

Management & Science University (MSU) 2024–2025 Comprehensive FAQ

The main campus building of Management & Science University (MSU) in Shah Alam, Malaysia.

Courses and Programmes by Faculty

Management & Science University (MSU) offers over 170 programmes across a wide range of fields. These include pre-university foundation courses, diplomas, bachelor's degrees, master's and PhD programmes, as well as professional certificates and short courses. All academic programmes are accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) and relevant professional bodies, ensuring they meet high standards and are recognized locally and internationally. Below is an overview of **MSU's faculties and schools** and the courses they offer, along with key details like entry requirements, duration, and study mode for each category:

What courses are offered under the Faculty of Health & Life Sciences?

Faculty of Health & Life Sciences (FHLS) focuses on health sciences, biosciences, and allied health programs. It offers courses that prepare students for careers in healthcare, laboratories, research, and wellness industries. Programs in this faculty emphasize hands-on training in modern labs and clinics, and many are accredited by professional bodies (for example, nursing programs are recognized by the Nursing Board, and biomedical programs follow industry standards):

- **Diploma Programs (Entry: SPM/O-Levels or equivalent) – 2.5–3 years, full-time.**
Diplomas provide foundational skills for technical roles or further study. Key diplomas include **Diploma in Nursing, Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology, Diploma in Physiotherapy, Diploma in Radiotherapy, Diploma in Medical Sciences, and Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health.** (Minimum entry usually requires **5 credits in SPM** including Science and Bahasa Malaysia for health-related diplomas. For example, Diploma in Nursing requires credits in Bahasa Malaysia, English, Math, and Science). These programs combine classroom study with practical sessions; for instance, nursing students undergo clinical rotations at hospitals. Graduates can either enter the workforce as trained assistants/technicians or continue into bachelor degrees in related fields.
- **Bachelor's Degree Programs (Entry: STPM/A-Levels, MSU Foundation or Diploma) – 3–4 years, full-time.** Undergraduate degrees in FHLS include:

- **BSc (Hons) in Biomedical Science** – Covers human biology, disease, and lab diagnostics. *Entry:* STPM/A-Levels (science stream) or equivalent qualifications in science. *Duration:* 3.5–4 years. *Overview:* Students learn pathology, microbiology, pharmacology, and research skills. *Career pathways:* Laboratory technologist, research officer, further study in medicine or postgraduate science.
 - **BSc (Hons) in Forensic Science** – Focuses on crime scene investigation, forensic lab techniques, and criminology. *Entry:* Science pre-university with Chemistry/Biology. *Career:* Forensic analyst, crime lab expert.
 - **BSc (Hons) in Environmental Health** – Emphasizes public health, sanitation, and environmental safety. *Career:* Environmental health officer, safety inspector.
 - **BSc (Hons) in Food Service Technology** – (Offered in collaboration with hospitality faculty) Focus on nutrition and large-scale food service management.
 - **BSc (Hons) in Healthcare Management (Health Science Management)** – Blends health science with management, prepping students for administrative roles in healthcare facilities.
 - **BSc (Hons) in Psychology** – Offered under FHLS or Social Sciences (interdisciplinary). Covers human behavior, mental health, and counseling basics. *Career:* Counselor (with further training), HR, social services.
 - **Bachelor of Optometry (Hons)** – Prepares students as professional optometrists. *Entry:* Strong science background (especially Physics, Biology). Includes clinical training in vision care. *Career:* Optometrist (requires professional registration).
 - **Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Hons)** – (See above under Biomed).
 - *Note:* **Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)** is *not* under FHLS but under the International Medical School (see below). **Pharmacy** programs are under School of Pharmacy.
- All bachelor's in FHLS require a relevant pre-university qualification with credits in Biology, Chemistry, and other sciences (specific requirements vary by program). **Duration** is typically 3 years; some programs (like biomedical science) may be 4 years including research projects or internships. **Mode:** Full-time in-person (labs and practicals make these on-campus programs).
 - **Postgraduate Programs** – FHLS, in conjunction with the School of Graduate Studies, offers research-based postgraduate degrees such as **Master of Science (Applied Science)**, **Master in Biomedical Sciences**, and PhDs in areas like Biomedicine or

Public Health. *Entry:* Relevant bachelor's degree with good grades. *Duration:* 1.5–2 years for Master's; 3–5 years for PhD (research mode). These are often **full-time or part-time**. *Delivery:* Mix of research, lab work, and thesis writing. *Career:* Advanced R&D roles, academia, specialist positions.

Career Pathways: Graduates from FHLS programs find opportunities in hospitals, clinical laboratories, biotech firms, environmental agencies, and research institutions. For example, Biomedical Science grads may work as lab scientists or pursue graduate studies, Nursing grads become registered nurses in healthcare settings, and Environmental Health grads serve as health inspectors or safety officers. MSU's strong industry links and practical training contribute to a high graduate employability (*over 98% of MSU graduates secure jobs within 6 months of graduation*).

What courses are offered under the Faculty of Business Management & Professional Studies?

Faculty of Business Management & Professional Studies (FBMP) encompasses business, accounting, finance, management, and related disciplines. It aims to produce graduates for the corporate, entrepreneurial, and professional sectors. Programs integrate theoretical knowledge with real-world projects and case studies, and many offer **part-time** study options for working students. The faculty's courses are accredited by professional bodies (for instance, the accounting degree is recognized by professional accounting organizations):

- **Foundation:** While foundation programs are handled by the Centre for Fundamental Studies, students interested in business can take the **Foundation in Business**, a 1-year pre-university course covering economics, accounting, and management basics. *Entry:* 5 credits in SPM/O-Levels or equivalent. *Progression:* Guarantees entry into business-related degrees at MSU.
- **Diploma Programs (Entry: SPM/O-Levels) – 2–2.5 years, full-time.** Diplomas provide practical skills for entry-level jobs or pathway to degrees:
 - **Diploma in Accounting** – Fundamental accounting, taxation, bookkeeping and financial reporting skills.
 - **Diploma in Business Management** – Broad intro to management, marketing, HR, and operations.
 - **Diploma in Entrepreneurship** – Focus on starting and managing small businesses, innovation.

