

Global Mobility at UPM

Connecting Across Borders Towards Sustainable International Research & Education



Why Choose **UPM?**

Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) is one of Malaysia's premier universities with a long-established reputation for excellence in teaching and research. As one of the nation's five leading research universities (RU), UPM is highly committed to the discovery of knowledge and offers only the finest of learning experience to those who choose to make UPM the higher learning institution of their choice. A multidisciplinary university that has a 80-year history, UPM is strategically located within the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC), a Malaysian Government designated zone designed to propel Malaysia into the information and knowledge era.

As one of the largest universities in Malaysia, UPM is also a key-player in contributing to the growth of learned and skilled human capital in the nation. UPM presently has more than 32,000 students enrolled in its 56 bachelor, 7 diploma

and 47 postgraduate programmes at the Masters and PhD levels. Except for the diploma programmes which are offered exclusively at UPM's branch campus in Bintulu, Sarawak all other courses are offered at the main campus in Serdang, Selangor.

Knowledge is the core of all activities at UPM, as depicted in its slogan "With Knowledge We Serve". By upholding this philosophy in the execution of all its endeavours, UPM aims to inspire its academic community towards teaching and research excellence; and ultimately towards the material and spiritual betterment of society. UPM possesses all the necessary qualities to be at par with renowned local and international higher learning institutions and your decision to join UPM will promise you a world of opportunities that will certainly enrich your life and future.



About **UPM**

Vision

To become a university of international repute

Mission

To make meaningful contributions towards wealth creation, nation building and universal human advancement through the exploration and dissemination of knowledge



The UPM Campus

UPM has 2 campuses. The Main Campus, stretching over 1,214 hectares, is in Serdang, about 23 km south of Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia, and approximately 45 km from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA). UPM's branch campus in Bintulu, Sarawak stands over 715.16 hectares, and is surrounded by lush green forest rich with diverse types of flora and fauna.

Fast Facts*

No. of Academic Staff	2,902
No. of Faculties	16
No. of Inbound Visiting Academic Staff	2,162
No. of Undergraduates	17,678
No. of Postgraduates	14,357
No. of International Students	3,080
No. of Inbound Exchange Students	550
No. of Bachelor Programmes	56
No. of Diploma Programmes	7
No. of Postgraduate Programmes	47



*As at 2011

Get your International Exposure at UPM

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UPM's Global Mobility programme is designed to encourage students and staff (both academic and non-academic) from universities abroad to do academic or work-related stints at UPM. The aim is to basically encourage the sharing of knowledge and expertise between UPM and the participating universities. When our international counterparts come to UPM, they are offfered extensive opportunities to expand their knowledge and experience by being an active part of our learning and research activities. And it's not just the transfer of knowledge that takes place during their stay here, for it is also the aim of UPM's Global Mobility programme to ensure that those who come to UPM gain a good cultural understanding of Malaysia and will continue to foster lifelong relations with Malaysia through the friends they meet during their stints here. UPM has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with universities from all over the world.

Each year, hundreds of students and staff come to UPM as a result of such collaborations, and it remains one of UPM's key objectives to position itself as a globally-responsive institution of higher learning that is at par with leading global universities.

"When I first got here, what struck me was the vastness of the campus and the beautiful scenery. UPM's environment makes learning a breeze - there is so much of peace and quiet here. That is not to say that there aren't any exciting activities at UPM. In fact, there's so much to explore at UPM to make a student's life filled with enriching experiences. I also like the fact that UPM's tuition fee is so reasonable and that the university offers all the necessary amenities and facilities for effective study and research."

URANUS SAADAT (Iran) *MASTER IN EDUCATION*

"The first impression I got when I arrived at UPM made me really happy because wherever I turned, the environment was peaceful and refreshingly green. Programmes offered here too are varied, allowing us the freedom to choose a course in the field that our hearts are close to. I chose Small Animal Medicine and it is a choice I will always be proud of. The academic supervision here is amazing - so much of kindness, encouragement and guidance. I am really glad that my Vietnamese government chose to send me to UPM to do my post-graduate studies."

PHAN KIM THAI (Vietnam)

MASTER IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

Ways to be Connected with **UPM**

IF YOU'RE A STUDENT

UPM's Global Mobility programme offers you an exciting opportunity to spend from 2 weeks right up to a full academic year studying at UPM, gaining life-transforming experiences that will enrich your life in more ways than you can ever imagine. You can choose from any of the following options:

- Exchange Programme (1 or 2 semesters)
- Short term Programme (less than 1 semester)
- Internship/Industrial Training
- Research Visits

There are many options of courses that you can choose from and although this is a non-graduating programme, credit transfers may be arranged upon completion of the programme duration.

Besides the many existing programmes that you can participate in, you can also request through your university to have customised programmes offered to you and your friends. Details can be obtained from UPM's International Centre

IF YOU'RE A UNIVERSITY STAFF

UPM's Global Mobility programme is also extended to meet the needs of international university staff, whether academic or administrative, who wish to spend time at UPM learning the ropes of how we do things around here. You can choose to spend a sabbatical or attachment period at UPM and the attachment period may range from a few weeks to a few months, depending on request and availability. While scholar sabbatical programmes are common among university's academic staff, UPM's Global Mobility programme also caters to those who work in the administrative departments in universities across the world. Such attachment programmes can help to increase the interaction between officers who have similar jobs in different parts of the world and in the process, help to improve the quality of work while sharing knowledge and expertise that may be unique to each other. Further information can be obtained from UPM's International Centre.







