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DESIGN·AI UNIVERSITY

SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN

INBOUND EXCHANGE GUIDE 2026/2027



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TRAILBLAZING A BETTER WORLD BY DESIGN.



ENTRY INTO SINGAPORE

Entry into Singapore is subjected to approval by **Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA)**.

There are currently no COVID-19 measures for travellers arriving in Singapore, regardless of vaccination status or traveller profile.

Please go through the information on the ICA website carefully and comply to all required measures and procedures.

Find out more at
https://www.ica.gov.sg

COVID-19 MEASURES

SUTD: All physical classes, labs and projects in SUTD have resumed.

Singapore in general: Mask wearing is optional, but still required in healthcare facilities and residential care settings.

As the COVID-19 situation remains fluid, measures are subjected to changes according to prevailing regulations.

Find out more at
https://www.moh.gov.sg

READY TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD BY DESIGN?

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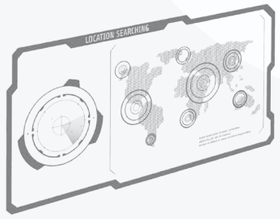
WHY CHOOSE SUTD

01
Interdisciplinary, Design-centric Curriculum

SUTD offers interdisciplinary learning experience where you can easily take cross pillar subjects. You also get to work on design-related projects with full access to our Fabrication Lab facilities, that supports prototyping and turning your ideas into reality.

I had the chance to study subjects and topics that I would have never expected to have done in my life. Alongside my major-related courses, in the field of Computer Science, I have studied Healthcare, Architecture and Entrepreneurship modules that were really eye-opening for me and allowed me to expand my horizons.

Artur Varosyan,
University of Bristol





02
Hands-on Collaborative Learning

Experience a MIT-like education where 90% of our curriculum were developed by MIT. With a 11:1 student to faculty ratio, SUTD focuses on hands-on small group learning so you will get to interact closely with our faculty and students.



03
Research Opportunities

In most universities, only selected students have access to research opportunities. At SUTD, all undergraduates, including first year students and exchange students have the opportunity to work on research with our faculty.

sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/students-opportunities-programme/innovation-and-research-opportunities-programme/incoming-irop





As an avid fan of entrepreneurship, I've joined SUTD Entrepreneurship Venture and Enterprise Network (SEVEN). I frequently attend their fireside chats, and enjoy meeting both the guest speakers as well as my fellow entrepreneurial-minded students. It's interesting learning about the Singaporean entrepreneurship scene, and how it differs from the American, especially the Californian entrepreneurial scene.

Justin Yeung,
University of California, Los Angeles



04
Vibrant #SUTDent Life

Over here at SUTD, there are no classes on Wednesday and Friday afternoons to allow students to pursue their passions and interests through participating in the various student clubs (also known as Fifth Rows).



05
An Innovative, Entrepreneurship Culture

SUTD has a dedicated entrepreneurship centre that supports SUTD start-ups and provides resources and training to budding entrepreneurs like you!

sutd.edu.sg/enterprise/venture-innovation-entrepreneurship

Singapore is a predominantly English-speaking country and all SUTD courses are taught fully in English.

SINGAPORE, YOUR IDEAL EXCHANGE DESTINATION

Photo by Dennis Peeters

WHY CHOOSE SINGAPORE, A CITY OF LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES



Gateway to Asia



Clean, Green and Safe



Convenient Transportation



Food Paradise



Cultural Melting Pot



Global Education



Robust Economy

Singapore is home to many places that embolden and inspire passions. Whether you are a culture buff, nature lover, or thrill seeker, a life-changing experience awaits in the city that has so much to offer. You find yourself marvel in the architectural wonders, lush parks, rich heritage, world-class attractions and amazing food in Singapore. It is also easy to travel around the region during your free time and discover the intriguing charm of Southeast Asia! Live out your dreams, in the city that is fuelled by passion and pride.

Check out the list of activities you can do in Singapore:
visitsingapore.com/see-do-singapore

SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN (SUTD)

Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) is Singapore's 4th public university and was established in collaboration with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). SUTD is the one of the world's first university to integrate design, AI and technology into a holistic, interdisciplinary education and research experience.

This unique approach encourages our students to push the boundaries of innovating solutions to real-world problems.

We welcome students from partner universities to join us for a term of exchange and be part of the AI-powered future.

10 MINUTES
from Singapore Changi Airport

35 MINUTES
to City Centre

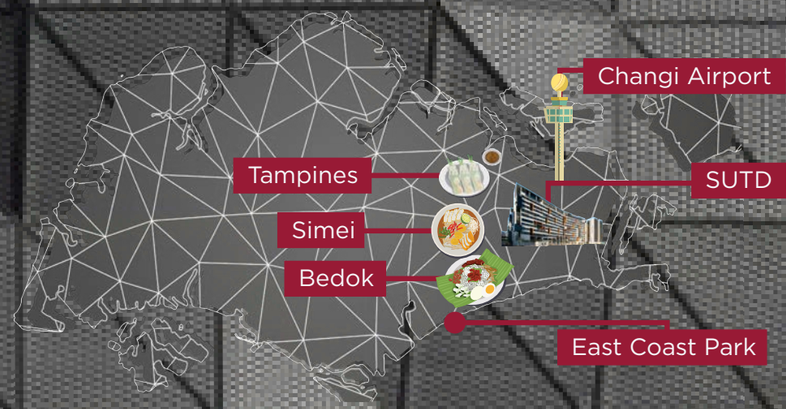
+++ Design·AI: AI is a partner, not just a tool.

AI alone is just deep tech.

SUTD is the world's first Design·AI university and we are defining a future where AI is not just a tool, but a valuable teammate.

Design·AI is the ability to look at real world problems and collaborate with AI to find effective, translatable solutions. We go beyond traditional AI by integrating design principles to solve complex challenges with creativity and effectiveness.

It is Innovation Beyond Imagination.

