



UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME INFORMATION SHEET 2025/2026



International
Mobility &
Collaboration
Centre

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Vice-Chancellor's Welcome

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), an esteemed institution dedicated to nurturing future leaders and innovators. At USM, you will find not only a place to acquire knowledge but also an environment that fosters creativity, critical thinking, and innovation.

We are committed to providing a transformative educational experience that empowers you to contribute meaningfully to society.

With a strong foundation in academic excellence and a vibrant community, I am confident that your journey here will be both enriching and inspiring.

I wish you all the best in your endeavors and look forward to witnessing your success.

Thank you.

*Professor Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Abdul Rahman Mohamed, FASc.
Vice-Chancellor, Universiti Sains Malaysia*





At Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), we proudly welcome students from over 80 nationalities, creating a truly global academic environment. With enrollment numbers exceeding more than 34,000, USM offers a rich blend of cultures, perspectives, and experiences. Our multidisciplinary approach to education spans a wide range of fields-whether you're interested in science, engineering, social sciences, or the arts, our diverse course prepare you for success in an increasingly interconnected world.

Additionally, we offer flexible undergraduate and postgraduate programs beyond our physical campuses, ensuring you can achieve your academic goals from anywhere. Discover how USM can be your gateway to an exceptional educational experience!

#1 in Southeast Asia

Global prominence – Advancing
Global Sustainability

#2 in Asia

Global prominence – Advancing
Global Sustainability

Malaysia's 1st

100Gbps Research & Education
Network

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ACADEMIC & EXCHANGE

RELATED INFORMATION

	SEMESTER I	SEMESTER II
ACADEMIC CALENDAR	6 October 2025 - 15 February 2026 (Fall)	16 March - 26 July 2026 (Spring)
NOMINATION DEADLINES	10 June	10 November
APPLICATION DEADLINES	15 June	15 November

NOTE: • Fully completed application along with all required supporting documents **MUST** reach IMCC by e-mail before the application deadlines.

- All applicants are not required to send the hardcopy of the application form.
- Please attach a clear .jpeg file passport photo with the e-mail.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ An Up-to-date Certified Academic Transcript (with translation if necessary) ✓ A Copy of The Student's Matriculation Card A ✓ Curriculum Vitae ✓ A Confirmation Letter (https://bit.ly/ConfirmationLetter-SAMPLE) ✓ Disability Support Details ✓ A fully Completed Course Registration/ Learning Agreement Signed by Home Institution Coordinator | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A Recommendation Letter from Your Academic Advisor (to support your application) ✓ A Certified Copy of IELTS / TOEFL / other English Proficiency Test Result (if English is not first language) ✓ Portfolio (for creative design based courses). Include slides and an academic reference authenticating work ✓ A Clear Copy of The Details Page of Your Passport ✓ A Copy of Your Passport Photo (White background and 4.5 cm high x 3.5 cm wide) |
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DURATION OF EXCHANGE

1 Semester: 6 months
1 Academic Year: 12 months

REQUIRED CREDITS

Min **9** Units

COURSE LOAD

Max **21** Units

EXCHANGE COURSES

Most courses are offered in English.

For further information:
www.imcc.usm.my

RESTRICTED COURSES

 Dentistry

 Medicine

COURSE REGISTRATION

During the **Orientation Week**

ACADEMIC & EXCHANGE

RELATED INFORMATION

■ LANGUAGE / GPA REQUIREMENT ■

TOEFL	TOEFL	TOEFL	IELTS	TOEIC
ITP: 543	PBT: 550	IBT: 79-80	BAND 5	605

- NOTES:**
- There are no minimum requirements for **GPA**.
 - If **English is not the first language**, students are required to fulfill the **minimum language requirement** as above.
 - If students **do not have this qualification, supporting letter** from their English teacher of the highest level at university is sufficient.
(**MUST** state that the student is able to communicate and write in English well)

■ USM GRADING SYSTEM ■

USM GRADE	POINT	MARKS	REMARKS
A	4.00	80-100	PASS
A-	3.67	70-79	
B+	3.33	64-69	
B	3.00	58-63	
B-	2.67	52-57	
C+	2.33	46-51	
C	2.00	40-45	PASS WITH CONDITION
C-	1.67	36-39	
D+	1.33	32-35	
D	1.00	28-31	
D-	0.67	25-27	FAIL / ABSENT FROM EXAMINATION
F	0.00	0-24	

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

	SEMESTER I	SEMESTER II
ORIENTATION WEEK	29 Sep - 3 Oct 2025 [TBC]	9 - 13 March 2026 [TBC]

- NOTES:**
- Exact dates will be notified later.
 - Suggested date of arrival is 2 days before the orientation.
 - Airport pick-up will only be offered 2 days before the orientation week.
 - Airport pick-up will not be provided during or after the orientation week.
 - Orientation week is compulsory for all exchange students.