- **Diploma in Investment Management** – Basics of finance, investment analysis, banking.
- **Diploma in Islamic Banking and Diploma in Islamic Finance** – Principles of Shariah-compliant banking and finance.
- **Diploma in Management** – General management and administration skills.
- **Diploma in Office Management & Technology** – Administrative support skills with office IT.
- (All require ~3 credits in SPM including Math and a pass in Bahasa Malaysia. English proficiency is preferred. **Duration:** ~2½ years.)
- **Bachelor's Degree Programs (Entry: STPM, A-Levels, Foundation or Diploma) – 3–4 years, full-time (with some part-time options):**
 - **Bachelor in Accountancy (Hons)** – 4 years. Covers financial accounting, audit, management accounting. *Entry:* Pre-u with required credits in Math. Accredited by MQA and qualifies for professional exam exemptions. *Career:* Accountant, auditor (with professional certification).
 - **Bachelor in Accounting and Finance (Hons)** – Combines accounting principles with finance, investments and capital markets knowledge.
 - **Bachelor in Finance (Hons)** – Focus on corporate finance, investment analysis, financial markets.
 - **Bachelor in Business Management (Hons)** – Broad-based business degree covering management, marketing, HR, and strategy. Offers internship and industry projects for practical exposure. *Career:* Management trainee, business development, administrative roles.
 - **Bachelor in International Business (Hons)** – (If offered) Prepares for global trade, import-export, international marketing careers.
 - **Bachelor in Marketing (Hons)** – (If offered under this faculty) Focus on marketing, digital marketing, consumer behavior.
 - **Bachelor in Human Capital Management (Hons)** – Emphasizes human resource management, talent development, industrial relations.

- **Bachelor in Entrepreneurship (Hons)** – Advanced entrepreneurship, venture creation (often continuation from Diploma in Entrepreneurship).
- **Bachelor in Hospitality and Tourism Management (Hons)** – (This is under Hospitality & Creative Arts faculty, see that section).
- **Bachelor in Investment Management / Banking (Hons)** – Specializations in banking, investment, risk management.
- **Bachelor of Economics or Business Economics** – (If available) Focus on economic analysis, development economics.
- *Note:* Many business degrees allow **flexible learning** or part-time classes for working adults, especially through evening/weekend classes or via MSU's Online Distance Learning for selected programs.
- **Entry Requirements:** Typically, 2 principal passes in STPM (or A-Levels or equivalent) with a pass in Math and English at SPM, or an MSU Foundation/Diploma in related field. **Duration:** 3 years (or 4 years for Accountancy which may include professional exam prep). **Mode:** Full-time. Some programs can be taken *part-time* or via a distance-learning mode for Malaysian working students.
- **Postgraduate Programs:** Business and management postgraduate courses are mostly handled by the **Graduate School of Management (GSM)**:
 - **Master in Business Administration (MBA)** – *1.5 years full-time or up to 2-3 years part-time*. Entry: Bachelor's degree (any discipline, work experience an advantage). MSU's MBA offers specializations (e.g. in Finance, Marketing, Entrepreneurship) and focuses on strategic leadership and management skills. *Mode:* In-person classes (evenings/weekends for part-timers). *Career:* Mid-to-senior management roles, consultants.
 - **Master in International Business, Master in Finance, Master in Management** – Specialized business master's for deeper focus, often 1–2 years.
 - **Master in Accounting/Finance (by Research)** – 2 years. Research-focused master's culminating in a thesis.
 - **PhD in Management, PhD in Accounting, PhD in Business Administration** – Doctoral research programs (3+ years) for advanced scholarly research.
- These postgraduate programs cater to working professionals; many are offered with flexible schedules. *Note:* Some executive or professional development short courses (e.g. certification in project management, etc.) may be available through MSU or

partners for lifelong learning.

Career Pathways: Business graduates from MSU are employed in diverse sectors – accounting graduates join audit firms or corporate finance departments; management graduates work in corporate management training programs; finance graduates become financial analysts or bankers. The entrepreneurship programs encourage students to launch startups. MSU's industry-aligned curriculum ensures graduates have practical skills, contributing to high employability. Many degrees incorporate internships, giving students real workplace exposure. Graduates can also pursue professional certifications (ACCA, CFA, etc.) with foundational knowledge from their MSU coursework.

What courses are offered under the Faculty of Information Sciences & Engineering?

Faculty of Information Sciences & Engineering (FISE) covers computing, information technology, and engineering disciplines. Its programs are designed to meet modern industry demands in technology and engineering, blending theoretical foundations with practical lab work. Many courses here incorporate projects with current tech (e.g. software development, hardware design) and prepare students for professional certifications. The faculty includes departments in Computer Science, Engineering, and emerging technologies:

- **Foundation:** *Foundation in Information Technology* and *Foundation in Engineering and Technology* – 1-year pre-U programs prepping students for tech and engineering degrees. *Entry:* 5 credits SPM/O-Level (including Math, and for Engineering, a credit in Physics). These foundations cover basic programming, math, and science to ensure readiness for the bachelor's programs.
- **Diploma Programs (Entry: SPM/O-Levels science stream) – 2.5 years, full-time.** Key diplomas:
 - **Diploma in Information Technology** – Focus on software development, databases, networking fundamentals. *Career:* IT technician, junior developer.
 - **Diploma in Computer Engineering** – Covers electronics, computer hardware, and programming, bridging into hardware design roles.
 - **Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering** – Basic electrical circuits, electronics, and maintenance skills.
 - **Diploma in Mechanical Engineering** – Fundamentals of mechanical systems and technology.