Life at **UPM**

Cost of Living

The cost of living for international students studying at UPM is reasonably low compared to international standards, and can vary from USD 300 - 400 (not inclusive of accommodation) depending on individual needs. Necessary facilities and amenities are readily available within the campus and its vicinity to make the life of an exchange student much easier.

Culture

Malaysian culture is an amalgamation of all the different ethnicities that are found within the country. At UPM, the cultural diversity is further enriched by the presence of close to 3500 international students who are enrolled in UPM.

Safety

Students' safety is taken seriously at UPM. UPM's security personnel patrol the campus frequently and are always at hand to offer assistance as and when necessary.

Entertainment & Shopping

UPM's main campus is a 20-minute drive away from Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia. Students can access the nation's top entertainment, shopping and cultural centres via a rapid city rail service.

Currency

The monetary unit of the country is Ringgit Malaysia (RM). The exchange rate is valued at USD 1 = RM 2.97 (subject to change). Foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks and money changers.

Part-time Employment

Students can work during vacations with the permission of the Malaysian Immigration Department.

Accommodation

The on-campus accommodation provides great value-for-money and are situated in close proximity to campus facilities, transport and other important consumer services. There are two (2) types of accommodation within the UPM campus which are available for international students which include student apartments which comprise 2-bedroom and 1-bathroom flats, and residential colleges, which comprise twin sharing rooms with common facilities. International students are advised to reserve their accommodation before coming to Malaysia as apartments and rooms in residential colleges are limited. The cost of accommodation can vary from USD 100 - 300 a month.

Transportation

Students' transportation inside and outside of campus is well taken care of via the UPM coach services. Each student is expected to pay approximately USD 20 per semester for unlimited rides. UPM's Student Affairs Division has also allocated more than 20 university buses to cater to students' academic and co-curricular activities outside the campus. UPM's covered bus-stops are equipped with fans, lights and notice boards to maximize student comfort.

Food

There are many choices of cafeteria, restaurants and food stalls available within the campus and in the surrounding neighbourhood. Food can be obtained at any hour, for, besides the cafeterias at faculties, many eat-outs in the vicinity are open 24-hours. Among well-known fast-food joints available in the vicinity are McDonalds, Kentucky Fried Chicken to name a few.

Health & Welfare

All international students can access outpatient clinic services provided at the University Health Centre which is located within the campus. The health centre provides a comprehensive array of health services and is well-equipped with modern facilities and

well-equipped with modern facilities and pharmaceutical amenities which enable the efficient provision of effective health and dental services to all registered students and staff. Among facilities and services available at the centre are medical, dental, x-ray, physiotherapy, ambulance service, dispensary, laboratory etc.

IT Facility

UPM's IT infrastructure provides a range of facilities and services to assist students with their IT-related needs. Wireless hotspots and access to the Internet and other online resources including Library e-resources/e-journals and student portals are readily available throughout the university.

Sports & Recreation

UPM's sports facilities are numerous and are aimed at encouraging and supporting its students in their sports initiatives. UPM's commitment to sports can be seen by the dedicated block for athletes, built at the University's Sixth College. UPM also has a swimming pool, a sports complex with a main stadium for track and field events, a multipurpose hall (for indoor games such as squash, netball, sepaktakraw, volleyball, basketball), a golf course, an equine park etc.

Amenities

Basic amenities available within the campus include post office, bank, book-shop, optical shop etc.



International Support Services

International Centre

The International Centre of UPM supports the university's mission to become a university of international repute. It is basically responsible for providing all the necessary support to international students who are studying at UPM. It also serves as a one-stop centre for information on the university's international activities.

International Student Association (UPMISA)

UPMISA is a student association for international students studying at UPM and is basically responsible for fostering a good relationship among all international students of UPM by organizing various interaction programmes and activities.

Faculties at **UPM**

For specific programme/faculty requirements, please visit the respective faculty's website:

Faculty of Agriculture:

http://www.agri.upm.edu.my

Faculty of Forestry:

http://www.forr.upm.edu.my

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine:

http://www.vet.upm.edu.my

Faculty of Economics and Management:

http://www.econ.upm.edu.my

Faculty of Engineering:

http://www.eng.upm.edu.my

Faculty of Educational Studies:

http://www.educ.upm.edu.my

Faculty of Science:

http://science.upm.edu.my

Faculty of Food Science and Technology:

http://www.food.upm.edu.my

Faculty of Human Ecology:

http://www.eco1.upm.edu.my

Faculty of Modern Languages and

http://www.fbmk.upm.edu.my

Communication:

Faculty of Design and Architecture:

http://www.frsb.upm.edu.my

Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences:

http://www.medic.upm.edu.my

Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology:

http://www.fsktm.upm.edu.my

Faculty of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences:

http://www.biotech.upm.edu.my

Faculty of Environmental Studies:

http://www.env.upm.edu.my

Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences (Bintulu Campus):

http://www.btu.upm.edu.my

HOW TO APPLY?

Interested students can download the application form from our web site at **www.iputra.upm.edu.my**. Additional documents required include:

- a) Acknowledgment of nomination from the home university
- b) Recommendation letter from the home university
- c) Certified copies of academic transcripts (subjects/courses that have been completed)

Send all applications to:

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