



OUTBOUND STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION PACK



**GLOBAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
30+ PARTNER UNIVERSITIES
FOR SEMESTER EXCHANGE & SHORT TERM PROGRAMS**

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Australia***



The University of Sydney, Australia

Some factors to choose your destination

Culture of the country/region

Think about your personal interests and the cultural experiences that align with your interests for example historical sites, arts and music scenes, festivals, and local customs. You may face difficulties in adapting to a new culture and avoiding culture shock.



Academic Fit

Ensure that the host institution offers courses that align with your academic goals and interests. Check the course offerings, faculty expertise, and any special programs that might enhance your studies. Each university may have different leading educational fields. Take a careful consideration into the courses that you may register in partner university and its credit transfer policy.



Language

The partner university may not deliver all courses in English, and if you are proficient in a particular language, studying in a country where it is spoken can be a valuable opportunity to improve your language skills. Alternatively, if you prefer to study in English, choose a destination where English is widely used.



Location

The location of the host country can influence your overall experience. Decide if you prefer to study in a big city, a small town, or a rural area. Consider the climate and proximity to other countries or regions for travel opportunities.

Cost of Living

Research the cost of living in the host country and city, check the factsheet from partner university or OSEP sharepoint . Make sure it fits within your budget, including accommodation, transportation, food, and other daily expenses. The cost of living and travel expenses vary depending on the country.



Safety and Stability

Check the safety and political stability of the destination. Review travel advisories and government websites for up-to-date information on the host country's safety conditions.

Some factors to choose your destination

Scholarship and Funding Opportunities

Consider any available scholarships or funding opportunities for studying in specific countries. Financial assistance can significantly impact your decision.

Support Services

Reach out to former exchange students who have studied in your potential destinations. They can provide valuable insights into their experiences and offer tips for a successful exchange

Visa and Immigration Requirements:

Reach out to former exchange students who have studied in your potential destinations. They can provide valuable insights into their experiences and offer tips for a successful exchange.

Feedback from Alumni:

Reach out to former exchange students who have studied in your potential destinations. They can provide valuable insights into their experiences and offer tips for a successful exchange.

Personal Growth and Challenge

Think about your comfort level with stepping out of your comfort zone. Studying in a country with a vastly different culture or language can be an enriching challenge that promotes personal growth.

Networking and Research/ Internship/Career Opportunities:

Research the potential networking and research/internship/career opportunities in the host country or connections to local industries.

Number of exchange slots available

- 1.If the number of exchange slots is limited, there may be higher competition among students from VinUni to secure a spot in a particular destination. This can lead to a more competitive selection process.
- 2.Priority Destinations: Some popular or prestigious destinations or destinations with scholarship support will have a limited number of exchange slots available. Students may need to prioritize other destinations based on their academic interests, career goals, or personal preferences.

Elibility

- Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 are all eligible to apply for Outbound Student Exchange for Spring 2025. If you were previously not nominated for the current batch, you can continue to apply for next batches for the Spring 2025 semester.
- Exchange semester:
 - Fall semester
 - Summer semester
 - Spring semester

Minimum requirements

1	Currently be an active full time student at VinUni
2	Have completed at least 2 academic semesters at VinUni prior to the OSEP and after the OSEP have at least one academic semester remaining at VinUni before graduation.
3	Have no major disciplinary action (Level 3 and up) pending at the time of application submission.
4	Have a minimum of 2.5 CGPA (cumulative grade point average) at the point of application and meet the minimum academic requirements by the host university.
5	Have an account of good financial standing at VinUni.
6	Meet all the minimum requirements including the language requirements set by the host institutions. Please note that the minimum requirements from the host universities may vary from those of VinUni.

More information about OSEP Procedure can be found at:
<https://policy.vinuni.edu.vn/all-policies/outbound-student-exchange-procedure/>

IMPORTANT TIMELINE FOR OUTBOUND STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

