

NTU Outgoing Exchange – participant selection criteria

The main selection criteria for participation in our exchange programmes are:

Academic requirements

NTU exchange programmes are competitive. An exchange place is not guaranteed, even if the minimum grade requirements are met or exceeded – minimum of a 2.2 is normally expected. Please note that some partners require a higher average. At the application stage, only first year results will be taken into consideration. Your exchange place will remain provisional until your second year results have been verified by the exam board (during the summer before your exchange).

The volume and level of applications received varies from year to year. With this in mind, it is impossible to advise on what the chances are of an application being approved before all applications have been received and considered.

Motivation and ambassadorial qualities

Applicants are required to submit a personal statement as part of their application - this gives applicants the opportunity to:

- outline their academic motivation for applying
- explain why the qualities they have would make them a good representative of NTU
- explain how the opportunity would benefit them academically, personally and professionally.

The motivational statement will not be sent to the host institution – it is for internal selection use only.

Added value for the student

Particular consideration will be given to applicants who may be expected to benefit most from the opportunities provided by an exchange period, and who may not previously have had access to similar opportunities.

Linguistic suitability

For study at a host university where the language of instruction will not be English, participants should evidence at least one of the following:

- an Advanced Higher or 'A' level certificate in that language
- a minimum of one year's university level study (as a non-beginner)
- other qualification demonstrating a minimum of level B2 according to the Common European Framework

In the absence of at least one of the above requirements, participants may be required to take a language test to achieve at least Level B2 (on the Council of Europe's Common European Framework).