- **Specializations:** MSU offers unique mechanical diplomas like **Mechanical Engineering (Air Conditioning & Refrigeration)** and **Mechanical Engineering (High-Rise Building Maintenance)**, each focusing on a niche industry skill set (e.g. HVAC systems, building facilities engineering).
 - **Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance Technology** – Prepares students for aviation maintenance technician roles, with knowledge of aircraft systems.
 - **Diploma in Computer Forensic** – Introduction to cybersecurity, digital forensics (this may be merged under IT).
 - **Diploma in Business Computing** – Mix of IT and business processes (overlap with business faculty).
 - **Diploma in Multimedia** – Creative IT focusing on multimedia design (overlaps with creative arts faculty).
 - *Note:* Entry typically requires credits in Math and Science; English proficiency is a plus. These diplomas often include hands-on lab work and final projects.
- **Bachelor's Degree Programs (Entry: STPM/A-Levels in Science, Foundation or Diploma) – 3–4 years:**
 - **BSc (Hons) in Computer Science** – Core computing principles, algorithms, and software design.
 - **BSc (Hons) in Information Technology** – Emphasis on IT systems, networking, database, and possibly specialties like cybersecurity or data science.
 - **BSc (Hons) in Software Engineering** – Focus on software development life cycle, programming, and project management.
 - **BSc (Hons) in Data Science or Artificial Intelligence** – (If offered) Modern programs on big data analytics, machine learning.
 - **Bachelor in Computer Engineering (Hons)** – Combines computer science and electronic engineering (microprocessors, embedded systems). *Duration:* 4 years (includes more technical engineering content).
 - **Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Hons)** in specialized fields:

- e.g. **Electrical & Electronic** (as listed) – Practical-oriented engineering tech program.
 - **Bachelor in Mechanical Engineering (Hons)** – If offered, focusing on mechanical systems design.
- **Bachelor in Information Systems (Hons)** – Intersection of IT and business processes, systems analysis.
- **Bachelor in Mobile and Wireless Technology** – (Possibly a specialization under IT) focusing on mobile app development and wireless networks.
- **Bachelor in Computer Forensics (Hons)** – Focus on cybersecurity, ethical hacking, and forensic investigation of IT systems.
- **Bachelor in Games Design and Animation (Hons)** – (This could be under Creative Arts; however, it involves programming and design of video games).
- *Entry Requirements:* Typically STPM/A-Level with credits in Math; for engineering programs, Physics and Math required. Diploma holders in related fields can get credit transfer. **Duration:** 3 years for most IT degrees; Engineering degrees may be 4 years. **Accreditation:** Engineering programs are usually accredited by the Board of Engineers Malaysia or international bodies, and computing programs follow MQA/industry standards.
- **Postgraduate Programs:**
 - **Master in Computer Science** – 2 years (research) or 1–1.5 years (coursework). Advanced topics in computing, software, or networks. *Entry:* Bachelor's in IT/CS or related.
 - **Master of Science in Engineering** – Specializations in engineering fields (e.g. electronic engineering). Often research-based.
 - **PhD (Information & Communication Technology)** – Doctorate in IT research.
 - **PhD in Engineering** – Doctoral research in an engineering discipline.
 - Many of these are research-focused under the School of Graduate Studies, allowing part-time enrollment for working engineers/IT professionals. MSU's research labs support work in areas like AI, biomedical engineering, etc.

Career Pathways: Graduates from FISE programs are equipped for the tech industry. IT and Computer Science graduates become software developers, systems analysts, network engineers, or IT consultants. Engineering graduates work as engineers or technologists in manufacturing, electronics, telecommunications, or mechanical industries (often after registering with engineering professional bodies). The **practical projects** in courses (e.g. final-year engineering project or IT capstone project) and internships give students real-world experience, enhancing job prospects. MSU's tech grads have a strong placement rate in ICT companies, startups, and even multinational firms due to the industry-aligned curriculum (MSU updates its programs with input from industry leaders to keep skills in demand).

What courses are offered under the International Medical School?

International Medical School (IMS) is the faculty that offers medical and clinical programs. The flagship program is the **Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)**, which is a full-fledged medical degree to train doctors:

- **MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery)** – 5 years, *full-time*. This is an undergraduate-entry medical program. **Entry Requirements:** A-Levels/STPM or equivalent with strong grades in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Math (typically high distinctions are required); or completion of a recognized Foundation in Science (like MSU's Foundation in Science) with excellent results. Students may also need to pass an interview. **Overview:** The MBBS curriculum covers pre-clinical sciences (Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry in Year 1-2) followed by clinical sciences and rotations in hospitals (Years 3-5). Training involves theoretical classes, lab work (including working with cadavers in anatomy labs), and extensive clinical training at affiliated teaching hospitals. **Mode:** Full-time in-person; later years are spent mostly in clinical attachments. **Accreditation:** The program is accredited by MQA and recognized by the Malaysian Medical Council (ensuring graduates can sit for medical licensing). **Career Pathway:** Graduates become house officers (medical interns) in hospitals, then fully licensed medical doctors. The degree is also recognized in certain other countries (subject to local exam requirements), aligning with global standards for medical education.
- **Other programs:** IMS may also facilitate **transfer programs** or twinning (for example, partnerships with international medical schools). However, the primary offering is the MBBS. (Some medical schools offer a Biomedical Science degree or Medical Sciences degree, but at MSU those are under FHLS as separate programs.)
- **Postgraduate Medical Programs:** MSU's focus is primarily on the undergraduate MBBS for medicine. Postgraduate medical specialization (e.g. Master of Surgery, internal medicine specialization) typically occurs through hospitals or external programs after completing MBBS. MSU might offer postgraduate research in medical sciences (PhD in Clinical Sciences or Public Health under FHLS).

International Exposure: True to its name, IMS may offer opportunities for medical students to do electives abroad or twin with partner universities overseas, enriching their experience.

Career Pathways: MBBS graduates from MSU join the healthcare workforce as doctors. They first do compulsory housemanship in Malaysian hospitals (for local students) and can later specialize (cardiology, surgery, etc.) through postgraduate training. With MSU's MBBS being internationally recognized, **international students** who graduate can pursue medical licensure in their home countries (exam requirements apply). The rigorous clinical training ensures graduates are work-ready as junior doctors.

What courses are offered under the School of Pharmacy?