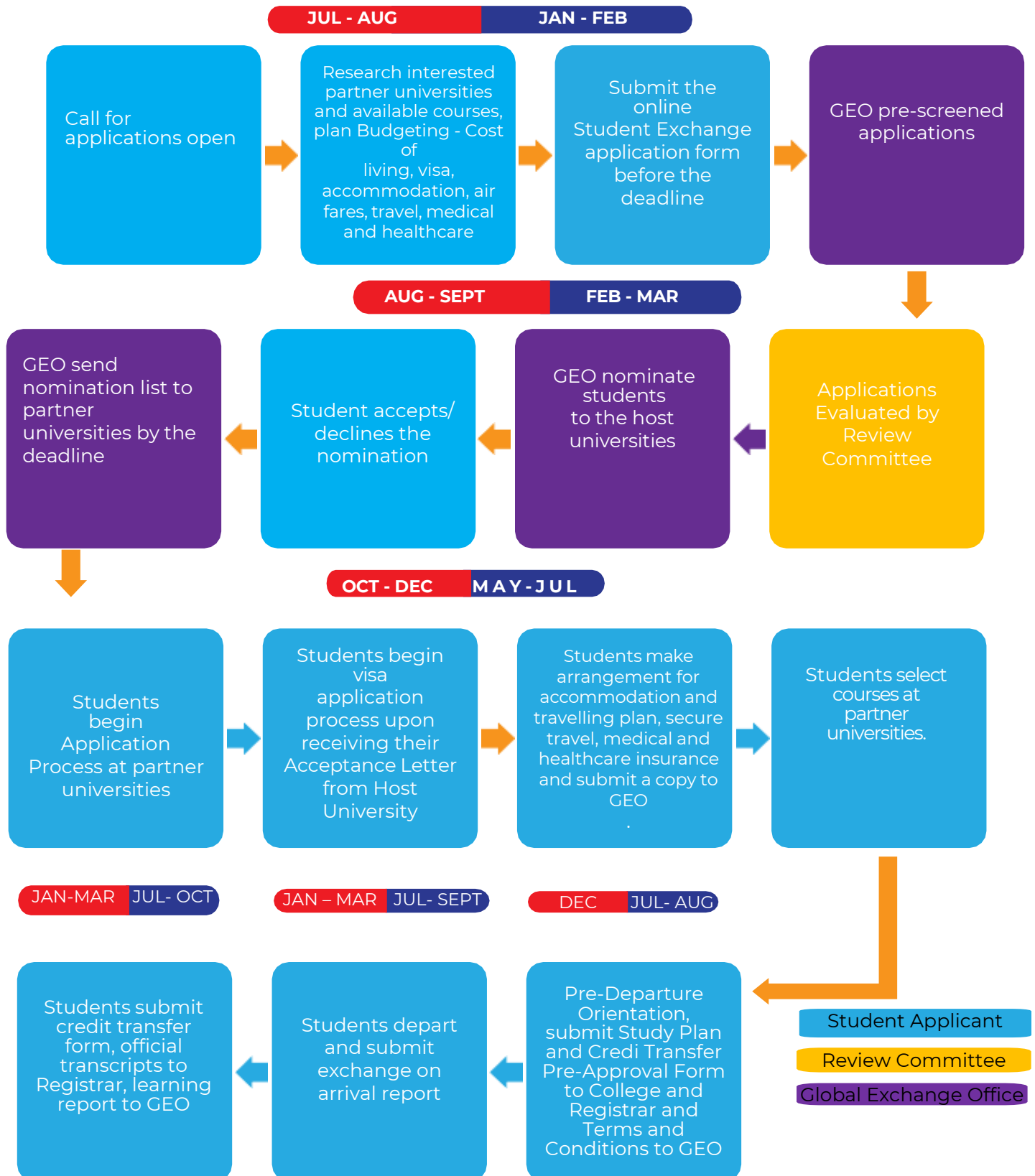


FALL SEMESTER



SPRING SEMESTER

Notes: For summer semester, the timeline will be subject to the program duration.



Estimated cost of living

No.	Country	Cost of Living (USD)
1	United States	14,000
2	Canada	8,500 - 9,000
3	Switzerland	15,052
4	Netherlands	8500
5	Germany	7000
6	South Korea	6413
7	Singapore	5637
8	Hong Kong	5600
9	Australia	8,000 - 9,000
10	France	5,000 - 7,000
11	United Kingdom	10,000

Country specific visa requirements (*)

Country	Application	Type of Visa	Cost of Visa for Vietnamese Passport Holders (VND)	Processing Time
Australia	Online application and in person at the Embassy	Student Visa (subclass 500)	11 mil	2 weeks
Canada	Online application and in person at the Embassy	Study permit	6.3 mil	2 months
France	In person at the Embassy	E1 VLS- TS etudiant	10 mil VND	1 - 2 months
Hong Kong	Fill in application forms and submit it to the HKUST	Student Visa	Pay lump sum to HKUST	2 months
Netherlands	In person at the Embassy	D (Mw visa)	5.4 mil	4 weeks
South Korea	In person at the Embassy	Student Visa (D2 - 6)	1.6 mil	1 month
USA	Online application and then in person at the Embassy	F-1 Visa	4.4 mil	3 - 5 working days
Israel	In person at the Embassy	A2		2 weeks
Spain	In person at the Embassy	Schengen Visa	2.1 mil	15 days
Switzerland	In person at the Embassy	D	Free	1 - 2 months
Singapore	Online via Singapore government portal	Student Pass	885.000	

(*) All information is subject to changes without prior notice.

Application documents

1

Curriculum Vitae

2

Academic Transcripts

3

Personal Statement/Essays

4

Other supporting documents
(Awards, Achievements, standardized tests, passports/residence card, etc.)

5

Letter of Recommendation (if required)

Notes:

When being nominated for the partner universities, students may have to submit additional documents as required by different host universities such as a letter of recommendation, apostille transcripts, certificate of enrollment, bank statement.

The exchange student must complete all necessary application procedures before the deadlines provided by the partner university. If you need to send any documents to the partner university, kindly submit them to the partner university directly for international shipping prior to the specified deadline.

Application steps

1

Submit the application documents (Outbound Student Exchange Program Application Portal): <https://vinuni.force.com/s/login/>

2

Application evaluation by the VinUni Review Committee.

3

Announcement of evaluation results by VinUni.

4

GEO sends VinUni nominated students' application dossiers to partner institutions for assessment.

5

The partner university reviews the nominations, sends students application guideline.

6

The partner university makes the final decision and issues the Letter of Acceptance to the successful students.

Research exchange programs **#1**

Research your target university: Thoroughly research the universities or institutions you are interested in for the exchange program that align with your interests and goals. Consider factors such as program duration, the destination country, the academic offerings, living expense, culture, and any specific projects or initiatives that resonate with your interests. Check website and sharepoint of VinUni Global Exchange of our partner universities for further information.

Seek for information **#3**

Participate in study abroad fairs and information sessions organized by your university or other institutions. These events often bring together program representatives, alumni, and experts who can provide valuable insights and answer your questions about specific exchange programs.

#2 Reflect on your goals

Take some time to reflect on your personal and academic goals, and how the Global Exchange Program aligns with you. Clearly articulating your motivations and objectives can help you present a compelling case in your application.

#4 Connect

Seek out and connect with students who have previously participated in the exchange program you're interested in. They can share their first-hand experiences, tips, and advice. Consider reaching out to them through social media, university forums, or alumni networks to gain valuable insights.

Tailor application materials #5

- Customize your application materials, such as your statement of purpose or essay to the specific requirement of each program and resume/CV, to align with the specific exchange program and host academic institution.
- Highlight relevant coursework, research, projects, or extracurricular activities that demonstrate your academic and personal suitability for the program.
- Showcase your adaptability, cross-cultural communication skills, and ability to contribute to a diverse environment.
- Emphasize how the program will contribute to your personal and professional growth, and how you can contribute to the host institution.

#6 Letter of Recommendation

Request recommendation letters (if required) from professors, advisors, or mentors who can speak to your academic abilities, character, and potential. Choose individuals who can provide specific examples and insights into your strengths.