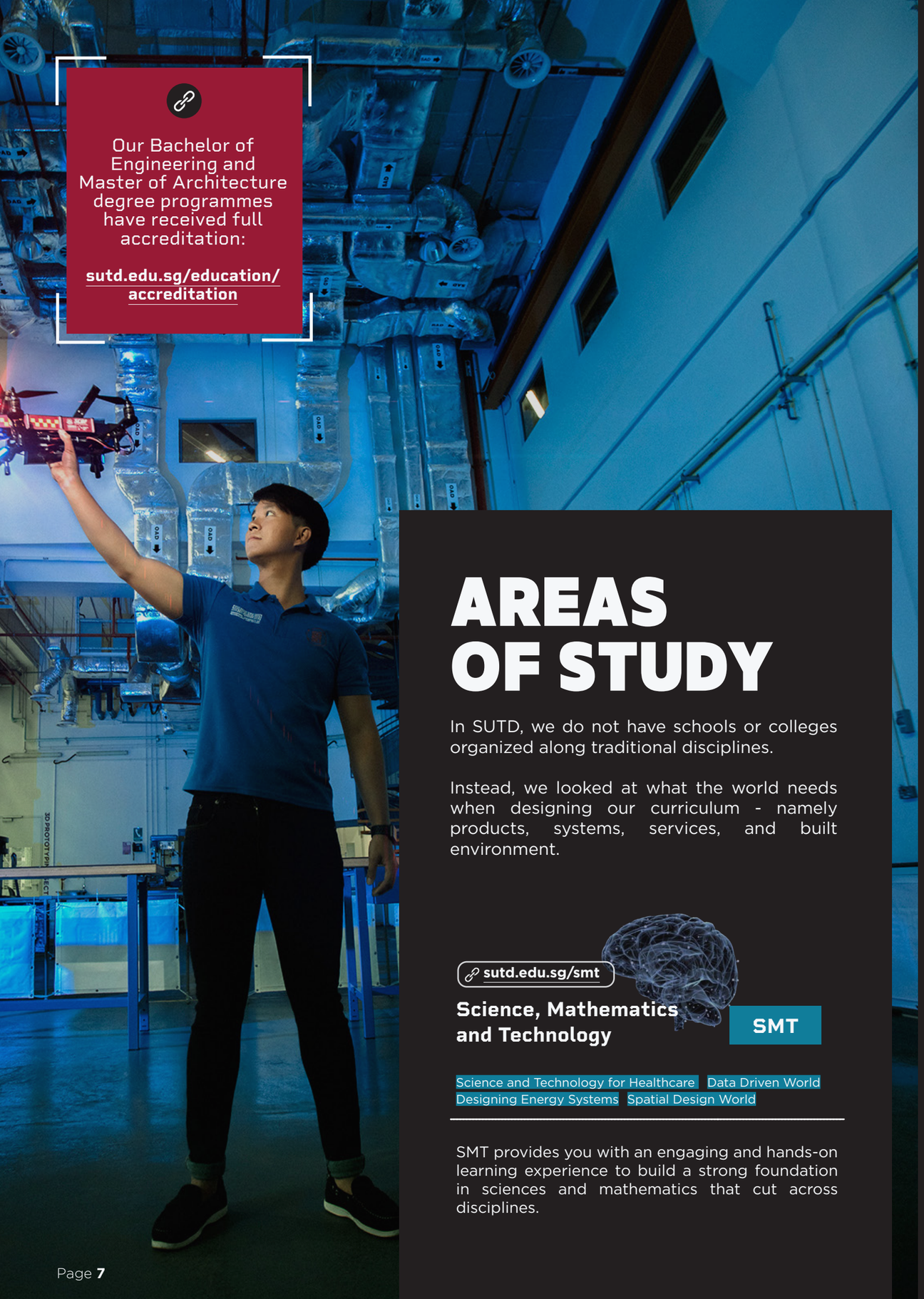


+++ Campus Location

Located in the East of Singapore, the campus metro station connects you to anywhere in Singapore! The nearby towns of Bedok, Simei and Tampines are treasure troves of local cuisines. You can also head over to East Coast Park or Changi Beach to enjoy cycling along the coast.

sutd.edu.sg/contact-us

METRO STATION
right at SUTD's doorstep



Our Bachelor of Engineering and Master of Architecture degree programmes have received full accreditation:

sutd.edu.sg/education/accreditation

AREAS OF STUDY

In SUTD, we do not have schools or colleges organized along traditional disciplines.

Instead, we looked at what the world needs when designing our curriculum - namely products, systems, services, and built environment.

sutd.edu.sg/smt

Science, Mathematics and Technology — SMT

Science and Technology for Healthcare | Data Driven World | Designing Energy Systems | Spatial Design World

SMT provides you with an engaging and hands-on learning experience to build a strong foundation in sciences and mathematics that cut across disciplines.



sutd.edu.sg/epd

Engineering Product Development — EPD

Computer Engineering | Electrical Engineering | Healthcare Engineering Design | Mechanical Engineering | Robotics

EPD prepares you for the leadership in conception, design, implementation and operation of innovative technology-intensive products.



sutd.edu.sg/esd

Engineering Systems and Design — ESD

Business Analytics and Operations Research | Supply Chain and Logistics | Financial Services | Infrastructure Systems

ESD advances a new generation of analysts, engineers, and researchers who can holistically design, analyse and optimise large-scale complex systems for a better world.

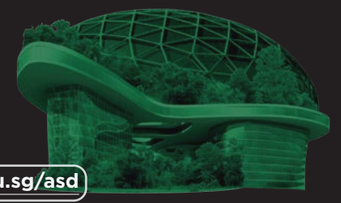


sutd.edu.sg/istd

Information Systems Technology and Design — ISTD

Artificial Intelligence | Data Analytics | Financial Technology | IoT and Intelligent Systems | Software Engineering

ISTD prepares you to be the drivers of the future's digital development who possess abilities in computing and system knowledge in software, hardware and augmented intelligence.



sutd.edu.sg/asd

Architecture and Sustainable Design — ASD

Studio | Building Technology | Design Computation | History, Theory and Culture

ASD prepares you for future needs of architecture in a digital era – ecological urban architecture, designing smart cities with big data, advanced design computation, digital fabrication etc.



sutd.edu.sg/dai

Design and Artificial Intelligence — DAI

AI Applications in Design | Machine Learning | Applied Deep Learning | Human Computer Interaction and AI

DAI prepares you to harness the power of AI to tackle both present and future challenges, improving design using AI across products, systems, services and the built environment.



sutd.edu.sg/hass

Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences — HASS

Fine Arts | History | Literature | Philosophy | Anthropology | Business and Economics | Psychology | Sociology

HASS helps you acquire capacity for self-reflection and critical thinking, to allow deeper awareness of the social role and impacts of innovation in the fields of technology and design.

