

Singapore



NMO GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME AND COUNTRY

Singapore SiMSA-International

LANGUAGE

English

REQUIRED LANGUAGE

English

TIME ZONE

(GMT+08:00) Kuala Lumpur, Singapore

CURRENCY

Singapore dollar

IFMSA STATUS

SCOPE Active

SCORE Active

LCs PARTICIPATING

SCOPE

[Singapore \(AMSA-Singapore\) - National University of Singapore](#)

SCORE

NUMBER OF INCOMING PER YEAR

4 SCOPE STUDENTS

4 SCORE STUDENTS

EXCHANGE CONDITION

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OFFICIAL WEBSITE

<https://www.simsa.sg/>

EXCHANGE OFFICERS

NEOs

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WELCOME NOTE

From Singapore, a tiny tropical island smaller than most big cities in the world, we extend to our friends, colleagues all around the world a warm invitation.

We hope that wherever you go in this amazing lion city, you would be treated to a visual, olfactory and gustatory feast with a southeast-asian flavour.

Singapore or **Singapura** is a city or country in Southeast Asia. Singapura is a Malay word. Singa means Lion and pura means City. That is why Singapore is also known as Lion City.

This Lion City was founded as a British Colony in 1918 and it had been developed into one of the world's busiest port today. You may find lots of modern skyscrapers everywhere mixed together with a taste of traditional Chinese, Indian and Malay influences buildings. Combining with great taste food, fantastic shopping, exciting nightlife, first-class airport and connections to the rest of the world, this Lion City is a great stopover for brief retreats or vacation. Its strategic location also makes it both a regional financial and medical hub.

HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Healthcare infrastructure in Singapore consists of both public and private healthcare facilities with both offering high quality of medical care but generally different level of service and comfort. Health plans, insurance, and benefits vary largely and depend typically on your immigration status and the employer. Singapore citizens and permanent residents are entitled to subsidized government healthcare services through compulsory national savings scheme whereas foreigners holding various work passes get the health coverage either through their employer or purchase it privately on their own. It is not mandatory for employers in Singapore to provide health insurance benefits. As a general rule of thumb, the larger the company, the higher the probability that the company offers some type of health insurance benefits to its staff.

MEDICAL EDUCATION

Singapore has three comprehensive medical faculties, the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore; NTU-Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine and the DUKE-NUS school of medicine. The former 2 institutions are the only two offering undergraduate medical programs in the city state.

Their medical programme span 5 years, with another year of internship at a local hospital, prior to obtaining provisional medical registration with the Singapore Medical Council. Other healthcare discipline programs (e.g. Physiotherapy) are dispersed among some other universities or tertiary institutions with or without a medical faculty.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation system in Singapore is relatively well-developed with MRT trains (subway) and public buses connecting almost all areas of the city. Major public hospitals and universities are well-connected and minutes walk away from major train stations.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

As Singapore is a small NMO, we aim to tailor the social programme to your personal preferences. The social programme would usually include a welcome get-together with the local committee and the other exchange students.

You will be assigned a local contact person, who will help you settle into your accommodation and handle any issues or questions you may have. If there is anything you would like to do in particular in Singapore, please do let your local contact person know so that we will be able to plan it for you beforehand! (Note that any admission fees during the social programme must be paid by you, and is not covered by SiMSA-International)

The social program varies according to the school calendar and availability of members. The vacation period in Singapore is during the May-Aug and December periods, so it is more likely that the local committee would be more able to bring you around Singapore during those vacation periods.

MUST SEE

Singapore offers a variety of must-sees, depending on your own personal interests. Whatever you may be passionate about, Singapore holds something for you. Our personal favourites include our beautiful Botanic Gardens, the stunning Marina Bay area and the cultural gem that is Chinatown. Explore what best suits you [here!](#)

CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

Singapore is a multicultural nation, with the different cultures adding to the richness and diversity that you can explore. Racial and religious sensitivity is the cornerstone of our harmonious society. To understand more about the different races and religions and get a first hand experience interacting with locals, do consider participating in [walking tours](#) around Singapore's Chinatown, Little India, Kampong Glam, etc.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our temperature in Apr-Sept range from 20 degree celsius (indoor air-conditioned rooms, like hospitals and labs) to 30 degrees c. outdoors. So grab your coolest t-shirts and light jacket and you would be sure to enjoy what this tropical city has to offer.