Be an ambassador #7

Doing an exchange not only gives you the chance to expose to other cultures, but it also gives you the chance to be a representative of our university and our nation. “Exchange” not only means “to receive”, but it also means “to give”. Keep this in mind and be the ambassador for our university and our country.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. STUDENT APPLICANT

- Research university of choice, suitable program, courses
- Find out more about the university, cost of living, visa requirements, air fares, accommodation as well as travel and medical healthcare insurance.
- Discuss with your Program Director on your study plan.
- Apply for your Student Visa promptly after receiving the offer letter from partner university.
- Follow terms and conditions of Outbound Student Exchange Programs, VinUni regulations, policies.
- Follow rules, regulations of host country and host university.

2. GLOBAL EXCHANGE OFFICE

- Provide updated information on available universities for Global Exchange Programs. Liaise with the Partner University on nomination.
- Provide guidance to students on the preparation needed for their Global Exchange Programs including advisory on partner universities, application process to host university, cost of living, visa requirements, travel and medical healthcare insurance and matters pertaining to safety.
- Announce information about outbound exchange programs including description of the eligibility requirements for each VinUni's partner institution.
- Be responsible for transmitting information about selected students participating in outbound exchange programs to the receiving institution, maintaining contact with them throughout the exchange period.
- Make sure that students are appropriately prepared for their student exchange.
- Work out appropriate mechanisms with partner universities to confirm that exchanges have been completed satisfactorily.
- Provide supporting documents to students on the preparation needed for their Global Exchange Program where necessary.
- Prepare Decision for students to study abroad.
- Coordinate pre-departure support for students.
- Ensure that there are appropriate procedures in place for re-orientation on return to VinUni where appropriate.

3. OFFICE OF PLANNING AND REGISTRAR

- Provide advisory on credit transfer to be undertaken at the host university.
- Be the central coordinating office for all exchange credit transfer applications or related-academic issues for students. All inquiries and applications regarding credit transfer should be submitted to the Registrar.
- Issue Certificate of Enrollment, Official transcripts, Letter of Recommendation, etc. for students to apply for visa.
- Collect and proceed with Study Plan and Credit Transfer Approval Form by the end of their first four weeks at the host institution, Credit Transfer Form and Official Transcript after students complete their program.

4. COLLEGES/FACULTY

- Approve the student's course list for semester exchange and provide guidance on the course selection.
- Provide advisory on study plan and complementary studies selected by students.
- Approve the Study Plan and Credit Transfer Pre-Approval Form (if applicable)/Learning Agreement, credit transfer form.
- Map the core course/electives for the Exchange Program and resolve any course mapping issues that may arise.

Roles and Responsibilities

5. REVIEW COMMITTEE

- Finalize the nominations and if applicable, financial support with members of the committee during their deliberations; adhere to all applicable guidelines and regulations regarding conflicts of interest and application privacy/confidentiality.
- The committee members include Vice Provost; Global Exchange Office; Registrar, College/Faculty representatives and other invited stakeholders (if needed).

Selection and Nomination

- The applicant's academic performance (transcript), language proficiency, CV, study plan, personal statement, etc., will be thoroughly assessed as part of the application process.
- The selection of the partner university for study will be based on the ranking of the overall evaluation score derived from the submitted documents.

Notes:

- Admission to partner universities is not guaranteed for the nominated student as it is the host university's decision.
- The nominated student is not allowed to defer enrollment to the next academic year or reserve their qualification. If the student cannot attend the partner universities on time, their qualification will be immediately canceled.
- Review Committee retains the right to reassign the nominated student to study at another university on special cases imposed by the partner universities.

Choosing courses

Review courses available at the host institution

Check out the course information from the websites of host institutions before deciding the exchange venue choices, to ensure that there are suitable courses for you to take. It is quite often that certain courses offered by partner institutions may not be open each term, or certain courses may not be opened to exchange students.

1

Review VinUni's policy on credit transfer and course equivalence

There is no automatic credit transfer, and students must submit a credit transfer application upon completion of the exchange studies for evaluation and approval.

2

Discuss the study plan with the faculty advisor and/or the Program Director

This advisory process is important to ensure that students are taking appropriate courses, in the sense that they fulfill the graduation requirements. It would be useful for students to review their major program requirements before seeking advice.

3

Apply for course mapping to the Office of University Registrar at VinUni

If there is no course equivalence information, students should request for course assessment by submitting the application to the Office of University Registrar. There may be credit system differences between VinUni and the host institution, and the credit conversion adopted by VinUni.

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Select courses

Choosing your courses before departing for a student exchange program is a crucial step to ensure a smooth transition and maximize your learning experience. Here are some steps to help you finalize your courses.

- **Communicate with VinUni:** Stay in touch with College & Registrar. They will provide guidance on the courses you need to take and any specific requirements for your exchange program.
- **Review Course Offerings:** Obtain a list of available courses at your host university. Many universities publish course catalogs or offer information online. Take time to research the course descriptions, prerequisites, and credit values.
- **Check Credit Transfer:** Confirm with College how the credits earned during the exchange will transfer back to your academic program. Ensure that the courses you plan to take abroad will count towards your degree requirements.
- **Discuss with PD/Academic Advisors:** Consult your academic advisor or departmental advisor to discuss your course choices. They can guide you on selecting courses that align with your academic goals and help you stay on track with your major or minor requirements.
- **Flexibility and Alternatives:** Be prepared for the possibility that some courses you want may not be available or may overlap in scheduling. Have backup course options in mind to ensure you can build a suitable schedule.
- **Language Considerations:** If you are going to a country with a different language, check if there are courses taught in English or in a language you are proficient in. Language courses can also be a valuable addition to your exchange program.
- **Balance Your Course Load:** Consider the workload and difficulty level of the courses you plan to take. Studying abroad can be exciting, but it's essential to maintain a balance between academics and exploring your host country.
- **Cultural Immersion Courses:** Look for courses that offer insights into the local culture, history, or society. These courses can enhance your understanding of your host country and make your experience even more enriching.
- **Pre-Approval and Documentation:** Seek pre-approval from VinUni for the courses you plan to take abroad. Keep all necessary documentation, such as course syllabi and descriptions, for credit transfer purposes.

PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

It is crucial to adequately prepare yourself for your study abroad experience. This checklist serves as a reminder of all the essential steps you need to take before the commencement of your exchange program..

Passport

Please make sure that your passport will be valid for at least six months after you depart for your partner university. Please renew or apply for a new passport as soon as possible and in time for the visa application process.