Hear from your fellow exchange students on their SUTD research experience!

youtube.com/watch?v=Kggxu45InC4

INNOVATION AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAMME (IROP)

Formerly known as International Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (iUROP)

IROP provides exchange students the opportunity to work together with SUTD faculty and students on cutting edge and innovative research projects.

Exchange students will be able to participate in the different phases of research activity which include developing research plans, writing proposals, conducting research, analysing data and presenting research results in oral and written form. Besides immersing in SUTD's rich research culture, exchange students also get the chance to gain multicultural and interdisciplinary design perspectives.

Each exchange student is allowed to take one IROP project per term. The exact number of hours depends on the project duration, project nature, students' progress and arrangement with project supervisor, as well as students' own time management.

sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/students-opportunities-programme/innovation-and-research-opportunities-programme/incoming-irop

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Finding an IROP Project

Learn and work alongside some of the best in the world! More than a quarter of SUTD's faculty are ranked among the top 2% of the world's best scientists*.

**Source: Database released by Stanford University and Elsevier BV that identifies the world's top scientists across 22 scientific fields and 174 sub-fields*

FACULTY-LED IROP

Participate in a faculty-led research project by selecting up to 5 projects from the list of IROP Projects. Upon review, you will be matched to one of your selection.

Visit **IROP Project Catalogue for Exchange Students** to access the list.

STUDENT-INITIATED IROP

Identify a suitable faculty and initiate your own research project under the guidance of the faculty.

View the **profile of SUTD faculties** to identify a suitable faculty.

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Choosing Level of IROP

IROP LITE	IROP Mezzo	IROP Meta	IROP Max
0 credits *(with Certificate of Participation)*	**12 credits** *(with Pass grade)*	**24 credits** *(with Pass grade)*	**48 credits** *(with Pass grade)*

Part-time Research *(i.e. Student is required to take courses on top of IROP.)*

Features	IROP Lite	IROP Mezzo	IROP Meta	IROP Max
Offered as **Part-time research**	✓	✓	✓	Only for EU students
Duration	14 weeks	14 weeks	14 weeks	14 weeks
Term Offered	Spring, Summer, Fall	Spring, Summer, Fall	Spring, Summer, Fall	Spring, Summer, Fall
Min. Workload	12 hours per week	12 hours per week	24 hours per week	48 hours per week

Full-time Research *(i.e. Student comes to SUTD for IROP only.)*

Features	IROP Lite	IROP Mezzo	IROP Meta	IROP Max
Offered as **Full-time Research**	✗	✗	✓	✓
Duration	-	-	8 weeks	10 weeks (Summer only) / 14 weeks
Term Offered	-	-	Summer	Spring, Summer, Fall
Min. Workload	-	-	38 hours per week	62 hours per week (10 weeks) / 48 hours per week (14 weeks)



INBOUND STUDENT EXCHANGE

+++ Eligibility

Nominated by SUTD partner universities to enjoy tuition fee waivers for exchange at SUTD.

Capable of going through an academic or research term with subjects or projects delivered in English.

You should have a minimum cumulative GPA equivalent to a 3.0 on a 5.0 point scale.

Applying for Exchange

THE SUTD EXPERIENCE

At SUTD, we believe in providing you the flexibility of building your own exchange experience and that one size does not fit all. You have the options of taking up an exchange programme that suits your academic needs and interest.

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Exchange students take a combination of academic subjects and an IROP project.

Spring/Summer/Fall 14-week

Minimum 24 SUTD credits

Maximum 48 SUTD credits

This is equivalent to the full workload for a SUTD full-time undergraduate student each term.

Possible combinations are:
- ✓ **4 subjects** (48 credits) + **IROP Lite**
- ✓ **3 subjects** (36 credits) + **IROP Mezzo**
- ✓ **2 subjects** (24 credits) + **IROP Meta**

For EU students only:

If necessary, EU students may take up to **60 credits** for credit transfer with this combination:

- ✓ **3 subjects** (36 credits) + **IROP Meta**
- ✓ **1 subject** (12 credits) + **IROP Max**

ACADEMIC EXCHANGE

Exchange students take between two and four academic subjects without undertaking an IROP project.

Spring/Summer/Fall 14-week

Minimum 24 SUTD credits

Maximum 48 SUTD credits

This is equivalent to the full workload for a SUTD full-time undergraduate student each term.

Exchange students from the following universities can only select this exchange option:

- ✓ Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications
- ✓ Chongqing University
- ✓ The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- ✓ Tianjin University
- ✓ University of Ottawa
- ✓ Vietnam National University
- ✓ Hanoi - University of Engineering and Technology (VNU-UET)

RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Exchange students take on a full-time IROP project under the supervision of SUTD faculty, without taking any academic subjects.

Spring/Fall IROP Max 14-weeks
Summer IROP Max 10/14-weeks
Summer IROP Meta 8-weeks

IROP Meta 24 SUTD credits *(8-week programme)*

As a full-time resarch programme, IROP Meta is available only in Summer.

IROP Max 48 SUTD credits *(10/14-week programme)*

10-week IROP Max is available in:
- ✓ **Summer**

14-week IROP Max is available in:
- ✓ **Spring**
- ✓ **Summer**
- ✓ **Fall**

Research Exchange is not open to:

- Texas A&M University students

sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/global-experience-and-exchange/student-exchange/inbound

Subject Selection & Enrolment

(applicable to students who are on Academic and Research Exchange OR Academic Exchange)

Use Subject Catalogue for Exchange Students to research subjects taught at SUTD. It is updated from time-to-time and restrictions may apply to some subjects.

