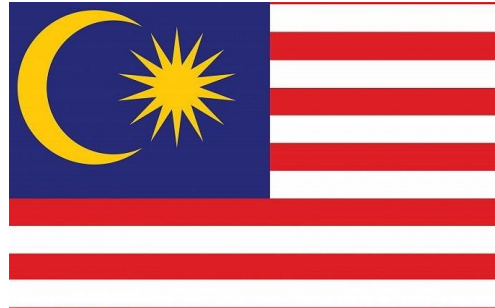




Study Abroad in Malaysia



Higher Education in Malaysia

- Malaysia has different kinds of post-school institutions. There are public universities, private universities, foreign-university branch campuses (such as Nottingham University's campus), polytechnics and private colleges.
- The structure of HE qualification is similar to that of the UK. One main difference is the high number of private universities (460+). At these private universities all courses are taught in English. The National Association of private educational institutions (NAPEI) represents all levels of private educational institutions in Malaysia including universities.
- In public universities most undergraduate degrees are taught in Bahasa Malaysian, although this is changing, with some now taught in English. The Malaysian government has a policy that allocates 5% of bachelor degree programmes in public universities to international students (i.e. taught in English). Most postgraduate programmes are taught in English.
- There are also UK, Australian and US university branch campuses in Malaysia (e.g. Monash University Malaysia, and the University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus).

Working

International students are unable to work during term time. The only permitted times students can work are during semester breaks and school holidays of more than seven days, for no more than 20 hours a week and on a restricted category of jobs.

World Rankings

Universiti Malaya (65)
Universiti Putra Malaysia (143)
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (144)

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2022>

Entry Requirements & Application Process

Apply directly to the university/universities that interest you. Check the university website for details/deadlines (always go to the International students tab to obtain relevant information).

Visa

- All international students will need a “Student Pass” and student visa. Gaining your Student Pass is simple and, once you are accepted onto a program at an accredited university in Malaysia, the school itself will directly apply for the pass on your behalf. Among the documents they will submit for you is a Personal Bond, for which you will need to pay a fee of around MYR 200-2000 (£38-£375), depending on your country of origin.
- Once your acceptance and Student Pass have been approved, all students (for both private and public universities), will need to apply separately for a single-entry student visa through the Malaysian embassy or high commission in their home country. For this you will need to provide evidence of your offer of study and your Student Pass, have proof of financial stability to meet tuition and living fees, show that you are “in good health and of good character”, and confirm that you intend to live in Malaysia solely for study. Depending on where you’re from, you may also be asked to submit additional documents.

Fees

Fees for undergraduate degrees vary according to the type of degree and the university concerned. Public universities range from £8,600 to £16,000 and private universities from £ 10,500 to £35,000. Medicine is considerably more expensive at both types of university.

Further Information

- **Study Malaysia**<https://educationmalaysia.gov.my/>
- See also the **QS World Rankings** website for more information about studying in Malaysia. <https://www.topuniversities.com/where-to-study/asia/malaysia/guide>