor from another institution, or anyone else who knows you well
▪ A good letter of recommendation tells the committee more than what they can see on your resume and transcript (personal attributes, academic strengths, how study abroad fits into your future goals, etc)
▪ Please ask your recommender early! (That means this week)
▪ A great resource on requesting recommendations can be found here: How to Request a Letter of Recommendation
6. FAQs & More Information
FAQs: General

- **How competitive is it to spend a semester abroad?**
  - Depends on how many of you apply for any given partner or category of non-partner program
  - Very good chance as long as it makes academic sense, and if the student is in good academic and disciplinary standing
  - It is important to be flexible to maximize your chances of spending a semester abroad

- **Is there a minimum CAP required to apply? What is a “good CAP”?**
  - No overall minimum, though some partners do have one. We will more thoroughly review applications with a CAP of 3.5 or lower.
  - We are looking for fit, and the selection committee reviews many factors beyond your CAP.

- **If I get accepted to study abroad, can I hold my spot and defer to a later semester?**
  - No. Each application cycle starts with a clean slate.

- **Can I study abroad for 2 semesters?**
  - CIPE funding is only available for one semester of study abroad per student
  - Summer + semester as an alternative
  - Students considering this must meet with a CIPE Int’l Programs advisor before the application deadline. Supplemental application materials are required.

- **Can I study abroad through the NUS GRO SEP (Student Exchange Program) options?**
  - Not possible, as SEP operates on a strict exchange basis with specific faculties within NUS; Yale-NUS is not part of those agreements that have already been established
FAQs: Academics

- **How many MCs will I earn from my study abroad?**
  - 20 MCs for a full load of courses on a semester program or a two-trimester program.
  - 14 MCs for a full load on a trimester program.

- **Can credits earned / courses taken abroad count toward my major?**
  - Yes, up to a total of 20 MCs (out of 40 MCs), i.e. 4 x Yale-NUS courses.
  - I.e., at least 20 MCs have to be *Yale-NUS* courses
  - Will not count toward your CAP, whether for major or overall
  - Study abroad courses can be applied to majors retroactively, per Head of Studies approval (especially for sophomores who may not yet have selected majors)

- **How do courses taken abroad count toward my major and graduation requirements?**
  - Through the Study Abroad Course Planning Form and the Study Abroad Credit Transfer Form, to be filled in with and signed by your Head of Studies and your CIPE Int’l Programs advisor.

- **I really need to take a specific course when I study abroad. Can this be guaranteed?**
  - CIPE cannot make any guarantees on specific course availability at your host institution. We strongly recommend that students be flexible when studying abroad, and ensure that they understand their major requirements and plan accordingly.
FAQs: Finances

Who and how much do I pay during semester study abroad?
- For AY20/21 study abroad, you will pay regular Yale-NUS tuition to Yale-NUS, regardless of your chosen study abroad program/institution. Yale-NUS will pay your tuition and all mandatory fees to your host institution.
- You will not be charged for room and board at Yale-NUS.
- You will be responsible for paying room and board at your host institution, airfare, visa expenses, and personal expenses.

How does study abroad affect my financial aid?
- No change to the amount of need-based aid you will receive from the College
- In some cases, this may mean you receive a refund from the College, since you will not be billed for room & board expenses
- Check with Financial Aid or Student Services for details on your specific aid package
- Check with your sponsor for outside scholarships

Can I request more financial aid to cover additional expenses, e.g. air travel, higher room & board costs, etc?
- CIPE has a small pool of funds set aside for students with significant financial need, and we are committed to ensuring, as far as is reasonably possible, that financial need does not prevent qualified students from participating.
- Requests for financial assistance will be reviewed once study abroad nominations and decisions have gone out.

Should I take finances into account when choosing where to study abroad?
- While financial assistance is available and is intended to ensure that study abroad experiences are available to all students, students should also consider cost of living, airfare costs, etc. in their program choices. Students receiving financial assistance are expected to contribute to their study abroad expenses, which in some cases may include taking out loans.

How do trimester-based programs work?
- For non-partner programs, CIPE will fund one trimester. For students wishing to go for two trimesters, CIPE will fund the first one. For partner programs, see CIPE website as terms for individual institutions vary.
### International Programs Team

- Check the FAQs: [https://cipe.yale-nus.edu.sg/study-abroad/semester-study-abroad/semester-study-abroad-faq/](https://cipe.yale-nus.edu.sg/study-abroad/semester-study-abroad/semester-study-abroad-faq/)

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- Students are encouraged to reach out to the advisor above whose region most closely matches their interests. There is no need to consult multiple International Programs advisors as we can all advise on all programs.
SEMESTER STUDY ABROAD

DROP-IN ADVISING

THE WHEN AND WHERE

22 JAN (WED) 3-5PM  CLASSROOM 15
23 JAN (THU) 3-5PM  CLASSROOM 15
28 JAN (TUE) 3-5PM  CLASSROOM 16
31 JAN (FRI) 10AM-12 NN  CLASSROOM 16
03 FEB (MON) 10AM-12 NN  CLASSROOM 16
04 FEB (TUE) 4-6PM  CLASSROOM 16
06 FEB (THU) 2-4PM  CLASSROOM 16

Drop in for advising sessions with the CIPE International Programmes Team. No appointment required.

Semester Study Abroad Webpage
7. Q&A