ASD subjects are **only available** to exchange students from Aalto University, Auckland University of Technology, Czech Technical University in Prague, IE University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Technical University of Crete, Technical University of Munich (TUM), The Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), University of Auckland, University of Newcastle, University of Seoul, University of Technology Sydney and Zhejiang University.

Timetable is only published 2 weeks before the exchange starts. Cross-term and cross-pillar subjects as well as HASS subjects are more likely to have timetable clashes.

STEP 1

DURING EXCHANGE APPLICATION

Exchange Application & Subject Selection

Select up to 10 subjects *(in order of preference)* during exchange application via Admissions Portal (admission.sutd.edu.sg). You will be pre-allocated with a slot in that subject if you have been approved to take the subject. **Subject approval does not translate to guaranteed subject enrolment due to timetable scheduling.**

OUTCOME: Subject approval will be reflected in Admissions Portal.

STEP 2

AFTER ACCEPTANCE OF EXCHANGE OFFER

Ad-hoc Subject Request (if necessary)

You may submit new subject requests for approval after acceptance of exchange offer via the Ad-hoc Subject Request form. You will be pre-allocated with a slot in that subject if you have been approved to take the subject.

OUTCOME: New subject approval will be reflected in Admissions Portal.

STEP 3

2 WEEKS BEFORE START OF THE TERM

Subject Registration & Selection of Class Schedule

Choose amongst the approved subjects that you like to take, and register by selecting the timetable via Admissions Portal. You can only register for the subjects that you have been approved to take AND subjects that do not have clash in class/examination schedule. Take note of the minimum and maximum SUTD workload.

OUTCOME: You will be informed via email after you have been enrolled successfully into the subjects that you registered for.

WHAT IF I AM UNABLE TO REGISTER SUFFICIENT SUBJECTS DURING SUBJECT REGISTRATION & SELECTION OF CLASS SCHEDULE (DUE TO TIMETABLE CLASH)?

You can continue to submit new subject requests via the Ad-hoc Subject Request form (you will be registered automatically if your request is successful) OR you can choose to add more subjects during Add Drop period.

STEP 4

FIRST 2 WEEKS OF THE TERM

Add Drop Period

You may request to add subject, drop subject or swap class schedule of enrolled subjects via Add Drop Request Form.

OUTCOME: Your subject enrolment will be adjusted accordingly.

Faculty-led IROP Application

(applicable to students who are on Academic and Research Exchange OR Research Exchange)

Search for faculty-led IROP projects using IROP Project Catalogue for Exchange Students.

IROP is not available to exchange students from **Texas A&M University (IROP Max only), Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, Chongqing University, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Tianjin University, University of Ottawa and Vietnam National University, Hanoi - University of Engineering and Technology (VNU-UET)**.

STEP 1

DURING EXCHANGE APPLICATION

Exchange Application & IROP Project Selection

As the allocation of projects is subjected to availability and decision of the project supervisor, you may not be given your preferred choice. Hence you are required to select a minimum of 2 projects and up to 5 projects *(in order of preference)* in your exchange application.

OUTCOME: IROP project allocation will be reflected in Admissions Portal. You are required to contact the project mentor to start your project proper. IROP is a Pass or Fail subject and you are required to commit fully in the task/project you have been assigned to.

WHAT IF MY IROP APPLICATION IS UNSUCCESSFUL / I DID NOT INDICATE MY INTEREST TO TAKE IROP IN MY EXCHANGE APPLICATION?

You may submit an application during the supplementary IROP application cycle.

STEP 2

AFTER ACCEPTANCE OF EXCHANGE OFFER

Supplementary IROP Application (if necessary)

Students who have been assigned to an IROP project successfully are not allowed to apply. Submit your project selection via Supplementary IROP Application Form.

OUTCOME: IROP project allocation will be reflected in Admissions Portal. You are required to contact the project mentor to start your project proper. IROP is a Pass or Fail subject and you are required to commit fully in the task/project you have been assigned to.

STEP 3

FIRST 2 WEEKS OF THE TERM

Add Drop Period

You may request to request to drop or swap the IROP project that you are allocated to after obtaining the relevant supervisor's approval.

OUTCOME: Your IROP project allocation will be adjusted accordingly.

Student-initiated IROP Application

(applicable to students who are on Academic and Research Exchange OR Research Exchange)

STEP 1

Send the IROP Proposal *(Part A to be completed)* **to your preferred SUTD faculty supervisor to secure supervision before completing your exchange application.** Identify a suitable faculty (view faculty profile) and initiate your own research project under the guidance of the faculty.

STEP 2

Student is to inform Office of International Relations (global@sutd.edu.sg) of successful match. **Submit your exchange application via Admissions Portal (admission.sutd.edu.sg).**

EXCHANGE TIMELINE

01 NOMINATION & APPLICATION

FOR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES:

You will receive an email from SUTD Office of International Relations once we are ready to receive your nominations.

FOR NOMINATED STUDENTS:

You will receive application instructions from SUTD via email after the nomination has been processed.

Ensure that all supporting documents are submitted when completing your application.

Refer to the User Guide for Exchange Application for more information on the documents and information needed for the application.

02 OFFER & ACCEPTANCE

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

SUTD will review your application and reach out to you if any documents are missing or if additional clarification is required.

Please note that your application will be processed only after the application deadline.

Successful students will receive the Letter of Offer to participate in SUTD exchange, along with the SUTD Handbook that details the important tasks and deadlines to prepare for exchange.

Log in to Admissions Portal (admission.sutd.edu.sg) to accept the offer and view the list of approved subjects and/or IROP project allocation.

For students taking subjects, subject approval does not translate to guaranteed subject enrolment.

You are advised to keep your study plan flexible.

03 STUDENT PASS APPLICATION

WHEN CAN I SUBMIT MY STUDENT PASS APPLICATION?

SUTD will need to initiate the registration for Student Pass with Singapore's Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA), before you can submit the Student Pass's application on the website.

You will receive the instructions from SUTD via email, along with the SOLAR application reference number, which is required to start your Student Pass application on ICA Student Pass On-Line Application & Registration (SOLAR) system.

