Yale NUS College

Semester Study Abroad Info Session
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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.
  - [http://cipe.yale-nus.edu.sg/international-programs/semester-study-abroad/approved-external-programs/](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.
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
- Well over 100 spots available for Academic Year 17/18
- 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, Beth, or Fang Wei by 6 Sep (Wed) to discuss program’s safety, reputation etc
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
3. Number of spots
## Partner Institutions

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Spots available are roughly allocated 50/50 between Semesters 1 and 2 unless the institution is specifically listed as Semester 1 or 2 only. These numbers are dependent on application quality and host institution availability.
4. Factors for Consideration
Type of environment

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

University College Utrecht

Sorbonne University
Type of experience

- Western culture or Eastern culture
- Interactions with faculty members or independent learning

Amherst College

Yonsei University Underwood International College
Other Factors

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

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (UC)  
Australian National University
Scenarios

Going in Year 2 before declaring a major/choosing courses unrelated to major

Pro
▪ Broaden your exposure to different disciplines

Con
▪ Limited to lower level courses that do not need pre-requisites

Tip
▪ Plan course pathway carefully to ensure that you will fulfill all major requirements subsequently and graduate on time

Going in Year 3 after declaring a major/choosing courses to fulfill major requirements

Pro
▪ Able to take higher level courses that need pre-requisites

Con
▪ May have to choose institutions or courses based on specific major requirements

Tip
▪ Check that you will not miss any Yale-NUS course that you want/need to take which is only available in a particular semester
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

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

Familiarise yourself with more details on CIPE website
5. Application Form
Application Form

- Available on website today, click Apply Now
- Read instructions carefully
- List up to 10 choices, of which up to 2 may be non-partner institutions
  - A note on “strategy” and being flexible
  - Importance of an advising session
- Timeline
  - Application deadline: September 10 at 5pm
  - 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): November 15, 12-1pm, 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:

- Academic performance as measured by CAP and transcript
- Letter of recommendation from faculty recommender
- Leadership or involvement in extra-curricular activities, including student organisations, athletics, community engagement, research, internships, or other activities
- Rationale for why the chosen programme fits into the student’s academic, professional, or personal development
- 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
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

- **Will the spots at partner and non-partner programs be balanced between the two semesters?**
  - A few partners are Semester 1 or 2 only
  - For other partners and for non-partner programs, we will ensure a rough balance between Sem 1 & 2

- **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.
  - There is no penalty for applying in a given semester and then deciding within the decision period not to go.

- **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 5 Feb application deadline. Supplemental application materials are required.

- **Can I study abroad through the NUS IRO SEP (Student Exchange Program) options?**
  - Not possible
  - Rationale: 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 / Academic Advisor and your CIPE Int’l Programs advisor.

- **How do I discern when I ought to study abroad?**
  - Year 2 Sem 2 vs Year 3?
  - Year 4 only possible in very specific situations. Talk to CIPE and your major advisor EARLY!
  - Familiarize yourself with compulsory courses for a major & sequencing of those courses
  - Consider your interest in concurrent degree programs
  - Discuss with your Head of Studies / Major Advisor!
FAQs: Finances

- **Who and how much do I pay during semester study abroad?**
  - For AY17/18 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, as well as airfare, visa expenses, and any other personal expenses.

- **How does study abroad affect my financial aid?**
  - No change at all to tuition scholarships from the College
  - Scholarships from the College that offset room and board costs may not travel with you (ie you may not get the cash value toward your room and board abroad)
  - 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.

- **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 [http://cipe.yale-nus.edu.sg/international-programs/semester-study-abroad/semester-study-abroad-faqs/](http://cipe.yale-nus.edu.sg/international-programs/semester-study-abroad/semester-study-abroad-faqs/)

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