School of Pharmacy specializes in pharmaceutical sciences and pharmacy practice programs. It produces qualified pharmacists and experts in drug research. Key programs include:

- **Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons) – 4 years, full-time.** **Entry:** STPM/A-Level with strong grades in Chemistry, Biology, and either Math or Physics; or a relevant foundation (e.g. MSU Foundation in Science) meeting required CGPA and subject grades. **Overview:** This professional degree covers medicinal chemistry, pharmacology, pharmaceuticals, clinical pharmacy, and pharmacy practice. Students learn about drug development and safe medication use. The program includes lab work in compounding and dispensing, as well as clinical placements in community pharmacies and hospitals in later years. **Accreditation:** Accredited by the Pharmacy Board of Malaysia. Graduates must undergo a compulsory training (provisionally registered pharmacist training and exam) to become licensed pharmacists. **Career:** Pharmacist in hospitals, community pharmacies, pharmaceutical industry, or regulatory agencies.
- **BSc (Hons) in Pharmaceutical Technology – 3–4 years.** A degree focusing on the science and technology of drug design, formulation, and production (more research/manufacturing oriented than the Pharmacy practice degree). **Entry:** Similar science pre-U requirements. **Overview:** Emphasizes formulation science, quality control, regulatory affairs, and R&D in pharma industry. **Career:** Roles in pharmaceutical manufacturing, product development, quality assurance.
- **Diploma in Pharmacy – 2.5 years.** Prepares pharmacy assistants/technicians. **Entry:** SPM with credits in science and math. Includes basics of pharmacology and pharmacy practice. Graduates often work as pharmacy assistants or continue into the Bachelor's program (with credit transfer).
- **Postgraduate:**
 - **Master of Pharmacy (Clinical Pharmacy)** or related – 1–2 years. Focused on clinical pharmacy skills for practicing pharmacists (often coursework-based, for pharmacy grads).

- **Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences** – research-based, focusing on drug discovery, pharmacology, etc.
- **PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences/Pharmacy** – advanced research degree.
- **Master of Clinical Pharmacy** (as listed on applyuni) – 1 year. Geared for pharmacy graduates to gain specialist clinical pharmacy knowledge.

Mode of Study: All Pharmacy programs are on-campus due to lab and clinical requirements. The School of Pharmacy benefits from MSU's links to its own teaching hospital (MSU Medical Centre) for clinical exposure.

Career Pathways: Graduates of BPharm become registered pharmacists (after completing their training and the pharmacy board exam) and can work in hospitals, clinics, retail pharmacies, or the pharmaceutical industry. Those with Pharmaceutical Technology or higher degrees may work in pharmaceutical manufacturing, drug research, regulatory bodies, or academia. The pharmacy field in Malaysia and globally is highly regulated and in demand, and MSU's graduates are well-regarded – their training aligns with industry needs, and they often have opportunities for employment soon after graduation (pharmacy graduates contribute to MSU's high overall employability rate).

What courses are offered under the School of Education & Social Sciences?

School of Education & Social Sciences (SESS) offers programs related to education, teaching, social sciences, and humanities. These programs prepare students for careers in teaching, psychology, counseling, communications, and social services, emphasizing both theoretical understanding and practical training (like teaching practicums or counseling internships):

- **Foundation:** *Foundation in Liberal Arts* and *Foundation in TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language)* – 1-year programs for students aiming for education or arts degrees. They cover basics in humanities, critical thinking, and language to progress into related degrees.
- **Diploma Programs:**
 - **Diploma in Education (TESL)** – Focus on pedagogy for teaching English as a second language. *Entry:* SPM with credit in English. *Duration:* 2½ years. Includes teaching methodology and language skills. *Pathway:* Can become English teaching assistant or continue to bachelor's.
 - **Diploma in Early Childhood Education** – Prepares students to teach and care for young children (preschool/kindergarten). *Content:* Child development,

curriculum planning, classroom management for early years.

- **Diploma in Counseling & Guidance** – Basics of counseling techniques, psychology, and guidance practices for support roles.
- **Diploma in Liberal Arts** – A broad program covering humanities and social science topics, possibly a stepping stone to various degrees.
- These diplomas require SPM (~3 credits and a pass in Bahasa Malaysia). Graduates can seek junior roles or advance to degrees in education, social science or psychology.

- **Bachelor's Degree Programs:**

- **Bachelor in Education (Hons)** – with specializations in areas such as TESL (Teaching English as Second Language), or other subject specializations (if offered). *Duration:* 3–4 years. *Entry:* STPM/A-Levels or Diploma in Education. *Overview:* Includes educational psychology, curriculum design, and **teaching practicum** in schools. Graduates will be prepared as teachers (though to teach in Malaysian public schools, additional licensing or Postgraduate Diploma in Education might be needed, but they can teach in private/international schools or educational services).
- **Bachelor in Education (Early Childhood Education) (Hons)** – Advanced study on early childhood teaching, management of childcare centers.
- **BSc (Hons) in Psychology** – (If not under FHLS, it could be here). A comprehensive psychology degree covering cognitive, social, developmental psychology, research methods, and requires a final-year thesis. *Career:* With this degree, graduates can work in human resources, social services, or continue to professional psychologist training (Master's).
- **Bachelor in Counselling (Hons)** – Prepares professional counselors (might require registration with counseling board after). Courses in counseling theories, ethics, and supervised practical counseling sessions.
- **Bachelor in Liberal Arts / Social Sciences** – Could encompass fields like communication, public relations, or sociology if offered. (MSU's main focus in this school is education and psychology; any communication program might be under Creative Arts).
- **Bachelor in Public Relations or Journalism** – (If offered, possibly under this school or the creative arts school.)

- **Bachelor in Islamic Studies or Shariah** – (Not sure if MSU offers, but if yes, likely under this school or separate center.)
- **Entry Requirements:** Generally need a pre-u qualification. For Education/TESL degrees, usually STPM with 2 principals and credit in related language at SPM (English for TESL). For Psychology, science or arts stream with a good math or science background is beneficial. **Duration:** 3 years typically. **Mode:** Full-time. Some programs (like education) might be available part-time for existing educators.
- **Postgraduate Programs:**
 - **Master in Education** – For teachers/educators to advance their knowledge (specializations in management, curriculum, or specific subjects).
 - **Master in Counselling** – To become licensed counselors (if offered).
 - **Master in Psychology** – Could be research or applied (e.g. industrial/organizational psychology).
 - **PhD in Social Sciences** – Doctoral research on education, psychology, or social science topics.
 - **PhD in Education** – Research in educational policy, curriculum, etc..
 - These are often research-based under the School of Graduate Studies. MSU's PhD in Social Sciences and Education allow deep specialization for academics or advanced professional practice.