Visa

Upon receiving the acceptance letter for enrollment, it is important to promptly contact the nearest embassy or consulate of your host country to begin the visa application procedure. Please ensure to check the processing time required to obtain your visa. It is important to note that each nationality has different processes and procedures for obtaining a student visa, and these can change frequently. VinUni will **NOT** apply for the student's visa on your behalf. We recommend that you regularly check the embassy or consulate website for updated information. You will need to make a student visa application checklist and make sure that your passport will be valid for at least six months after you depart for your host university. Since it is a multi-step procedure, please be proactive in conducting extensive research and prepare the required documents for visa application as soon as possible. It is the students' responsibility in obtaining the visa for their exchange program abroad. For visa-related inquiries, please contact the Embassy of the host country in Vietnam.

Travel and Health Insurance

Every exchange student must obtain and maintain a valid Travel and Medical Healthcare Insurance. The host university will provide detailed information and requirements during the pre-departure process. It's essential to be aware that some partner universities in certain countries may require you to purchase medical and health insurance directly from them. The specific prices for such insurance may vary at each university, and you will receive this information after applying. As an exchange student, you will be responsible for covering the costs associated with these compulsory insurance requirements at the host university.

Accommodation

You are responsible for arranging your accommodation during the exchange program. You have the option to choose between living on campus or off-campus but consider essential factors such as your social networks and travel time to and from campus when making this decision. Pricing of the accommodation is usually a crucial aspect for exchange students, and having a trusted same-gender roommate can help reduce overall costs. Your host university will generally provide information about accommodation, so be sure to carefully review the application details and deadlines related to housing. Additionally, reaching out to exchange alumni for advice on finding housing can be beneficial. They may offer valuable insights and recommendations based on their own experiences, helping you make choice about your accommodation during the exchange program.

Flight tickets

You can consider to purchase your flight tickets once you receive official acceptance from your host university or visa approval, have your study plan approved, and obtain the relevant student's visa. We recommend purchasing flexible tickets in the event that you need to reschedule your travel dates. Check your visa dates, semester and holiday dates before making a reservation.

Familiarity with your new destination

There are several ways to familiarize yourself with your travel destination, including:

- Engaging with alumni from past Student Exchange Programs to gain insights and tips.
- Exploring their Social Media pages to get a glimpse of the destination.
- Reviewing the information pack provided by the partner universities for valuable details.
- Connecting with international buddies from the host university to get first-hand advice and recommendations.
- Checking out the government websites of host country for safety and travel advice.
- Utilizing various apps like Trip Advisor, Smart Traveler, etc for local travel tips. These apps can provide information on local transportation, currency, weather, places of interest, and general Dos and Don'ts suitable for the local environment.
- Learning some local language phrases to facilitate adaptation and communication during your stay.
- It is essential to review the documents required for entry into the host country. You may be required to provide these items upon arrival. Prepare for your move to a new country by following instructions and guideline from the host university including but not limited to entry requirements, culture, weather, food, lifestyle etc. so that you can go prepared
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Pre-Departure Orientation

Pre-departure orientation for exchange students is compulsory to attend prior to your departure. This session provides students with comprehensive information and guidance before you embark on their study abroad journey and prepare students for their exchange experience, helping them make a smooth transition to the host country and university. The briefing will cover various topics such as:

- Overview and Introduction of Outbound Student
- Life as an international student: "Survive first, Thrive later"
- Sharing from VinUni exchange alumni
- Academic requirements and expectations during the exchange semester

Prepare several necessities including but not limited to:

- **Medicine:** Bring along any prescription medications you require, as well as a basic first-aid kit with essentials like band-aids, pain relievers, antiseptic wipes, Panadol, berberine and any specific medications you may need during your stay.
- **Clothing:** Pack appropriate clothing for the climate and seasons of your host country. Consider cultural norms and dress codes when selecting your wardrobe. Don't forget essential items such as socks, and comfortable walking shoes.
- **Electricity Cable:** Bring an adapter or voltage converter to ensure your electronic devices can be used in the host country's power outlets. This will allow you to charge your phone, laptop, and other devices without any issues.
- **Personal Care Items:** Include personal hygiene items like toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, and any other essentials you might need.
- **Travel Documents:** Ensure you have all necessary travel documents, including your passport, student visa, acceptance letter from the host university, and any other important paperwork.
- **Money and Currency:** Inform your bank about your travel plans and carrying certain amount of the local currency for expenses during the exchange program.
- **Important Contact Information:** Keep a list of important contact numbers, including the address and phone number of your host university, emergency contacts, and the nearest embassy or consulate.
- **Important Information in Digital Format:** Scan or photocopy important documents like your passport, visa, and insurance policies, and keep them in a secure digital format in case of emergencies.
- **Books and Study Materials:** If you need specific textbooks or reference materials for your studies, check if they are available in your host country. E-books or digital copies may be more convenient to carry.
- **Language Aids:** If the primary language in your host country is different from your native language, carry a pocket dictionary or language-learning apps to help you communicate.
- **Personal Items:** Bring a few personal mementos from home, such as photos or small gifts from friends and family. These can provide comfort during moments of homesickness.
- **Travel Comfort:** Consider bringing a neck pillow, eye mask, earplugs, skin care and a blanket for long flights or train journeys. Comfortable clothing for travel days is also essential.
- **Souvenirs:** Leave some space in your luggage for souvenirs or items you might acquire during your exchange program to promote VinUni, Vietnam.

Packaging

- Understand the rules and restrictions related to packing, luggage size, and weight limits.
- Don't overpack; focus on versatile pieces that can be mixed and matched. Remember to include formal attire for special occasions or university events.
- Don't forget items like a sturdy backpack or daypack for excursions, a reusable water bottle, travel umbrella, and a lock for your luggage.

Terms and Conditions for VinUni outbound exchange students:

Kindly adhere to the terms and conditions of the Outbound Student Exchange Program and ensure that you submit this required document prior to your departure date.

Study Plan and Credit Transfer Pre-Approval Form

Submit the hard copy of Study Plan and Credit Transfer Pre-Approval form and the Acceptance Letter from the University Partner to the Office of Planning & Registrar. It is important to discuss your study abroad program with your Academic Advisor (or Program Director) on course (s) that you will take in the exchange semester abroad. During the exchange period, students must take courses equivalent to at least VinUni 12 credits in each regular semester.

