



UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME INFORMATION SHEET 2026/2027



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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!

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ACADEMIC & EXCHANGE

RELATED INFORMATION

	SEMESTER I	SEMESTER II
ACADEMIC CALENDAR	28 Sept 2026 - 7 Feb 2027 (Fall)	8 March - 18 July 2027 (Spring)
NOMINATION DEADLINES	5 June	5 November
APPLICATION DEADLINES	10 June	10 November

NOTE: Fully completed application along with all required supporting documents **MUST** reach IO@USM 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
Sample: https://io.usm.my/index.php/mobility ✓ 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

One Semester: 6 months
Two Semesters: 12 months

REQUIRED CREDITS

Min **9** Units

COURSE LOAD

Max **21** Units

EXCHANGE COURSES

Most courses are offered in
English.
 For further information:
<https://io.usm.my/index.php/mobility>

RESTRICTED COURSES

 Dentistry
 Medicine

COURSE REGISTRATION

After the **Orientation Week**

ACADEMIC & EXCHANGE

RELATED INFORMATION

✦ LANGUAGE / GPA REQUIREMENT ✦



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 (**not applicable to Asian students**).
- (**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	PASS
B+	3.33	64-69	PASS
B	3.00	58-63	PASS
B-	2.67	52-57	PASS
C+	2.33	46-51	PASS
C	2.00	40-45	PASS
C-	1.67	36-39	PASS WITH CONDITION
D+	1.33	32-35	PASS WITH CONDITION
D	1.00	28-31	PASS WITH CONDITION
D-	0.67	25-27	PASS WITH CONDITION
F	0.00	0-24	FAIL / ABSENT

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

	SEMESTER I (FALL)	SEMESTER II (SPRING)
ORIENTATION WEEK	14 - 18 Sept 2026 or 21 - 25 Sept 2026 [TBC]	1 - 5 March 2027 [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.
- All international students must be covered by a locally purchased medical health insurance scheme (student will have to buy the insurance upon your arrival at USM). International Travel Insurance is not valid for the Student Pass Application.



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)**.

***To apply for Student Visa:**

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



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

EXPENSES



FOOD / MEALS

RM900.00++/
month



LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

RM150.00++/
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 RM470.00 ++

(subject to change) (include Ikad & courier charges)

INSURANCE

6 MONTHS RM265++

12 MONTHS RM350.00 ++

USM VISA ADMINISTRATIVE FEE RM340.00 ++

*****STUDENT ACTIVITIES FEES**

(THE AMOUNT VARIES DEPENDING ON THE ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN)



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SEMESTER I (FALL) 28 September 2026 – 7 February 2027

Activity	Dates	Duration
Arrival & Pick-up	12-13 Sept / 19-20 Sept 2026*	2 Days
Orientation Week	14-18 Sept / 21-25 Sept 2026*	1 Week
Teaching Period 1	28 September – 15 November 2026	7 Weeks
Mid-Semester Break	16 – 22 November 2026	1 Week
Teaching Period 2	23 November 2026 – 10 January 2027	7 Weeks
Revision Period	11 – 17 January 2027	1 Week
Examination Period	18 January – 7 February 2027	3 Weeks
Semester Break	8 February – 7 March 2027	4 Weeks

SEMESTER II (SPRING) 8 March – 18 July 2027

Activity	Dates	Duration
Arrival & Pick-up	27 & 28 February 2027*	2 Days
Orientation Week	1 – 5 March 2027*	1 Week
Teaching Period 1	8 March – 25 April 2027	7 Weeks
Mid-Semester Break	26 April – 2 May 2027	1 Week
Teaching Period 2	3 May – 20 June 2027	7 Weeks
Revision Period	21 – 27 June 2027	1 Week
Examination Period	28 June – 18 July 2027	3 Weeks
Semester Break	19 July – 26 September 2027	10 Weeks

NOTE:
Dates marked with * are subject to final confirmation (TBC).

***This Academic Calendar is subject to change.

