**University Sains Malaysia**

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| About partner | About partner | Founded in 1969, University Sains Malaysia (USM) is an established public university in Malaysia. The main campus is located on Penang Island, Malaysia. There are two branch campuses, the Engineering Campus, located in Seberang Perai Selatan, and the Health Campus (comprising the School of Medical Sciences, Dental Sciences and Health Sciences) located in Kubang Kerian, Kelantan.  USM’s broad-based School System offers a comprehensive range of programs, from Natural Sciences, and Applied Sciences to Arts, and Humanities at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. As a world-class university offering highly relevant and contemporary study programmes, USM attracts prestigious academia, both locally and internationally. USM’s current enrolment stands at 23,123 students.   A renowned research University, USM provides research facilities, with a team of highly dedicated, experienced and qualified academics at the helm. |
|  | About Penang | Penang is located at the heart of Southeast Asia. The island embraces modernity while retaining its traditions and old world charm. This is reflected in its harmonious multicultural population and well-preserved heritage buildings—George Town is listed as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. Penang entices visitors with its beautiful coasts and scrumptious cuisines. |
|  | Did you know? | USM adopted a School system rather than the traditional Faculty system to ensure that its students were exposed to a range of study areas. Students at USM are encouraged to be active in extra-curricular activities and are offered a myriad of clubs and societies to engage in on the campus. |
| Academic information | Main areas of study | * Arts * Biological Science * Chemical Science * Communication * Computer Science * Education * Engineering * Health Science * Housing, Building and Planning * Humanities * Industrial Technology * Management * Mathematical Science * Pharmaceutical Science * Physics * Social Science   **Note:**   * The listed areas of study are not necessarily exhaustive and other fields of study might also be available at the partner institution. Moreover, names for fields of study may be different overseas. * A discipline being listed does not in indicate the suitability of the program, nor does it indicate that the discipline is taught in English. * Approval to study particular subjects at any institution is always at the discretion of the departmental/discipline and faculty advisors at RMIT University and subject to available places at the host institution. |
|  | Language requirements | Programs are taught in English and Bahasa Malaysia (Malay Language). |
|  | Full time load [Equivalent to 96 RMIT Credit Points] | A full course load is usually 20 units per semester. A minimum of 12 should be taken. |
|  | Link to courses | <https://pohon.usm.my/international/default.asp?tag_intro=13>  and  <http://web.usm.my/bheaa/v2/pdf/2011/7.%20List%20of%20Courses%20Offered.pdf> |
| Living | Accommodation | USM provides on-campus accommodation to about 70% of its students in a student hostel called DESASISWA.  Information regarding off-campus private residences is available through the Students Affairs Department and the local newspapers.  For more information go to: <https://pohon.usm.my/international/default.asp?tag_intro=19> |
|  | Health insurance | Exchange students must keep a valid health insurance throughout their stay in Malaysia. Students staying more than six months will be required to purchase Malaysia insurance upon their arrival. Students staying less than six months are also encouraged to purchase Malaysia insurance. The insurance fee is approximately RM400 per semester. |
|  | Living cost | Living Expenses at USM:  On-campus Accommodation - RM1600 per semester  Food/Meals - RM900 (RM30 a day for 3 meals)  Local Transportation - RM80 per month (public bus)  Academic Expenses - RM350 (books, stationeries, etc.)  Personal Expenses - RM400 - 600 per month  Health Insurance - RM400 per semester  Other Administrative Fees:  Student Card Fee - RM60  Health Fee - RM60  Student Visa Fee - RM7.00 - RM50.00  Student Pass - RM60.00  Orientation Fee - RM100.00  Stamp Fee - RM10.00  Library Fee - RM100.00  A number of external services provide comprehensive overviews of global living costs, for example:   * [www.expatistan.com](http://www.expatistan.com) * [www.numbeo.com](http://www.numbeo.com)   **Note:**  RMIT University is not affiliated with any of these pages |
| Funding Opportunities | OS-HELP information | [OS-HELP Information page](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help)  <http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help> |
|  | Link to scholarships page? | [All travel scholarships](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel)  <<http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel>> |
| Useful information | Link to partner exchange page | <https://pohon.usm.my/international/> |
|  | Visa | |  | | --- | | All international students need to have student pass (study visa) for purpose of their study at USM. USM will undertake the application on behalf of the student.  Documents required for the application are: | | * Three copies of your international passport, inclusive of the hard cover and all the used pages. * Four passport-size photographs * Payment of RM10.00 for stamp duty Payment of RM60.00 for student pass Payment of RM3.00 for the immigration application forms | | The application for a student pass is made to the Malaysian Immigration Department in Penang, Malaysia.  The process takes at least 14 working days and once approved, a copy of the approval letter will be sent to students for entry into Malaysia.  Ensure your passport's validity date is enough to cover the entire period of study.  You are required to present your Letter of Offer and Approval for Foreign Students studying in Malaysia upon entering Malaysia. | |  | | Note: Besides the above requirements, the Malaysian Immigration Authority requires USM to sign a personal bond on behalf of the applicants. To comply with this requirement, USM requires each student to deposit RM1,900.00 = USD500.00 to the University for the purpose of the personal bond.  This amount will be reimbursed to students on completion of study at USM. |   Please note that immigration requirements are subject to change. It is recommended that you contact USM for the most updated information. |