Contact Point: Ms. Thu Hang, Office of Planning & Registrar, Room I308, Telephone: 0247 1089779 (Ext. 9004).



**DURING
YOUR EXCHANGE**

Keep us informed

Update with the Academic and Global Exchange Department your current status by submitting the Exchange Student's Report of arrival. In case any issues arise, inform us as soon as possible



Finalize courses

Finalizing your courses before departing/within the first 4 weeks for a student exchange program is a crucial step to ensure a smooth transition and maximize your learning experience. Here are some steps to help you finalize your courses.

- **Registration Process:** Familiarize yourself with the course registration process and system at your host university. Ensure you know the registration dates and any specific procedures for exchange students.
- **Consider Workload:** Avoid overloading yourself with courses, especially during your first semester in a new country. Leave room in your schedule to adapt to a different academic environment and to participate in cultural activities.
- **Be Open-Minded:** While planning is essential, be open to new opportunities and unexpected courses that may catch your interest during your exchange program.
- **Update College/Registrar** if your final courses are different course with your original form.

Remember that the courses you take during your student exchange program can greatly impact your academic and personal growth. Take the time to plan your courses thoughtfully, but also be flexible and embrace the learning opportunities that come your way.



Keep the exchange syllabus and materials

To support the credit transfer application upon their return to VinUni, students must present an official transcript issued by the host institution. VinUni may also require students to submit course materials, outlines, the syllabus for assessment purposes and any other relevant documents, as it deems appropriate.

Represent VinUni, Vietnam

Always remember that you are an ambassador for VinUniversity and Vietnam. It is essential to conduct yourself in a respectful manner and show a positive image of Vietnamese students..



Culture shock

To mitigate the culture shock, make new friends (especially the current Vietnamese student community in the host country) and share your feelings. You may also get to know local fellows to get acquainted more with their culture, join student clubs, and be involved in activities. After recovering from the crisis of culture shock, you will gain substantial self-development and independence.

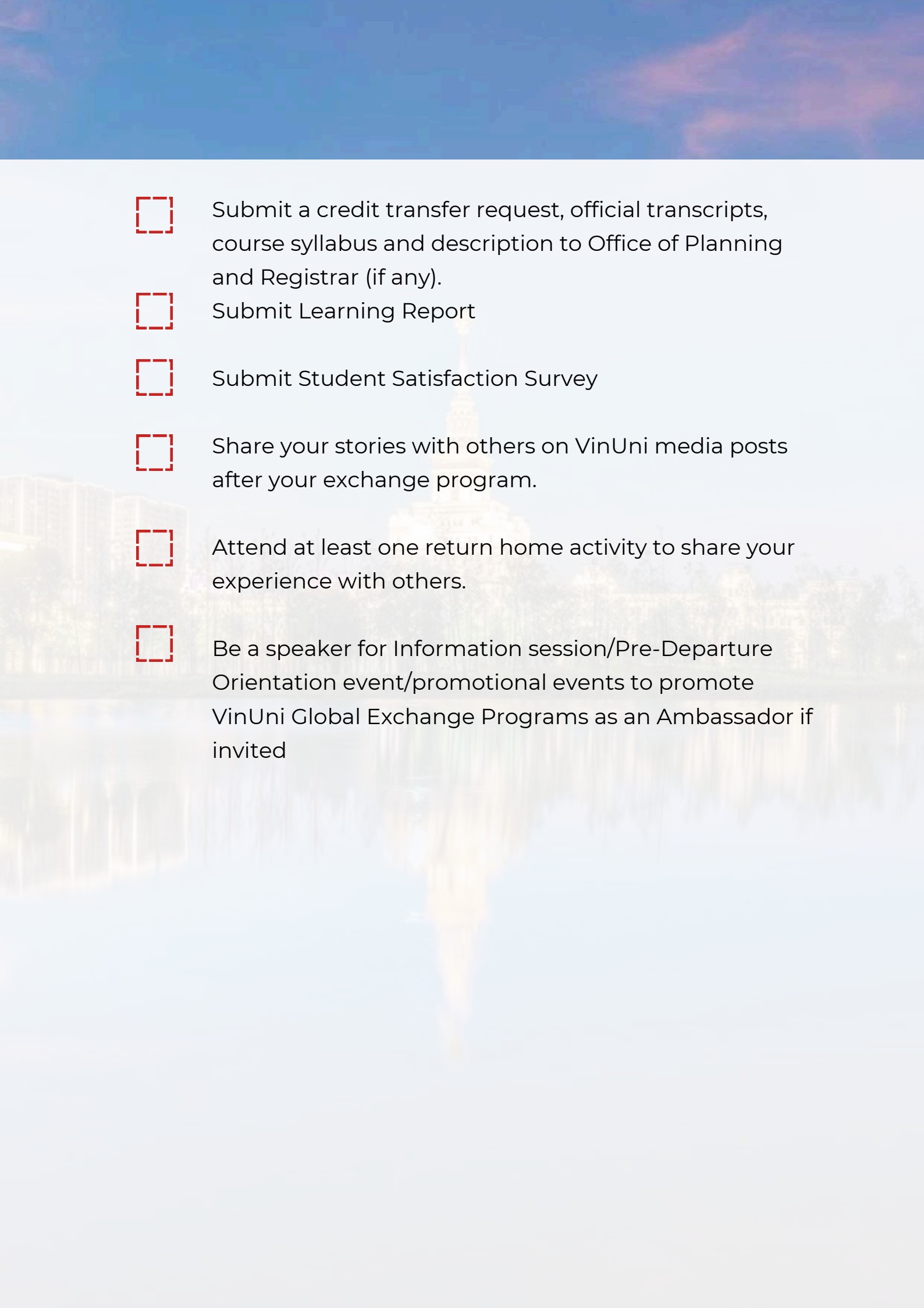
Sharing experience

Sharing experiences during an exchange program serves several important purposes:

- **Inspiration and Motivation:** When participants share their experiences, it can inspire and motivate others to consider similar opportunities. Hearing about the transformative impact of an exchange program may encourage someone to step out of their comfort zone and explore the world through education.
- **Promoting Cultural Understanding:** Sharing experiences from different cultures fosters cross-cultural understanding and empathy. It allows people to learn about traditions, customs, and lifestyles that may be different from their own, promoting tolerance and respect for diversity.
- **Learning from Each Other:** Participants often learn from each other's experiences. They can gain insights into the challenges and successes of studying abroad, discover useful tips for navigating a foreign environment, and exchange practical advice.
- **Preparation and Guidance:** For those considering an exchange program, hearing about others' experiences can provide valuable information and insights. It helps potential participants understand what to expect, how to prepare, and how to make the most of their own experience.
- **Building a Supportive Community:** Sharing experiences can help create a sense of community among exchange participants. It allows them to connect with others who have gone through similar experiences, fostering a support network for future students.
- **Reflection and Personal Growth:** Recounting one's experiences can be a form of self-reflection. It gives participants the opportunity to assess their personal growth, identify challenges they overcame, and celebrate their achievements during the program.
- **Promoting the Value of International Education:** Sharing positive experiences highlights the value of international education and demonstrates the importance of global learning and exchange programs in developing well-rounded individuals.
- **Documenting and Preserving Memories:** Sharing experiences allows participants to preserve their memories and experiences for themselves and others. It creates a record of the impact an exchange program has had on individuals and communities.



**AFTER
YOUR EXCHANGE**

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- Submit a credit transfer request, official transcripts, course syllabus and description to Office of Planning and Registrar (if any).
 - Submit Learning Report
 - Submit Student Satisfaction Survey
 - Share your stories with others on VinUni media posts after your exchange program.
 - Attend at least one return home activity to share your experience with others.
 - Be a speaker for Information session/Pre-Departure Orientation event/promotional events to promote VinUni Global Exchange Programs as an Ambassador if invited

Credit conversion

Submit credit transfer request

Upon returning from the exchange programs, students must submit an application for credit transfer to the Office of University Registrar for approval. According to VinUni regulations, credit transfer applications must be submitted within one month after the completion of the exchange program.

1

Credits transferred to VinUni transcript

After the formal approval, the credits earned from the host institution will be reflected on students' academic transcript. Credits obtained can be transferred, while grades obtained at the host institution may or may not be transferred to VinUni, depending on the agreement on the grade equivalency between VinUni and the partner university and the curriculum's requirement.

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(*) Notes on Credit Conversion

1

Based on a course-by-course basis and is NOT based on the sum of credit earned.

2

- Credit conversion is based on a course-by-course basis and is NOT based on the sum of credit earned. If the program grants partial equivalent credits (eg., 1.5 credits, it is rounded up to the next full credit (eg. 2 credits).
- Other international credit systems not listed in the above table can be discussed and finalized by the Program Director and the Registrar.

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Follow Credit and grade conversion guideline for outbound exchange programs




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Testimonials



“This is my first time going out of Vietnam, and it was an amazing experience. Exchange enabled me to study at one of the best universities in Asia and has taught me to become more responsible, organized, and social. Both VinUni and my host university provided me with tremendous support, and I am so thankful for this meaningful opportunity.”

PHUNG TRONG NGHIA, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT HKUST, SPRING 2023



“This has been a profound experience, where I went abroad not only to learn more about the outside world, but also to embrace my identity as a global citizen from Vietnam.”

NGUYEN LE KHANH, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT HKUST, SPRING 2023



“Participating in VinUni Outbound Exchange Program was one of the best decisions I made during my college years. This experience broadened my academic and cultural horizons, allowing me to gain a newfound appreciation for global diversity. The vibrant city of Hong Kong served as the perfect backdrop for exploring a unique blend of Eastern and Western cultures, and the program gifted me with an incredible network of friends from different corners of the globe. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity opened my eyes to new ways of thinking, problem-solving, and appreciating the beauty of our interconnected world. I am forever grateful for the unforgettable experiences and personal growth I gained through this program.”

NGUYEN MAI PHUONG, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT HKUST, SPRING 2023



Participating in the exchange program at Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU) in South Korea has been an unforgettable journey of cultural exchange and personal growth. As a student from VinUniversity, this program offered me the opportunity to immerse myself in a new academic environment, connect with students from diverse backgrounds, and gain a deeper understanding of Korean culture.

TRAN PHUOC LAM DUY, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT SKKU, SPRING 2023



“I had an amazing time at POSTECH. The academic rigor, coupled with the cultural exposure, made my exchange program an unforgettable experience.”

NGUYEN DUONG TUNG, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT POSTECH, AY 22 - 23

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“ Exchange program affects student with 3+2 ambition when you need to learn at least 90 credits at VinUni. However, it feels like after having an exchange program, it boosts my dream of discovering this world. Exploring slowly makes you growth crazily. ”

NGUYEN MANH KHAI, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT NTU, SPRING 2023



“ Overall, my exchange semester at UTS was an incredible opportunity for me to widen my horizons and explore the world. I got the chance to learn and work in a completely international, diverse, and inclusive environment, meet people from different nations and backgrounds and learn from them. By stepping out of Vietnam and VinUni, I could witness much more clearly my strengths and weaknesses compared to other global students, which indeed gave me great motivation to improve myself and become a better version. My deep gratitude and appreciation to VinUni GEO for giving me the opportunity to join the exchange program. It was undoubtedly an unforgettable journey for me. ”

DO QUYNH TRANG, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT UTS, SPRING 2023



“ After spending five months in Australia, I have gained a deeper appreciation for VinUni's emphasis on holistic development. I am grateful to VinUni for providing me with experiences that go beyond academic excellence. At VinUni, education is not solely focused on creating knowledgeable and skilled individuals, but also on nurturing individuals who are enriched with meaningful experiences and stories. In addition to offering art and leadership courses, VinUni organizes business tours and field trips to ancient craft villages around Hanoi. These activities enable students to explore their cultural heritage and make connections with their roots. However, it was during the last semester at VinUni that something truly special happened. A group of students, including myself, developed a deep passion for a land located several hours away from our hometowns. This experience has stirred emotions within us that will continue to impact our lives and the lives of the people we encounter, leaving a lasting legacy.” ”