Refer to Applying for Student Pass for more information.

04 ONLINE MATRICULATION EXERCISE (OMEX)

WHAT IS OMEX?

All exchange students who have accepted the offer are required to register as non-graduating students at SUTD.

OMEx is an online portal that streamlines SUTD's matriculation process by allowing students to complete various student administrative matters before commencing their exchange.

You will receive th instructions from SUTD via email.

05 ON-CAMPUS HOUSING APPLICATION

IS ON-CAMPUS HOUSING GUARANTEED?

On-campus housing is not guaranteed.

Interested students may submit their application via SUTD Housing Portal (sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/housing/non-graduating) during the application window.

It is subjected to availability and is allocated via a ballot system. You will be informed on the procedures via email.

06 SUBJECT REGISTRATION

HOW CAN I CONFIRM MY ENROLMENT?

An email notification will be sent when the finalized timetable is ready. Log in to Admissions Portal (admission.sutd.edu.sg) to register for your subjects from the list of approved subjects.

If you are unable to register for a sufficient number of subjects, you may submit a request for additional subject approvals.

07 ORIENTATION

MAKE NEW FRIENDS AT ORIENTATION!

You will meet your fellow exchange friends and be briefed on important matters—including student insurance—during the **compulsory 2-day Orientation Programme**, held on Wednesday and Thursday in the week before the exchange term begins.

08 START OF EXCHANGE!

ADD DROP PERIOD / BEFORE DEPARTURE

In the event that you do not have sufficient enrolled subjects, you can modify your study plan during the Add Drop period (first two weeks of exchange).

Ensure that you have completed all the assignments/exams for all the subjects/projects you take before you depart.

EXCHANGE DATES AT A GLANCE *(subjected to changes)*

	SPRING ACADEMIC/ RESEARCH (14-WKS)	SUMMER ACADEMIC/ RESEARCH (14-WKS)	SUMMER RESEARCH (10-WKS)	SUMMER RESEARCH (8-WKS)	FALL ACADEMIC/ RESEARCH (14-WKS)
① NOMINATION & APPLICATION	Early Jul - End Aug	Early Dec - End Jan	Early Dec - End Jan	End Jan - End Feb	Early Mar - End Apr
② OFFER & ACCEPTANCE	Mid-Oct	Mid-Feb	Mid-Feb	Mid-Mar	Mid-Jun
③ STUDENT PASS APPLICATION	End Oct	End Feb	End Feb	End Mar	End Jun
④ ONLINE MATRICULATION EXERCISE (OMEX)	End Oct	End Feb	End Feb	End Mar	End Jun
⑤ ON-CAMPUS HOUSING APPLICATION	Early Nov	Mid-Apr	Mid-Apr	Mid-Apr	Early Jul
⑥ SUBJECT REGISTRATION	End Dec	Mid-Apr			Early Aug
⑦ ORIENTATION	Mid-Jan	Early May	Early Jun	Mid-Jun	Early Sep
⑧ EXCHANGE PERIOD	Jan - Apr	May - Aug	Jun - Aug	Jun - Aug	Sep - Dec

ESTIMATED COST OF EXCHANGE

Cost of Living *(per month)*

Cost varies according to personal needs and lifestyle. Exchange students holding student pass are not allowed to work in Singapore.

SGD 1,300 - 2,700/MONTH

Accommodation	SGD 500 - 1,200
Meals	SGD 500 - 800
Personal Expenses	SGD 200 - 400
Transportation within Singapore	SGD 100 - 300

Compulsory Miscellaneous Fees (CMF) *(per term)*

SUTD students, including exchange students, are subjected to CMF. Fees are payable to SUTD and subjected to changes.

SGD 232

Health & Insurance
Student Activities & Services
IT Facilities & Academic Related Services
Sport Facilities

Student Pass (STP) Fees

All international students must hold a valid Student Pass issued by the Singapore Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) for their studies at SUTD. Fees are payable to ICA, and are subjected to change.

SGD 105 - 135

Processing Fee for Student Pass Application	SGD 45
Issuance Fee for Student Pass Collection	SGD 60
Multiple-Entry Visa Fee for Visa Required Nationals	SGD 30

SUTD STUDENT INSURANCE

- During your stay in SUTD (from Matriculation Day to end of Term), you will be covered by the SUTD Student Insurance Scheme (policy under NTUC Income).
- Refer to mycg.com.sg/sutd for more details on insurance coverage, the list of Panel Clinics you can visit if you feel unwell, and the procedures you need to complete if you require hospitalisation.
- We highly recommend students to purchase travel insurance with additional cover for COVID-19 to augment the coverage of the SUTD insurance. You would need to make your own arrangement for travel insurance coverage should you intend to extend your stay in Singapore beyond the end of Term.



EXCHANGE AWARD

The following award is available to exchange students, subjected to eligibility, terms and conditions.

ASEM DUO-SINGAPORE EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIP AWARD

sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/global-experience-and-exchange/scholarships-and-awards/asem-duo-singapore-exchange-fellowship-award

Open to

Students from
European ASEM member countries

Funding

Award quantum of €4,000

Term Available

Fall Term

The ASEM DUO award gave me the chance to deepen my understanding of the various cultures in Singapore while also providing financial support for my exchange. I chose to study at SUTD in Singapore as my primary choice exchange destination because it is a beautiful futuristic green country filled with history and culture, especially within Chinatown, Little India and Arab street.

Sandra Ghattas,
Chalmers University of Technology



LIFE AT SUTD

Life at SUTD

STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

There is more to life at SUTD than studying. Make the best of a campus designed and build to encourage innovation, interaction and collaboration.

Find out more at:
virtual tour.sutd.edu.sg

Find out more at:
sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/sports-and-recreation-centre

Find out more at:
sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/fnb-and-services/dining

Find out more at:
sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/academic-facilities


Sports & Recreational Centre


Campus Centre


Fabrication Laboratory


Cafeteria


Interactive Cohort Classroom


Library Discussion Booth



? WHICH IS THE NEAREST METRO TO CAMPUS?