Career Pathways: Graduates from SESS have diverse opportunities. Education graduates become teachers, lecturers (with further qualifications), instructional designers, or school administrators. Early Childhood specialists may manage or teach in preschools. Psychology graduates can work in corporate HR, as welfare officers, or continue towards becoming clinical psychologists. Counseling graduates may work in community agencies, schools (as counselors), or pursue licensing for private practice. The skills in communication, understanding human behavior, and training design also equip graduates for roles in training and development or non-profit organizations. MSU supports these careers through practical components: for instance, education students undergo **teaching internships** at schools to gain real classroom experience, and psychology students may engage in community projects.

What courses are offered under the School of Hospitality & Creative Arts?

School of Hospitality & Creative Arts (SHCA) encompasses programs in hospitality, tourism, culinary arts, event management, design, and the creative industries (including art, music,

fashion). These programs are hands-on and industry-focused, benefiting from MSU's state-of-the-art facilities like training kitchens, fashion studios, and design labs. The faculty encourages creativity and practical experience—students often run events, manage faux restaurants, or produce design portfolios as part of their studies:

- **Foundation:** *Foundation in Hospitality* or *Foundation in Visual Arts* – The **Foundation in Visual Arts** (1 year) preps creative arts students with basics in design, art, and media. *Entry:* 5 credits SPM (with art subject advantage). *Progression:* into design, fashion, or hospitality degrees.
- **Diploma Programs:**
 - **Diploma in Culinary Arts** – 2.5 years. Intensive training in cooking, bakery, kitchen management. *Entry:* SPM (credit in any subject, passion for cooking). Students train in real kitchen environments and learn various cuisines. *Career:* Chef de partie, catering manager, or continue to a Bachelor in Culinary.
 - **Diploma in Hospitality & Tourism Management** – Covers hotel operations, travel industry basics, guest services. Often includes an internship in hotels. *Career:* Front office supervisor, travel coordinator.
 - **Diploma in Event Management** – Focus on planning and executing events (corporate events, weddings, etc.). *Skills:* budgeting, marketing, logistics for events.
 - **Diploma in Fashion Design** – Basics of fashion illustration, garment construction, textiles.
 - **Diploma in Graphic Design** – Visual communication, digital graphics, typography, and portfolio development.
 - **Diploma in Interior Design** – Space planning, interior decor, CAD software for design.
 - **Diploma in Creative Visual** – Likely covers multimedia and visual arts broadly (could include photography, videography).
 - **Diploma in Games Design and Animation** – Fundamental game art, animation techniques (overlaps with IT for technical parts).
 - **Diploma in Music** and **Diploma in Music Technology** – Performance, music theory, and audio production (Music Technology focuses on sound engineering, studio recording).

- **Diploma in Hairdressing** – (Listed in courses) Techniques in professional hair styling, salon management.
- These diplomas generally require SPM (some may require an art portfolio or audition, e.g. music). They are practical and often have industry attachments (e.g., internships at hotels or design companies).

- **Bachelor's Degree Programs:**

- **Bachelor in Hospitality & Tourism Management (Hons)** – Comprehensive study of hospitality industry, including hotel management, tourism planning, and service management. *Entry:* STPM/A-Levels or Diploma in Hospitality. *Duration:* 3 years plus internship. *Career:* Hotel manager, tourism officer, resort operations.
- **Bachelor in Event Management (Hons)** – Advanced event planning, project management, MICE industry (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Exhibitions). Students often plan real events as assignments.
- **Bachelor in Culinary Arts (Hons)** – Culinary management, food science, restaurant entrepreneurship beyond cooking skills (for diploma holders to advance).
- **Bachelor in Early Childhood Education (Hons)** – (If not under SESS, sometimes placed here if considered “humanities”, but we listed under SESS).
- **Bachelor in Fashion Design with Marketing (Hons)** – Combines creative fashion design skills with business and marketing knowledge. *Students* design collections and learn to promote a fashion brand. *Career:* Fashion designer, boutique owner, fashion merchandiser.
- **Bachelor in Graphic Design (Hons)** – Advanced graphic design, advertising design, brand identity projects.
- **Bachelor in Creative Multimedia (Hons)** – Digital media design, animation, interactive media (could include game design, web design).
- **Bachelor of New Media (Hons)** – Focus on new media arts, perhaps including digital filmmaking, social media content creation.
- **Bachelor in Broadcasting (Hons)** – Training for television, radio, and digital broadcasting, including production and media writing.
- **Bachelor in Video and Photography (Hons)** – Professional videography, photography techniques (the applyuni list shows “Creative Video and

Photography”).

- **Bachelor in Product Design (Hons)** – Industrial design, creating consumer products from concept to prototype.
- **Bachelor in Interior Design (Hons)** – Advanced interior architecture, project work on interior spaces.
- **Bachelor in Music Technology (Hons)** – Music production, sound design, perhaps offered if diploma exists in music.
- **Bachelor in Culinary Arts (Hons)** – (As mentioned, likely top-up from diploma).
- *Entry Requirements:* Typically need a pre-university qualification. For design/music programs, a portfolio or audition may be required in addition to academic results. **Duration:** 3 years. **Mode:** Full-time with studio, kitchen, or lab work. The learning is very experiential.
- **Postgraduate Programs:** In hospitality and creative arts, MSU offers:
 - **Master in International Hospitality & Tourism Management** – 1.5 years. For professionals in hospitality aiming for management roles.
 - **Master in Fashion Business** – 1 year. Merges fashion industry knowledge with business strategy.
 - **Master in Creative Arts / Design** – Possibly research or mixed mode degrees for design professionals.
 - **PhD in Hospitality/Tourism** – Research on tourism development, hospitality management at strategic level.
 - **PhD in Design or Arts** – If available, would be research-based for academic careers.
 - These programs often expect a relevant bachelor's and possibly industry experience. They can be done full-time or part-time.

Career Pathways: The SHCA faculty prepares students for creative and service-oriented industries:

- *Hospitality & Tourism:* Graduates work in hotels, resorts, airlines, event companies, tourism boards – often starting in management trainee programs. MSU's reputation in hospitality is strong (it's among Asia-Pacific's recognized institutes for event

management).

