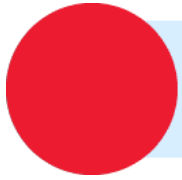




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Host University Evaluation

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Academic life

How easy was it to figure out your course selection at your host university?

- Super simple!
- Relatively straightforward
- Pretty difficult to navigate
- It was complicated and frustrating

What did the process look like? Was it easy to register in your preferred classes?

The process consisted of submitting I believe up to 10 courses for approval to take at NTU. As exchange students, they assign you 4 or so classes. You can add some before the semester I believe, and there is also an add drop deadline but unlike McGill, the right to an empty seat in a course is simply a lottery that you can apply for everyday and gets processed the next day (I did not have to do this, I got 4 classes of my choosing, as many in engineering did). Some Civil classes don't have enough AU's to count as 1 course so just be careful.

Were your courses as academically rigorous as your McGill courses?

- Yes, they were as rigorous as my McGill courses
- They were similarly rigorous to my McGill courses
- No, they weren't as rigorous as my McGill courses



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We'd love to know more about the academic level of your courses compared to McGill. Please explain your answer to the previous question using examples, ex: assessments, readings, labs.

I took 2 complementary courses, a 100 level Civil course (CV0001) and a 400 level Civil course (CV4113 Highway Engineering), all of which had workloads as expected and were very fair.

How did the teaching quality at your host university compare to what you're used to at McGill?

- It was better!
- Pretty similar
- It was much worse

Tell us about it! How did it differ from the teaching quality at McGill? What can other students expect from their profs and course work?

Professors I had were very into their subject and kept class interesting and informative and useful for studying and doing assignments, and the evaluations were fair.

What were the main evaluation methods in your courses?

Some assignments and projects for the complementary courses, but for the civil courses it is usually just 1-2 midterms and a final.

How would you describe the evaluation and grading methods at your host university? Please select as many adjectives as applies!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Unfair |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transparent | <input type="checkbox"/> Complicated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Easy to understand | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to understand |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Similar methods to McGill | <input type="checkbox"/> Different methods from McGill |

Is there anything else you'd like to share about the academic experience at your host university?

There are a lot of cool places to study, there are easy to use printing resources and facilities.



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Student Life

Were you satisfied by the welcome and orientation services provided to you by your host university?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very satisfied, everything was clear	<input type="checkbox"/> Pretty satisfied
<input type="checkbox"/> I was able to figure things out, but it took some time	<input type="checkbox"/> Pretty confusing
<input type="checkbox"/> Very confusing, I was lost	

What is the best resource that helped you find your way at your host university?

The NTU portal for school, the NTU Map for getting around, the NTU websites and GEM Trailblazer websites. Facebook groups and Whats App are heavily used by exchange students for information about events.

What was the campus environment like at your host university? Please describe your experience on campus with regards to safety, social opportunities, accessibility, etc.

The campus life was amazing. The dorms are all on campus, and are close enough to walk or take a quick campus shuttle ride to class (shuttle comes frequently). The campus and city in general are extremely safe, clean, easy to get around. NTU is located a short bus ride away from the closest MRT station to get access to downtown (about 1 hour to downtown by public transit). There are many canteen's on campus for all 3 meals of the day that are very affordable (2-6\$ meals) and students meet up and is a very good social environment.

Where did you live? Was it easy to find housing? Did you receive any support from your host university?

On-campus housing needs to be applied for (my year it was guaranteed for exchange students) and is assigned randomly (1-2 people per room). It was very affordable, around \$300-400 per month and I would recommend it since most other exchange students also stay on campus and it is easy to meet up and socialize. You have to apply ahead of time so be conscious of that, and the instructions provided by NTU along the way are very clear.

What advice would you share with students travelling to your host university? Briefly give up to 3 tips!

NTU is a fantastic school to go on exchange because it is truly an exceptional experience at a much more affordable cost of living than many other exchange programs (housing and food are perfect for students)

Go to the social events and get on WhatsApp/Facebook exchange groups early because many friendships established early on lead to many fun travels and adventures soon after the start of the semester all the way until the end of the semester!!!



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Grab is like Uber in Singapore, and it so great for sharing rides of up to 20 and even 40 friends! Is very safe and reliable and used frequently by exchange students.

What advice would you share with students who will live in your host city? Briefly give up to 3 tips!

Singapore is a clean and safe place but they have many rules to keep it that way, so know what these are before going there!