LE TRUNG KIEN, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT UTS, SPRING 2023



“ Participating in this 5-month exchange program has been an incredible journey that has completely transformed me into a better version of myself. Stepping out of my comfort zone and immersing myself in a new culture allowed me to discover my true ability and see how far I could go. Sydney is a vibrant city that embraced me with open arms and enriched my life with unforgettable memories. This exchange program is a life-changing adventure, and I wholeheartedly encourage everyone to take this leap of faith and embrace the world to unleash their full potential. ”

NGHIEM THAO TAM, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT UTS, SPRING 2023




“ This term abroad has been a whole emotional journey for me. ”

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PHAM THU HIEN, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT UTS, SPRING 2023

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“The Australia exchange semester was an extraordinary adventure that has left an indelible mark on my life. From the moment I embarked on the pre-departure preparations, I knew I was about to embark on a transformative journey. VinUni and the host university provided unparalleled support, ensuring that every step of the exchange experience was enriching and seamless.

The quality of courses offered during the exchange program was exceptional. The diverse range of subjects allowed me to delve into new areas of study and expand my academic horizons. The faculty members were not only knowledgeable but also incredibly supportive, fostering an environment conducive to learning and growth.


Beyond the academic realm, the vibrant campus life added a whole new dimension to my exchange experience. The host university provided a plethora of extracurricular activities, clubs, and societies that catered to various interests. These opportunities enabled me to make lifelong friendships, explore new passions, and engage in meaningful experiences outside the classroom.

One of the most significant aspects of the exchange program was the cultural immersion. Australia's rich cultural tapestry provided me with a unique opportunity to embrace diversity and broaden my perspective. Engaging with local customs, traditions, and events allowed me to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for different cultures. This cross-cultural exchange not only enriched my personal growth but also enhanced my ability to navigate diverse environments in a globalized world.

Professionally, the exchange program had a profound impact on my development. The skills I acquired, such as adaptability, intercultural communication, and problem-solving, have proven invaluable in both my academic and professional pursuits. The exposure to different teaching methods and learning styles further honed my critical thinking and analytical abilities, preparing me to tackle future challenges with confidence.

Overall, I wholeheartedly recommend the exchange program to future VinUni students. It is an unparalleled opportunity to immerse oneself in a global academic environment, fostering personal and academic growth. The memories made, the friendships forged, and the skills acquired during this experience are truly priceless. The Australia exchange semester has left an indelible mark on my life, and I am grateful for the invaluable lessons and experiences it has bestowed upon me.”

DO THI TUE MINH, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT UTS, SPRING 2023



“My exchange program in Electrical Engineering at UTS was an incredibly enriching and transformative experience. The exchange program not only provided me with a valuable academic foundation in my field of study but also allowed me to develop essential skills such as adaptability, cross-cultural communication, and problem-solving. The support and guidance provided by both VinUni and UTS played a crucial role in ensuring a seamless transition and a rewarding experience. I am immensely grateful for the opportunities I had to connect with faculty members, engage in research projects, participate in cultural activities, and make lifelong friendships with fellow students from around the world. The exchange program has broadened my perspective, deepened my understanding of different cultures, and provided me with invaluable international experience. I would highly recommend this exchange program to future students at VinUni who are seeking a transformative and academically enriching experience.”

TRAN GIA KHANH, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT UTS, SPRING 2023

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“ I am very grateful for the opportunity from VinUni to spend an exchange semester at UTS. It was a life-changing experience that brought me one step closer to achieving my dream of becoming a global citizen. I got to first-hand experience a completely different culture from Vietnam in particular and Asia in general. I learned a lot from the diverse and friendly people I met, the vibrant and dynamic city I lived in, and the rich and beautiful nature I explored. One of my main goals for this exchange was to explore courses and career paths that are currently limited in my home university. I was amazed by the variety and quality of the courses offered at UTS, especially in the fields of engineering, design, and innovation. I gained valuable insights and skills that will help me pursue my future aspirations in Business and Data Analytics. ”

LE VAN HA, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT UTS, SPRING 2023



“ The exchange semester at EPFL is an eye-opening experience to witness and learn from one of the leading institutions in the world. As a computer science major student, experiencing world-class academics together with the opportunity to work on real-life problems significantly facilitates my future pursuit of higher education. Furthermore, making new friends and having great journeys together in such a beautiful country is an experience of a lifetime. Thank you VinUni so much for this amazing opportunity.”

NGUYEN DAI NGHIA, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT EPFL, SPRING 2023



“ My semester exchange at EPFL in Switzerland as a Vietnamese mechanical engineering student was a life-changing experience. Thanks to the financial support from the Global Exchange Office, I could fully immerse myself in academics and explore Switzerland's beauty with fewer financial worries. The exposure to diverse perspectives and the enriching cultural experience will forever stay with me, and I'm deeply grateful for this opportunity. ”

VO MINH QUAN, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT EPFL, SPRING 2023



“ I truly hope that every student will have the experience of studying abroad as being in a different countries makes you more mature, confident, and brave. I believe that all the exchange students in the first batch have become better people (at least for themselves). ”

LE DINH NAM, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT UPV, SPRING 2023



“ I think apart from academic life, the experience is simply amazing as you are exposed to such an inverse culture from Asia, and Vietnam in particular. People are very open-minded, friendly, and hustle-free, and it is just a matter of time before falling in love with the culture of this country. Especially, putting yourself into a lesser-known city like Valencia helps you to understand the locals more, and this city is a perfect place for you to have a relaxing yet helpful semester. Be sure to make new friends, immerse yourself in their routines and enjoy the scenery, you will be sure to leave your heart at this picturesque area.