- *Culinary Arts*: Graduates become chefs, kitchen managers, food stylists, or entrepreneurs opening restaurants/cafés.
- *Event Management*: Opportunities in event companies, corporate event planning, wedding planning, convention centers.
- *Design (Graphic, Interior, Product)*: Graduates become graphic designers in advertising firms, interior designers for architecture companies, product designers in manufacturing, or freelancers. Their portfolios (built during the course) are key for employment.
- *Fashion*: Graduates may start their own fashion label, work as fashion designers or buyers, or in fashion marketing.
- *Broadcasting/Media*: Graduates can become TV/radio producers, presenters, content creators, videographers, or work in film production.
- *Music & Entertainment*: Those in music tech can become sound engineers, music producers; music performance grads might become performers or educators.
- MSU supports these careers through practical training: e.g., on-campus fine dining training restaurants for culinary students, fashion shows for fashion students to showcase their creations, and media studios for broadcasting students. The **industry internships** embedded in these programs frequently lead to job offers upon graduation due to MSU's strong industry partnerships.

What foundational and pre-university programmes does MSU offer?

MSU's pre-university programmes are managed by the **Centre for Fundamental Studies**. These **Foundation** courses are one-year programs that prepare students for entry into MSU's bachelor's degrees. They provide focused curriculum in a specific stream and guarantee a smooth transition into the related degree upon meeting progression requirements. The available foundation programmes (as of 2024) include:

- **Foundation in Science Biology/Health Science** – For students aiming for medicine, health sciences, pharmacy, or science degrees. It covers Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Math in-depth. *Progression*: MBBS, Biomedical Science, Nutrition, or other science degrees.
- **Foundation in Engineering and Technology** – Emphasizes Physics, Math, and basic engineering concepts. *Progression*: Engineering degrees (Mechanical, E&E, etc.) or

IT/Computer Science degrees.

- **Foundation in Information Technology** – Focus on Math, basic programming, and IT fundamentals. *Progression:* Computer Science, Info Tech, or related degrees.
- **Foundation in Business** – Covers Economics, Business, Accounting, and Maths. *Progression:* Business Administration, Finance, Accounting degrees.
- **Foundation in Law** – Provides introduction to law, politics, and critical thinking. (*Note: MSU does not offer an LLB law degree internally, but this foundation can be a pathway to law programs elsewhere or related fields like business or public policy.*)
- **Foundation in TESL** – Focuses on English, literature, and basics of education. *Progression:* BA English, TESL, Education degrees.
- **Foundation in Visual Arts** – Builds art and design fundamentals. *Progression:* Design, Fashion, Multimedia degrees.
- **Foundation in Liberal Arts** – (If offered, as seen in applyuni list) a broad humanities foundation covering social sciences and arts. *Progression:* Social science, communication, education degrees.

Entry Requirements for Foundation: Generally 5 credits in SPM or O-Levels (typically including English, Math, and relevant subjects depending on stream – e.g. Science foundation requires credits in science and math). **Duration:** 1 year (3 semesters). **Intakes:** Multiple intakes a year (typically January/February, July, and sometimes September). **Mode:** Full-time study. **Delivery:** Mix of lectures, labs (for science/tech foundations), and coursework to build academic skills.

Students in foundation programmes get academic advising to choose appropriate degree pathways. Upon successful completion (and meeting the required CGPA), they progress into the first year of the corresponding bachelor's degree at MSU.

Does MSU offer certificate or short courses?

Yes, MSU offers various **certificate programs and short courses** aimed at professional development, lifelong learning, and skill enhancement. These are often conducted through specialized centers such as MSU College or MSU's training divisions (e.g. MSU Academy). Some examples include:

- **Certificate Courses:** These are short-term academic programs (often 6 months to 1 year) for specific skills. For instance, MSU has offered certificates in areas like **Hairdressing** (a shorter program related to the Diploma in Hairdressing), **Makeup Artistry**, or **Culinary Skills** for those who want focused vocational training. Entry may

require SPM with a few passes. These certificates provide practical, job-ready skills and sometimes ladder into the diploma programmes.

- **Professional Certificates:** In collaboration with industry or professional bodies, MSU might run certified courses such as Project Management, Digital Marketing, or Language Proficiency. These could be part-time evening or weekend classes targeting working adults. (For example, an **Advanced Certificate in Business Analytics** or other executive courses, possibly in partnership with external institutes).
- **Micro-Credentials and Workshops:** MSU Academy frequently organizes short courses (from 1-day workshops to 3-month programs) in areas like Good Manufacturing Practice (for pharmaceutical industry), entrepreneurship bootcamps, or IT certifications. These are often HRDF-claimable (for Malaysians) and open to students, alumni, and the public.
- **English Language Programmes:** For international students or anyone needing to improve English, MSU may offer intensive English courses or IELTS preparation courses (often a requirement if they don't meet language criteria).
- **Lifelong Learning & APEL:** MSU supports Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL), meaning adults can get access to programs via work experience. They also have short courses to prepare for APEL assessments or to bridge into academic programs.

In summary, beyond its main academic programmes, MSU provides many **short-term learning opportunities** to gain specific skills or certifications. Information on these can be obtained from MSU's **Centre for Lifelong Learning** or MSU College. These courses have varying start dates year-round and often cater to flexible learning modes (evening/weekend or online).

General Frequently Asked Questions

This section answers common questions about studying at MSU, including admissions, intakes, student life, and support services. The FAQs are organized for easy reference:

How do I apply for admission to MSU in 2024–2025?

Applying to MSU is a straightforward process and can be done online. Here's a step-by-step overview:

1. **Choose Your Course:** First, decide on the programme you wish to apply for. You can explore courses by browsing MSU's website or contacting their counselors. Ensure you meet the **entry requirements** for the course (check the required qualifications and any specific subject prerequisites). MSU offers foundation, diploma, degree, and

postgraduate programmes – so be sure you’re applying to the correct level.