Right at SUTD's doorstep, the **Upper Changi MRT Station** provides great accessibility all over Singapore – 10mins to Changi Airport and 30mins to Town!

Life at SUTD

LIVING WITH US

Exchange students can apply to stay in the SUTD hostel.

Some exchange students also prefer to stay off-campus and closer to town since they can easily reach SUTD by the subway on campus.

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On-campus Accommodation

On-campus housing application for exchange students is based on availability and is allocated through a ballot process.

Typically, a single, non-ensuite room will be assigned to successful applicants, though you may request for another room type subjected to availability.

SUTD will inform you on the procedures via email when the portal is open for application.

sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/housing/non-graduating

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Off-campus Accommodation

Housing spaces are limited at SUTD Hostel.

Thus, it is highly advisable for exchange students to source for off-campus accommodation.

sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/housing/off-campus-accommodation







Life at SUTD

STUDENT LIFE

Over here at SUTD, there are no classes on Wednesday and Friday afternoons to allow students to pursue their passions and interests through participating in the various student clubs (also known as Fifth Rows).

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Student Clubs

Whether it's ballroom dancing, boxing, jamming or coding, students are free to discover their passions. All Fifth Rows are led and run by students, and beginners are welcome to join any and as many of the student clubs as they wish.

Many exchange students take this as an opportunity to pick up new skills and hobbies, meet new friends and forge lasting friendships!

There are more than 80 student clubs on campus, grouped in 5 clusters:

- Arts
- Community
- Sports
- Culture
- Makers

sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/student-life/student-organisations-fifth-row

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Orientation Week

Once you arrive at SUTD, you will be welcomed with a series of activities organised as part of the 2-day compulsory Orientation Programme.

It is a great way to kickstart your exchange at SUTD as you get to meet your fellow exchange students from different universities!

With the help of exchange student buddies, you will learn more about the available resources and support services on campus, and familarise yourself with the nearby neighbourhoods around SUTD.

More information on Orientation Programme will be shared via email closer to the start of the term.







REQUEST FOR SPECIAL SUPPORT

Submit a request by emailing global@sutd.edu.sg

All requests will be reviewed by SUTD Office of Student Life / Office of Student Administration and are subjected to approval. You may either submit a doctor's memo (specifying the recommended support) or an official letter from your home university to support your request.

To ensure that there is adequate time to process your request, we recommend that you reach out to us as early as possible, after you receive the Letter of Exchange Offer from SUTD.

Schedule a Meeting (if necessary)

If necessary, SUTD will reach out to you to better understand your needs and discuss on the possible support during your exchange at SUTD.

Life at SUTD

STUDENT SUPPORT

SUTD community is made up of a melting pot of diverse backgrounds that have different approaches to life and ideals. We strive to provide a safe and conducive environment that caters to the needs of the community.

+++ Barrier-free Facilities

- Barrier-free access to and within buildings
- Access to lifts for persons with disabilities
- Toilets across the campus, for persons with disabilities
- Interconnectivity areas between buildings that allow for seamless movement
- Ramps with tactile indicators at road crossings

+++ Examination Support

- Bigger font and paper size (A3 size) of examination question papers for visually impaired students
- Physically-impaired students allowed to enter examination hall earlier or given access to customized tables at the front or back of examination hall
- Extra writing time during examinations, for students with certain medical conditions (e.g. dyslexia) could be accommodated, with endorsement from medical doctors
- Laptop and printer can be issued to students with writing difficulties
- A printed copy of the examination announcements can be issued to hearing-impaired students

sutd.edu.sg/about/diversity-inclusion/special-education-needs-support

+++ Education Support

- Additional support, such as module consultations or extra tutorials, might be provided based on individual condition(s)

Enabling Students (ES) Fund: Supports students with physical, hearing or visual impairment who require Assistive Technology devices and support services

+++ Well-being Services

- Provide professional counselling service at no charge for students
- Self-help psycho-educational resources
- Talks, workshops and training for the University community to promote the development of personal growth, life skills and mental health and wellbeing
- Support to critical incidents involving students who may need immediate psychological or medical care

sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/wellbeing-services



ANNEXES

AY2026/2027

Key Exchange Dates

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+++ Academic and/or Research Exchange

(14 weeks)

	Summer 2026 (14-weeks)	Fall 2026 (14-weeks)	Spring 2027 (14-weeks)
Arrival in Singapore	By 12 May 2026, Tue	By 08 Sep 2026, Tue	By 19 Jan 2027, Tue
Orientation	13 May 2026, Wed	9 & 10 Sep 2026, Wed & Thu	20 & 21 Jan 2027, Wed & Thu
Start of Exchange	18 May 2026, Mon	14 Sep 2026, Mon	25 Jan 2027, Mon
Recess Week	28 Jun - 5 Jul 2026	25 Oct - 1 Nov 2026	7 - 14 Mar 2027
End of Exchange	22 Aug 2026, Sat	19 Dec 2026, Sat	1 May 2027, Sat

+++ Research Exchange

(10-weeks/8-weeks)

	Summer 2026 (10-weeks)	Summer 2026 (8-weeks)
Arrival in Singapore	By 9 Jun 2026, Tue	By 23 Jun 2026, Tue
Orientation	10 Jun 2026, Wed	24 Jun 2026, Wed
Start of Exchange	15 Jun 2026, Mon	29 Jun 2026, Mon
Recess Week	NA	NA
End of Exchange	22 Aug 2026, Sat	22 Aug 2026, Sat

WHEN SHOULD I ARRIVE & DEPART FROM SUTD?

- **You would need to be in Singapore ready to attend the Orientation.** If you are arriving late, please contact Office of International Relations (global@sutd.edu.sg) to advise of your situation and seek approval.
- **You should plan to be in Singapore until the end of the term and ensure that you attend all classes and complete all examinations/assignments.** Rescheduling of exams is not possible.