NGUYEN LE THANH HOANG, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT UPV, SPRING 2023

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“ My exchange semester at Yonsei University in Korea has truly been one of the most incredible experiences of my life. Studying at one of the top three higher-education institutions (SKY) allowed me to learn from distinguished professors and connect with some of the most talented students in Korea. I am incredibly grateful to VinUniversity for providing me with this unforgettable experience, which has allowed me to gain valuable lessons (and memories!) that I can bring back to serve our community. ”

TRAM DIEM QUYNH, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT YONSEI, SPRING 2023



“ Spring 2023 semester exchange at Yonsei Business School was a fresh breeze needed in my personal development journey. Through exposures with dynamic academic and cultural experiences, I have been able to reflect on myself with a more multifaceted perspective. Thank you VinUniversity for granting me this invaluable opportunity! ”

HOANG PHUONG THAO, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT YONSEI, SPRING 2023



“ I participated in the Yonsei University exchange program, and it was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I learned so much about Korean culture and history, and I made some lifelong friends from all over the world. One of the things I appreciated most about the program was the opportunity to take classes with Korean students. This gave me a unique perspective on Korean culture and society, and it also helped me to improve my Korean language skills. I also enjoyed participating in extracurricular activities at Yonsei University. I joined the swimming club, and I also went hiking in the mountains around Seoul. These activities helped me to meet new people and to experience Korean culture in a different way. Thank you VinUni for this opportunity. I am so grateful for my time on the Yonsei University exchange program. I would highly encourage other students to consider participating in an exchange program. It is a great way to learn about different cultures, widen your horizon, improve your language skills, and make new friends. ”

PHAM MINH CHAU, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT YONSEI, SPRING 2023



“ Studying abroad in Seoul has been one of the most transformative and unforgettable experiences in my life. Immersing myself in a new culture, engaging with diverse individuals, and navigating unfamiliar surroundings has profoundly impacted my personal growth and global perspective. I genuinely enjoyed the experiences and felt so confident now as I have stepped out of my comfort zone. From exploring the vibrant city and its rich traditions to embracing academic challenges at Seoul National University, every moment has enriched my understanding of the world. The experience has fostered adaptability, resilience, and lifelong connections, leaving an indelible mark on my life. ”

HA PHUONG THAO, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT SNU, SPRING 2023

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“ I could not be that great without this opportunity!
I see myself as a shy and unconfident girl, I am so inactive and rarely share any of my ideas because I am afraid of being judged and laughed at. This situation mostly disappears after I return from Hong Kong. Because my mindset has been shifted, I find myself different in learning and working as well.
I would like to send a big thank you to VinUni for giving me this chance, cannot describe how I appreciate it.

PHAN THUY TRANG, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT HKUST, FALL 2023



“ My time in ESSEC Business School as part of the VinUni exchange program was like stepping into a dream. The enchanting streets, the cultural vibrancy, and the academic richness created an experience that went beyond my expectations. It has been a transformative journey, expanding my horizons both academically and culturally, personally and professionally that I would recommend any students seeking a unique, aesthetic and full-of-heritage experience to join! ”

LE PHUONG NGAN, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT ESSEC, FALL 2023



“ Being part of OSEP is truly “a dream comes true” for me, realizing the ambition of “going out to explore the world” since I was a little kid. I was happy, satisfied, overwhelmed, disappointed, panicked, confused, hopeful, belated and more. All in just one journey, and after all, I believe it is just a beginning of my life journey, empowered by VinUni. As I once shared in my motivational letter, “I am empowered to get another chance of self-empowerment - going out into the world, telling it who I am, and learning it to empower people”. ”

PHAM HA ANH, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT UOFT, FALL 2023



“ One of the most remarkable aspects of my friendships at EPFL is the diversity of experiences and backgrounds my friends bring to the table. Whether it's discussing an idea for our projects, exploring the beautiful Swiss hiking, or simply cooking with each other, every interaction with my EPFL friends is a lesson in cultural exchange and mutual understanding. They are all so unique, warm-hearted, and brilliant!

But it's not just the diversity that makes these friendships extraordinary; it's also the support that we offer one another. The demanding coursework at EPFL was so challenging, but they helped me a lot in overcoming the pressure (by complaining about it with me). They went through a lot of new experiences with me. ”

TRAN HUONG LAN, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT EPFL, SPRING 2023 & FALL 2023



I wholeheartedly recommend the exchange program to my peers at VinUniversity. It's not just an academic endeavor; it's a holistic experience that shapes both your academic pursuits and your worldview. It's a chance to be open-minded, to enjoy the beauty of the world, and to return home with a heart full of memories and a mind enriched by new perspectives.

BUI HONG ANH, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT NTU, FALL 2023



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To those embarking on this exciting journey, seize every opportunity, embrace challenges, and savor the moments of growth. SKKU, or South Korea, is not just a university; it's a transformative chapter where you script your own adventure. The memories you create, the skills you acquire, and the friendships you forge will be the treasures you carry forward. ”

VO THI HOANG ANH, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT SKKU, FALL 2023



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Studying abroad at Nyenrode Business University was a transformative experience that exceeded my expectations. From academic growth to cultural immersion, every aspect of the exchange program enriched my personal and professional growth. I am immensely grateful for the opportunities and friendships forged during my time in the Netherlands. ”

TRAN THAO PHUONG, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT NYENRODE, FALL 2023



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Going to another country to live and study is a difficult journey, but also an eye-opening one. Everyone would feel uncomfortable when encounter with the unfamiliar things. However, the moment we overcome that feeling and start accepting the differences, the program becomes pleasant overnight. A program like this would clear our visions, widen our minds, strengthen our wills and deepen our souls. We will have sleepless nights because of homesick, but we will also have wasted night with lots of alcohol and joy. The moment we came back home, we would realize how far we have grown. Definitely worth it. 10/10 highly recommended! ”

NGUYEN DUY QUANG, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT NYENRODE, FALL 2023 & SPRING 2024



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The exchange program at UTS has been one of the most memorable experiences for me. Sydney is a vibrant and friendly city, a perfect mix between nature and city life. There is always something for everyone, whether you want to spend time winding down in the forests, enjoying the sun on beaches, or working in some cute cafes. It took me no time to settle down and start enjoying Sydney life. Of course, let's not forget to mention the experience at UTS. I felt welcome, like I had always been part of the school. Even though I was only there for a semester, it was enough for me to understand how things worked, the operations of the classes, the overall vibe, and the student life there. In my limited time there, I grew a lot in terms of both personal and professional skills. Although there were ups and downs, I think exchanging at UTS is definitely a worthy experience. ”

NGUYEN NGOC DIEU ANH, EXCHANGE STUDENT AT NYENRODE, FALL 2023



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