



My Exchange Evaluation

Basic Information

Host University	National University of Singapore
Semester & Year of Exchange	Semester 2, 2019
Otago degree(s)	Bachelor of Science
Major(s)	Statistics with minor in Mathematics

Academics/ course load

Which papers did you take whilst on exchange?

Course title	Language of instruction	Otago equivalent	Otago credit value
ST3131 Regression Analysis	English	STAT 300 level	18
ST2137 Computer Aided data analysis	English	STAT 260	18
MA3269 Financial analysis	English	MATH300 level	18

Any comments about these papers?

Very light workload during the semester compared with similar courses at Otago.

How did the academic experience/ workload/ style of teaching differ from Otago?

Academic experience: courses were easier than equivalent. NUS only wants you to remember formulas and does not value conceptual understanding.

Accommodation

What accommodation did you stay in? What were the pros and cons of your accommodation?

NUS University Town. Pros were that it was modern, in the middle of campus and has a tonne of exchange students. Cons were that there was next to none interaction with local students and zero cooking facilities.

Money matters

Please detail your basic costs, e.g. accommodation, flights, visa, food, insurance

Accommodation: \$5000 for one sem. Visa \$150 Insurance \$800 for half year. Flights \$1000 return
Food and general expenses you could get by with \$250 per week.

What means did you use to access your finances? What would you recommend? (Credit card, Cash passport, foreign bank account, etc.)

Debit card. Cash. Good to have Singapore \$.

Visas & Insurance

Did you have to apply for a visa? What was the process?

YES . Stepped through by the NUS website (once you have been accepted by NUS they inform you of the steps to take)

Did your host university have a mandatory insurance?

Not sure, got mine through Otago @ \$5 a day.

Extra-curricular/Social Activities

What organised activities were available to students? What extra-curricular activities would you recommend to future exchange students?

So many odd academic clubs that were of very high importance to the local students (eg Statistics Society has a 3 hour meeting every 2 weeks) . Would recommend spending as much time off campus as possible.

What was the university/ city like?

Uni was kind of boring and the vibe was very different to Dunedin. It was nerdy as hell (coming from a nerd). Singapore was awesome and wish I had spent more time there.

Any recommendations for things to do, places to visit, places to eat etc.?

Best food stall on campus hands down is *Indian at Flavours*. Martin is a G and holds it down. Went vegetarian at points because the meat was kind of gross. Off campus the good at most places. The fireworks during the National celebrations were cool.

Any tips for future students?

Be prepared for a lot of admin to get things sorted. Nothing is as straight forward as it seems.

Overall Experience

Please write one paragraph (or more) about your exchange experience. Please include some photos!

It was awesome meeting other people from all around the world, Definitely the best part. Scoot has cheap flights to everywhere in Asia for very affordable prices. Get to NUS as soon as you can check in to the accommodation. Travelling groups and plans form very quickly and you want to join as many groups as you can so someone susses the admin for you!