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### Exchange Experience

#### About the country and city:

Singapore is a City State, meaning that the entire country is actually just one city. The city is very active and diverse as they welcome tourism. Throughout my time there I was surprised by how clean and well-functioning the city is. In addition, the city is also extremely safe. Another bonus is that the main language is English.

#### About the Host University:

The NUS business school is a gorgeous building, it is somewhat isolated from the rest of the campus so most of the students you interact with will be business students. There is a great mix of students from all over the world. We had many Europeans, Americans, and Asians. About half of the students in the class are Singapore natives and the other half are international study abroad students. The average age of the students is between 25-27.

#### **Courses and professors:**

While studying in NUS I took 3 courses. I actually really enjoyed the courses I took. I studied private equity, value investing, and entrepreneurial finance. The professors are high level

#### Accommodation:

I lived outside of student housing because I wanted to be closer to the city. But the dorms are a great and convenient option. Good location and comfortable. If you are planning to live outside of student housing be prepared to spend at least \$1,200 on monthly rent.

## Visa:

You will need to acquire a student visa. It is not hard to receive the Visa and I recommend going through the University. The University will make the process much easier.

### Transportation:

The city has excellent public transportation. You have the option between bus or subway in the city. Ubers are significantly less expensive that in America.

# Living expenses:

Food is much cheaper in Singapore than it is in Israel. Most things are reasonably priced, however going out for drinks with friends is extremely expensive. A drink such as a beer can easily cost S\$20+ at a bar.

### Food:

The food is excellent. There is tons of diversity in cuisines and the quality is very high. Eating out is significantly less expensive than in Israel or in America.

# Night life:

There is a ton of night life options. You can easily find fun bars or clubs. Also, it is very safe to be out late at night. The night scene is fun and you will find that the people that go out are mostly international.

### Tips:

Try and find as much time as possible to travel outside Singapore. If you book in advance you can book cheap air tickets to the surrounding countries.

### General experience:

Overall studying abroad in Singapore was an incredible experience. You will meet amazing people and have exposure to a new culture. I only wish I had more time on the exchange, it was the highlight of my MBA.