2. **Submit an Application:** Applications can be submitted through the **MSU online application portal** (accessible via the MSU website) or via a physical application form. For online applications, you’ll create an account, fill in personal details, academic qualifications, and choose the programme. Uploading scanned copies of documents will be required. If you need help, you can click “Enquire Now” on the MSU site to get guidance.
3. **Attach Supporting Documents:** Along with the application form, you must provide necessary documents. Typically, for a **new undergraduate application**, the required documents include:
 - Certified copies of your academic transcripts and certificates (SPM/O-Level, STPM/A-Level, diploma, or equivalent qualifications).
 - Copy of identification (IC for local students, passport for international students).
 - Passport-sized photos (MSU asks for several pieces for international applicants).
 - English proficiency test results (if applicable – e.g. IELTS/TOEFL for international students who didn’t study in English).
 - A **No Objection Certificate (NOC)** from your government (for students from certain countries in Africa/Middle East) – this is specifically needed before those governments allow you to study abroad.
 - For postgraduate: include letters of recommendation, a research proposal (for research degrees), and CV.
4. **Application Fee:** Pay the application fee if required. MSU usually has a processing fee (and for international students, a visa processing fee). The online system or admissions office will inform you of the amount and how to pay (credit card or bank transfer). International applicants are advised to apply **at least 2 months before the intake** to allow time for visa processing.
5. **Wait for Offer Letter:** Once your application is submitted with all documents, the admissions committee will review it. Successful applicants will receive an **Offer Letter (conditional or unconditional)** via email. This letter will state the programme, intake date, and any conditions (e.g., pending final results, English requirement). For quick turnaround, ensure all documents are complete – MSU typically responds within a few weeks. (They even mention a “Conditional Offer Letter awaits – grab it now” for fast applicants.)

6. **Accept the Offer & Enrollment:** To accept the offer, you may need to sign the acceptance form and pay a deposit as stated in the offer letter (which often covers part of tuition or administrative fees). After acceptance, local students will be guided to complete enrollment and registration (choosing courses, etc.). International students will move to the visa processing stage (see the student visa FAQ).
7. **Orientation and Course Registration:** Before classes begin, MSU conducts an orientation program. New students will register for their subjects, get student ID, and attend orientation briefings (which cover campus facilities, class schedules, etc.). Orientation is usually a few days before the semester starts and is highly recommended to attend, especially for international students as it covers cultural adjustment and important policies.

Important deadlines: MSU has several intakes (see next FAQ). Application deadlines are typically a few weeks before the intake start. For example, if classes start in February, local students might apply by January, whereas international students should apply by November/December of the previous year to allow visa time. Always check with MSU's admissions for specific deadline dates for the year 2024 or 2025 intake you target, as they may have rolling admissions for some programs.

When are the intakes and application deadlines for MSU?

MSU offers **multiple intake periods throughout the year** for most programmes, providing flexibility in when students can start. The main intakes for 2024–2025 are:

- **February/March Intake:** This is a major intake for many programmes. Classes typically start in **February or early March 2024**, with orientation in late February. Application deadlines: for local students, roughly by January; for international, by December 2023 (to process visas). In 2025, similarly the first intake is Jan/Feb.
- **July Intake:** Another primary intake begins in **July** each year. This coincides with Malaysia's mid-year academic cycle. Application deadlines: June for locals, April/May for international.
- **September Intake:** Some programmes have an intake in **September** (especially popular for certain postgraduate or diploma courses). This allows students who finished mid-year exams (like STPM or A-levels) to enroll without waiting till the next year. Application deadlines: August (locals), June/July (international). *Example:* Many courses list **September** as an available start month.
- **November/October Intake:** A number of programmes (particularly short courses, certain diploma or foundation programs) may start in **October or November**. For instance, the applyuni data indicated intakes in November for several courses. MSU's Foundation programmes often have an additional intake around **October/November** to

accommodate post-SPM students quickly. Application by Sept/Oct for locals, a bit earlier for international.

In summary, **most undergraduate degrees and diploma programmes have 2–3 intakes per year (Feb/Mar, July, and either Sep or Oct)**. Foundation courses might have 3-4 intakes (Feb, July, Sept, Nov). Postgraduate programmes, especially MBAs and research degrees, usually allow intake in any of the main semesters (Feb or July) and sometimes a late year intake.

Application Deadlines: MSU generally uses a rolling admission but aims to have applications in at least **4-8 weeks before the intake**. International students **must apply earlier** due to the student visa process (which can take 6-8 weeks). A good rule is:

- International: 2-3 months before intake start.
- Local: 1-2 months before intake (though some may apply even a few weeks before since no visa is needed).

Always confirm with the official MSU academic calendar or admissions office for exact dates. The deadlines may vary slightly each year and for different programmes. It's also possible to defer an offer to the next available intake if needed.

What are the general entry requirements for courses at MSU?

Entry requirements vary by the level of study and specific programme, but here is a general guideline:

- **Foundation (Pre-University):** Require **5 Credits in SPM, O-Level, or equivalent** (usually grade C and above). The 5 credits should include relevant subjects based on the foundation: e.g., Foundation in Science needs credits in Science and Mathematics; Foundation in Business needs Math and perhaps a pass in English, etc. UEC (Unified Exam Certificate) holders and other equivalent qualifications are accepted with the comparable standard. Foundation programs are meant for those who have completed secondary school (SPM/IGCSE level).
- **Diploma:** Generally need **3 Credits in SPM/O-Levels** or equivalent (some diplomas may require more, e.g., Diploma in Nursing often needs 5 credits including Bahasa Malaysia, Science, Math, English). For diplomas in technical fields (IT, Engineering), a credit in Math is typically required; for health diplomas, credits in Science and Math are needed. Example: Diploma in Business Management might require credits in Math and English. If the student completed an equivalent qualification like SKM (skills certificate) or UEC, those may be considered. Diplomas are post-secondary, so you must have finished Form 5 or Year 11 equivalent.