*Dates are subjected to change.
You may refer to: sutd.edu.sg/academic-calendar

SUTD
Credit & Grading System (1/2)

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+++ Academic Information *(applicable to students taking subjects)*

Class Format	Differs from subject to subject, may consist lectures and/or cohort-based learning (tutorials).
Mode of Delivery	Most classes and ALL exams are conducted in-person.
Subject Grading Assessment	Grading rubrics differs from subject to subject. A letter grade will be reflected on SUTD transcript.
Workload Per Term	Minimum 24 credits, maximum 48 credits. This includes IROP, if any. If necessary, EU students may take up to 60 credits for credit transfer with this combination: 3 subjects (36 credits) + IROP Meta (24 credits) OR 1 subject (12 credits) + IROP Max (48 credits).

Credit System

1 SUTD Subject Credit (SCs) is equivalent to 1 hour of workload per week. The subject workload in terms of hours and SCs is represented by a series of 3 numbers. All of the 3 numbers add together to represent the total SCs for the subject.

For example:
3-5-4 (Total SCs is 12)

"3" (first number) represents actual contact hours for lectures or cohort-based learning per week

"5" (second number) represents hours for laboratory, design or fieldwork per week

"4" (third number) refers to hours a student is expected to spend on preparation per week

Please check with your home university on credit transfer matters.

Email SUTD Office of International Relations (global@sutd.edu.sg) if you require more information on the assessment breakdown, syllabus and workload components (actual contact hours, lab/design/fieldwork hours, independent study hours) of respective subjects.

Grading System *(does not apply to IROP)*

SUTD uses a 5-point grading system as follows:

Grade	Point	Remarks
A+	5.30	Exceptional performance
A	5.00	Excellent performance
A-	4.50	Excellent performance in most aspects
B+	4.00	Very good performance
B	3.50	Very good performance in most aspects
B-	3.00	Good performance
C+	2.50	Fairly good performance
C	2.00	Satisfactory performance
D+	1.50	Improvement needed
D	1.00	Minimally acceptable performance with much improvement needed
F	0.00	Fail

SUTD
Credit & Grading System (2/2)

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+++ Research Information *(applicable to students taking IROP)*

Research Format	Can include, but not limited to different phases of research activity such as developing research plans, writing proposals, conducting research, analyzing data and presenting research results in oral and written form.
IROP Grading Assessment	See below for assessment and evaluation breakdown. IROP is a Pass or Fail subject.
Workload Per Term	Each exchange student is allowed to take only 1 IROP project per term.

IROP Programme

+++ Level of IROP

IROP LITE	IROP Mezzo	IROP Meta	IROP Max
0 credits *(with Certificate of Participation)*	**12 credits** *(with Pass grade)*	**24 credits** *(with Pass grade)*	**48 credits** *(with Pass grade)*

SUTD recommends that exchange students spend at least 12 hours per week for IROP Lite and IROP Mezzo, 24 hours per week for IROP Meta and 48 hours per week for IROP Max. The exact number of hours depends on the project duration, project nature, students' progress and arrangement with project supervisor as well as students' own time management.

IROP Assessment and Evaluation

To obtain a pass for IROP Mezzo, IROP Meta and IROP Max, exchange students would need to obtain a minimum of 50% from the total marks in the assessment items stated below.

The mid-term report will be assessed by the students' direct supervisor. The poster/seminar presentation and final report will be assessed by the direct supervisor and one additional examiner according to the grading rubrics.

You may refer to: sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/students-opportunities-programme/innovation-and-research-opportunities-programme/incoming-irop

Assessment Item	IROP Lite	IROP Mezzo	IROP Meta	IROP Max
Mid-term Report	-	-	-	30
Presentation	-	-	40	10
Final Report	100	100	60	60
Total Marks	100	100	100	120

User Guide for **Exchange Application**

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Exchange Application Document Checklist

1. Passport Particulars Page
(Colour scanned copy, in pdf format, max 5 MB)

- Please ensure that your passport has **a validity of at least 6 months - from the date of departure from Singapore back to your home country**.
- Provide the current passport particulars in your application (indicate relevant remarks) if you are in the process of renewing your passport. Email Office of International Relations (global@sutd.edu.sg) as soon as you receive your new passport.

2. Latest Official Academic Transcript (s)
(Colour scanned copy, in pdf format, max 5 MB)

- Issued by your home university **with an explanation of the grading system**. It should reflect the courses you have taken.
- English translated transcript is required if your home university is a non-English medium university.
- Provide both Bachelor's and Master's transcript reflecting the courses you have taken. *(For Postgraduate students)*

3. TOEFL/IELTS Score
(Colour scanned copy, in pdf format, max 5 MB)

- Optional, if there are applicable results
- Students from China Universities who do not have TOEFL/IELTS score, please provide your CET 4 or CET 6 score.

4. Official Nomination Letter
(In pdf format, max 5 MB)

- Mandatory only for **students from EU Universities**
- Issued by your home university with official university logo and signature.

5. Architecture Portfolio

- Mandatory only for **students who wish to read ASD subjects**

6. Subjects Information Taken at Home University that Satisfies the Pre-requisities

- Mandatory for students who wish to take any subjects with pre-requisites

7. Curriculum Vitae

- Mandatory for **students who wish to take IROP**

Before Applying

- Ensure that you have been nominated by your home university before you apply to SUTD.
- Review the eligibility requirement and exchange application document checklist for exchange at SUTD.

Submitting Application

- Visit Admissions Portal (admission.sutd.edu.sg) and create an application account.

  Enter your own User ID, Full Name (as per your passport) and your Email Address. You will receive an email with User ID and Password at the email address you have entered upon successful account registration. You will be required to change your password upon the first login.

- Start an exchange application. Select 'Inbound' as the Application Type, and select either 'Exchange Programme (Academic & Research) / (Academic)' or 'Exchange Programme (Research only)' as the Application Programme. Read the instructions carefully at each stage of the application and remember to click "Save" after you have completed each section.

  Need help? Refer to the step-by-step instructions on how to submit your exchange application.

  - Academic & Research / Academic Application Guide
  - Research Exchange Application Guide



The subjects and/or IROP projects listed in your application will be assessed by the relevant department(s), along with the supporting documents.

To ensure that you obtain a sufficient number of approved subjects, you should list a minimum of 5 subjects or a maximum of 10 subjects in your application.

