

Colgate University Fall 2018 National University of Singapore Exchange



NUS Exchange Tentative
Program Dates: Late July
to Early December, 2018.

Fall 2018 NUS
Exchange program
information session
will be held on
**Wednesday, October
18 at 4:15 p.m. in
Olin 301.**

All students interested in
applying should plan on
attending this session.



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Learn more about the
NUS exchange
program at the Study
Group Fair:
**Wednesday, 4
October 2017, 4:30–
5:30, Cunniff
Commons, Ho
Science Center.**

Director: Damhnait McHugh, Department of Biology



The National University Singapore Study Group is a recently created study abroad opportunity in Singapore. National University Singapore (NUS) is located in the tropical city-state of Singapore, and is known as one of the top universities in Asia. This program offers students in the natural sciences an opportunity to become involved in research and take courses toward their major while becoming immersed in the rich culture and history of Southeast Asia. Students will be able to take

two or three upper-level electives in their discipline and will have the opportunity to engage in a research project with the world-renowned faculty of NUS. Students will also take one course in Singapore Studies to better understand the cultural heritage of the region. All classes are in English so students do not need language skills prior to participation, though opportunities to learn or expand language skills in Chinese, Malay, Tamil, or other Southeast Asian languages will be offered. In addition, students will take a half-credit extended study course with the program director prior to the start of the semester, to orient them to the region and to serve as a focusing point for the group.

Goals:

- [1] To engage in research at one of the best universities for natural science research in Asia.
- [2] To take courses within a field of study that provide new opportunities and outlooks.
- [3] To introduce students to Singaporean culture and history.
- [4] To meet students from around the world and broaden social and cultural perspectives.
- [5] To consider the ways in which science and research cross cultural and national boundaries.

The program provides the equivalent of a full semester's work on campus and students on the program will meet the Global Engagements requirement. Professor Damhnait McHugh will recruit and select up to eight Colgate students to participate in the program. The program will begin with an approximately two-week extended study led by Prof. McHugh, exploring Southeast Asia as a diverse and dynamic region. After the beginning of the term, students will be engaged in coursework and research at NUS, and they will stay in touch with Prof. McHugh via regular Skype sessions. At NUS, students will be directly involved with the Faculty of Science or School of Computing. Students will be able to select courses in their discipline from the diverse offerings at NUS, and students interested in research opportunities will be placed in research groups according to their interest. Students will also be included in various activities with the NUS student body and international students at NUS.

Colgate students will connect with NUS exchange students who will attend Colgate for the Spring '19 semester, and these exchange students will serve as cultural ambassadors at NUS.

Description of the Courses in the Program:

Two of the four courses will be for credit in the student's major field of study. Students interested in conducting research will receive course credit for this research, and this will count towards departmental research requirements for the major. Students who choose not to conduct research will take a third course toward their major. The fourth class will be a Singapore Studies course that will count only toward Colgate credit. Students will receive a total of four Colgate credits for their term in Singapore. All courses will be taught by National University Singapore professors and will be offered in English. In addition, the pre-term extended study led by Prof. McHugh will provide a half-credit and will qualify for Global Engagements credit.

Students who wish to conduct research as part of this study group will enroll in the NUS Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme in Science (UROPS), and will be placed in a research lab or group appropriate to the student's field and background. Most students will take this for one credit; students interested in obtaining a more intensive research experience may be able to enroll in two research credits and one departmental credit.

All four courses and their grades will be reported on the student's Colgate transcript. However, the grades will not factor into the Colgate GPA. The four courses taken at NUS will count toward the six course limit for transfer credit.

Prerequisites:

The NUS Study Group is designed for natural science and mathematics majors. Current sophomores and juniors are encouraged to apply for admission. As part of the application process, all applicants will be interviewed by the director. All participants must have completed the requisite introductory sequences for their major prior to participating, and ideally will have some intermediate or advanced elective experience to prepare for the research component. Up to eight Colgate students will be admitted to the program this year. This program requires no foreign language skills.

Living Arrangements

Students will reside in student residence halls at National University Singapore. Breakfast and Dinner will be provided in the student residences; students will be responsible for lunch but there are many inexpensive dining options on campus. The residence halls are located on campus, and are conveniently located by cafeterias, grocery stores, athletic facilities, banks, etc. Downtown Singapore is easily reached on the subway that has several stops near the NUS campus.

Costs in Singapore:

Costs will not exceed what students pay at Colgate. Students will be billed Colgate tuition and housing (if they live on-campus at NUS). Students will be responsible for their airfare, student visa, and food. Living expenses are generally low in Singapore, so students can expect to spend less than what they spend at Colgate for the semester (not including any personal travel, etc. while abroad). For details of student expenses on this exchange program, please see the student cost estimate sheet on the Off-Campus Study website.

Calendar and Deadlines:

The fall semester at NUS begins in early August and goes until early December; the pre-term extended study will begin in late July. Colgate students will need to remain on-campus in Singapore until their exams are finished, returning to Colgate in time for the spring semester. The deadline for applications to the NUS Study Group is **Wednesday, November 15, 2017**. All application forms are on the Colgate University Off-Campus Study/International Programs study groups' websites and are to be submitted online. Only finalists in the selection process will be interviewed. Interviews will be arranged by email, and student notification of selection will take place in early January 2018.

Passports and Visas:

You must confirm that your passport is valid through July 2019. All students participating on the Fall 2018 NUS Study Group will be required to obtain a student visa. With participation on this study group comes the responsibility of understanding and complying with Singaporean visa requirements. If you will not be traveling on a U.S. passport it is imperative that you contact an adviser in Off-Campus Study/International Programs (101 Gregory) and International Student Services (103C Lathrop) to learn as much as you can about the visa requirements. For some students there are significant requirements to be met that take time, advance planning, and incur extra costs.