FACILITIES & SERVICES AVAILABLE

FACILITIES



Libraries



Sport facilities

(Swimming pool, gym, tennis court etc.)



Cafeterias



On-campus Commuters



Museum



Banks



Post Office

SERVICES

- ✓ Orientation
- ✓ Airport Pick-up (semester basis students)
- ✓ Student Buddies/ Student Helpers
- ✓ Assistance on securing On-Campus Accommodation
- ✓ Student Visa Application Process
- ✓ Assistance on Course Registration
- ✓ Activities for Exchange Students throughout the Semester (e.g. Outing, Counseling, etc.)
- ✓ International Student Support

ACCOMMODATION

ON-CAMPUS HOSTELS

- From RM5 / day
(for Partner Universities in Main Campus only)
- Offered only **upon request**
- Subject to availability
- **No application fee** is required
- **Twin-sharing room** with a common sharing bathroom
- There is **no meal plan** provided
- **Cafeterias** are available in each hostel and various **food outlets** are located within the vicinity

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

- Approximately from **RM 1200 / month**
- Exchange students may opt to rent private apartments off-campus; located within **walking distance from USM**
- Contacts of off-campus housing are available **upon request**

INSURANCE & VISA

INSURANCE

- Each Exchange Student **MUST** keep a valid insurance coverage throughout their stay in Malaysia.

***Copy of insurance certificate (in English)** need to be submitted before the arrival of student to Malaysia.



MEDICAL

- All students are compulsory to run the **medical check up** in **USM Health Centre** during the orientation week.
- Pre-medical test are not required but students must submit the **Health Declaration Form** provided together with the **application form**.

VISA

- All international students are required to apply for **the Student Pass (Mobility)** for the purpose of their stay in Malaysia.
- USM will assist International students throughout the application process in obtaining the student pass (Mobility) through **Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS)**.

***For applying Student Visa:**

<https://visa.educationmalaysia.gov.my/customer/account/login/>



- For further information, please visit our website: <https://imcc.usm.my/v2/visa/>

EXPENSES



FOOD / MEALS

RM900.00/ month



LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

RM80.00/ month



ACADEMIC EXPENSES

RM350.00



PERSONAL EXPENSES

RM400.00 - RM600.00
/month

ADMINISTRATIVE F E E S

APPLICATION FEE	RM 50.00
REGISTRATION FEE	RM 40.00
STUDENT ID CARD FEE	RM 60.00
ORIENTATION FEE	RM 200.00
LIBRARY FEE	RM 100.00
MEDICAL CHECK-UP	RM 360.00

V I S A F E E S

(e-Visa Approval Letter – EVAL & Student Pass)

EVAL & EMGS PROCESSING FEES (subject to change) (include Ikad & courier charges)	RM470.00 ++
INSURANCE	
• 6 MONTHS	RM275++
• 12 MONTHS	RM370.00 ++
USM VISA ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	RM340.00 ++



ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025/2026

SEMESTER I (FALL) : 6 OCTOBER 2025 – 15 FEBRUARY 2026

Arrival (Airport Pick-up Penang Airport)	27 & 28 September 2025	2 days
Orientation Week	29 September - 3 October 2025	1 week
Teaching Period	6 October – 23 November 2025	7 weeks
Mid-semester Break	24 - 30 November 2025	1 week
Teaching Period	1 December 2025 - 18 January 2026	7 weeks
Revision Period	19 - 25 January 2026	1 week
Examination Period	26 January - 15 February 2026	3 weeks

SEMESTER II (SPRING) :16 MARCH – 26 JULY 2026

Arrival (Airport Pick-up Penang Airport)	7 & 8 March 2026	2 days
Orientation Week	9 - 13 March 2026	1 week
Teaching Period	16 March – 3 May 2026	7 weeks
Mid-semester Break	4 - 10 May 2026	1 week
Teaching Period	11 May – 28 June 2026	7 weeks
Revision Period	29 June - 5 July 2026	1 week
Examination Period	6 - 26 July 2026	3 weeks

Note:

- Please make the necessary arrangements to arrive in Penang, Malaysia before the commencement of the Orientation Week.
- Attendance for Orientation Week is compulsory.

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