Subject approval does not translate to guaranteed subject enrolment, due to timetable scheduling. Monitor your email for the subject registration instructions, which will be sent 2 weeks before the term starts.

Applying for **Singapore Student Pass**

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All international students must hold a valid Student Pass issued by the Singapore Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) for their studies at SUTD. Generally, international students studying in SUTD are granted Student Pass for the full duration of the exchange period.

STEP 1

Application Through SOLAR System

Application for Student Pass is to be made through the ICA Student Pass On-Line Application & Registration (SOLAR) system.

SUTD will inform you via email when the SOLAR system is open for application. You are required to login to SOLAR to complete the application, submit eForm16 and make payment of SGD45.00 for the non-refundable processing fee for Student Pass application.

Check your email regularly as ICA may request some applicants to furnish additional documents in support of the application, where necessary.

STEP 2

Issuance of In Principal Approval (IPA) Letter

You will be notified via email once your application has been processed. Login to SOLAR system and print out In Principal Approval (IPA) letter (Select "Foreign Student", followed by "Print Outcome Letter" after you entered your details).

For students who require a visa to enter Singapore, a visa will be incorporated in the IPA letter. Students need not apply for a separate visa and may enter Singapore by producing the IPA letter at the customs.

STEP 3

Making Appointment with ICA

After receiving your IPA letter, login to SOLAR system to make payment of SGD60.00 for issuance fee and SGD30.00 for multiple-journey visa (where applicable). Also, make an appointment with ICA for completion of formalities for the issuance of your Digital Student Pass.

STEP 4

Issuance of Digital Student Pass

Upon arrival in Singapore, report to ICA on your appointment day for completion of formalities for the issuance of your Digital Student Pass. More information will be provided in the SUTD Handbook emailed to you upon exchange offer.

STEP 5

Self-cancellation of Digital Student Pass

No action is required if you are leaving Singapore before the Student Pass expiry date.

If you wish to remain in Singapore beyond the Student Pass expiry date, you must cancel your Student's Pass via SOLAR system (Select "Cancellation of Student's Pass").

You will be able to retrieve the Short-term Visit Pass document (Select "Print Outcome Letter") after your request has been processed. The document is to be presented to the Immigration Officer when you leave Singapore.

For visa-required nationals who are planning for any overseas trip out of Singapore after the Student Pass is cancelled, you will need to apply for the relevant pass/visa if you wish to re-enter Singapore.

Frequently **Asked Questions**

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How can I be nominated for exchange at SUTD?

You must be enrolled as a full-time student at one of our partner universities.

You can then apply through your home university exchange programme and your home university will nominate you.

Visit sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/global-experience-and-exchange/student-exchange/inbound to find out if your home university is one of SUTD partner universities.

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What if my home university is not one of SUTD partner universities?

SUTD only provides student exchange opportunities to students from partner universities whom we have formalized collaborations through official agreements.

Should you be interested to pursue a term of study with SUTD, you may consider the option of enrolling with us as a non-graduating fee-paying student.

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How many terms can I spend my exchange at SUTD?

You can spend up to a maximum of 3 terms at SUTD, subjected to availability.

Reach out to your home university for further advice.

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What happens after I submit my application?

We will contact you if there are any missing documents or for further clarifications.

Your application will be processed only after the application deadline.

You will be notified via email on the outcome of your application.

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Can non-engineering students come to SUTD on exchange?

Yes, SUTD offers non-engineering subjects as well, mainly from the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) cluster. As places in each HASS subject are very limited, we advise students to be flexible with their study plan.

In general, students can apply for cross-pillar subjects as long as they fulfil the pre-requisites, subjected to availability and timetable scheduling.

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Can I change my subjects after the start of the exchange?

Yes, there is an Add Drop period in the first two weeks of exchange, where you can add or drop subjects. Adding of subjects is subjected to fulfilment of pre-requisites, availability and timetable scheduling.

You will be briefed on the procedures during Orientation.

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How can I get my Learning Agreement endorsed?

Please email Office of International Relations (global@sutd.edu.sg) and request for your Learning Agreement to be endorsed.

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How will I receive my transcript?

Hardcopy transcript will be sent to your home university within two months after your final examination results.

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CAN'T FIND THE ANSWER YOU ARE LOOKING FOR?

Reach out to your home university or contact SUTD Inbound Exchange team at global@sutd.edu.sg.

Useful **Links And Resources**

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General Information

SUTD Global
sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/global-experience-and-exchange

SUTD Curriculum
sutd.edu.sg/education/undergraduate

Academic Calendar
sutd.edu.sg/education/undergraduate/academic-calendar

SUTD Virtual Tour
virtualtour.sutd.edu.sg

Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA)
ica.gov.sg

Pillars / Cluster / Programme / Research

Engineering Product Development (EPD) Pillar
sutd.edu.sg/epd

Engineering Systems and Design (ESD) Pillar
sutd.edu.sg/esd

Information Systems Technology and Design (ISTD) Pillar
sutd.edu.sg/istd

Architecture and Sustainable and Design (ASD) Pillar
sutd.edu.sg/asd

Design and Artificial Intelligence (DAI) Programme
sutd.edu.sg/dai

Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) Cluster
sutd.edu.sg/hass

Science, Mathematics and Technology (SMT) Cluster
sutd.edu.sg/smt

Innovation and Research Opportunities Programme (IROP)
sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/students-opportunities-programme/innovation-and-research-opportunities-programme/incoming-irop

Campus / Student Life

SUTD Fifth Row
sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/student-life/student-organisations-fifth-row

SUTD Sports and Recreation Centre
sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/sports-and-recreation-centre

SUTD Library
mylibrary.sutd.edu.sg

SUTD Wellbeing Services
sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/wellbeing-services

SUTD Special Needs Support
sutd.edu.sg/about/diversity-inclusion/special-education-needs-support

SUTD Health & Insurance
mycg.com.sg/sutd

SUTD Hostel
sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/housing/non-graduating

Off-Campus Accommodation
sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/housing/off-campus-accommodation

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sutd.edu.sg/campus-life/global-experience-and-exchange

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