- **Bachelor's Degree:** Typically require one of the following:
 - **STPM (Malaysian Higher School Certificate):** 2 principal passes minimum. For science degrees, those passes should be in science subjects; for arts, in relevant arts subjects.
 - **A-Levels:** Usually 2–3 passes. E.g., for MBBS, higher grades (e.g. ABB in Bio/Chem/Physics) are needed; for others, 2 passes might suffice.
 - **Matriculation/Foundation:** Completion of MSU Foundation or other recognized foundation with a minimum CGPA (often 2.0 or higher, but competitive programmes like Medicine require much higher CGPA ~3.5).
 - **Diploma (Level 4 MQF):** A relevant diploma from MSU or other recognized institution with a minimum CGPA (often 2.5, although some programs accept 2.0). Some degrees allow diploma holders in related fields to enter into Year 2.
 - **UEC:** Normally 5 Bs in UEC for degree entry (again including relevant subjects).
 - **IB (International Baccalaureate):** Usually around 24 points (higher for Medicine/Pharmacy).
 - **Specific subject requirements:** Certain degrees have mandatory subjects:
 - Medicine/Pharmacy: must have strong grades in **Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math** (and meet regulatory requirements: e.g. Malaysian Medical Council requires at least B in those at STPM/A-level or equivalent).
 - Engineering: must have passed Math and Physics at pre-university.
 - Computer Science/IT: need Math.
 - Accounting/Finance: often need Math and a credit in English at SPM.
 - Education (TESL): credit in English at SPM is a must.
 - Nursing degree: SPM credit in Biology, or a related diploma in nursing + license (for bridging).
 - **English proficiency:** For international students, if prior education was not in English, must have IELTS or equivalent (common requirement: IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL 550). Some programs might require IELTS 6.5 (like MBBS or Pharmacy).

MSU may also offer an internal English test or conditional English admission.

- **Additional:** Some courses require an interview or aptitude test (Medicine, maybe Education or Aviation-related courses).
- **Master's Degree:** General requirement is a **recognized Bachelor's degree** in a related field with at least a second-class lower or CGPA ~2.50. Some programs accept lower CGPA (2.00-2.49) if the candidate has work experience. MBA programs may accept any bachelor's field, but prefer some work experience. For research masters, a research proposal might be needed. **English:** If previous degree wasn't in English, IELTS ~6.0.
- **PhD:** Require a **Master's degree** in a relevant field. Some programmes allow direct PhD after bachelor's (if the student has first-class honours or equivalent). A PhD application typically needs a research proposal. English requirement might be IELTS 6.0 or 6.5 for PhD.

Note: These are general guidelines – each programme at MSU will specify its requirements in detail. Always check the specific programme page or contact the admissions office. MSU is somewhat flexible for diploma/degree via APEL (Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning) – mature students over 21 (for diploma/degree) or over 30 (for master's) might enter programmes using work experience and an aptitude test in lieu of formal academic requirements, per Malaysian Ministry of Education guidelines.

Does MSU accept transfer students or credit transfers from other institutions?

Yes. MSU welcomes **transfer students** and allows for **credit transfer** on a case-by-case basis. If you have completed some courses or semesters at another accredited university or possess a diploma and wish to enroll into an MSU degree, you can apply for advanced standing:

- **Diploma to Degree (Vertical Credit Transfer):** Students with a *recognized diploma* in a related field can often enter into Year 2 of the corresponding bachelor's degree at MSU. For example, a diploma in business from MSU College or another college can transfer credits into the second year of MSU's Bachelor in Business Management (subject to matching course content). Typically, you need a minimum CGPA (often 2.5+) in diploma and the courses must match at least 80% of MSU's degree course content for credit transfer.
- **University Transfer:** If you started a degree at another university and want to transfer to MSU, you must provide transcripts and course syllabi. MSU will evaluate which credits can be exempted. The process involves:

- Submitting your academic transcript from the previous institution.
 - Providing course descriptions/syllabi for each subject you want to transfer.
 - MSU's faculty will assess and approve equivalent MSU courses to be credited.
 - Only courses with sufficiently similar content and a good passing grade (usually a C or above) are transferable.
 - Typically, at least 50% of the programme's credits must be completed at MSU to earn an MSU degree, so you can't transfer in more than half the credits.
- **Credit Transfer from Overseas Universities:** MSU has some global partnerships. If you studied in certain universities abroad (especially if via twinning programme), the process is similar. For example, some students transfer from MSU's offshore programme (Management & Science Institute in Sri Lanka or others) to the main campus.
 - **APEL/Credit for prior learning:** MSU adheres to Malaysia's APEL rules. If you have significant work experience or professional certifications, you may challenge certain course credits via APEL(C) – an assessment process to earn credit without taking the course.
 - **Foundation to Degree:** MSU's own Foundation graduates have automatic progression (no need for credit transfer since it's a direct pathway). External foundation qualifications will be considered as meeting entry, but usually no credit transfer since foundation covers pre-university content, not degree-level.

Transfer Student Application: You apply to MSU normally for the intended programme and indicate you are seeking credit transfer. It's advised to discuss with MSU's admissions counselors first. They even have a dedicated link for "Transfer Student – Seamlessly transition into your future at MSU". Once admitted, you will get a credit exemption report detailing which courses you don't have to take.

In summary, **yes, you can transfer into MSU**. Each case is evaluated individually to maximize your carried-over credits while ensuring you meet all learning outcomes of the MSU program. Always prepare all academic documentation and start the credit transfer inquiry early, ideally during application, to know your standing.

What scholarships and financial aid are available at MSU?

MSU offers a range of **scholarships, bursaries, and financial aid options** to help students fund their education. These are available for both **local Malaysian students and international students**, based on merit, need, or special criteria. Here are the key scholarships/aid opportunities:

- **MSU Merit Scholarships:** High-achieving students (those with excellent academic results) may be considered for merit scholarships. For example, students with top scores in SPM/STPM or equivalent could receive partial tuition fee waivers. The scholarship can range from a certain percentage off tuition up to a full scholarship for exceptional cases. (MSU has been known to offer full to partial scholarships to outstanding Malaysians.)
- **President or Chancellor Scholarship (if applicable):** Some private universities have flagship scholarships for top incoming students covering full fees. Check if MSU has a specific one by name – often called “MSU High Achievers Scholarship” or similar.
- **Sports and Talent Scholarships:** Students who have represented state or country in sports, or who have exceptional talents (like performing arts) might get special consideration for scholarships.
- **Bursaries/Financial Aid for Need:** MSU, through its MSU Foundation or other funds, may provide financial assistance to students from lower income families. These could be in the form of tuition fee discounts or stipends. Students typically must submit income documents to qualify.
- **Alumni Family Discount:** If a student has siblings who studied at MSU or parents who are alumni, there might be fee discounts for the new student.
- **Diploma-to-Degree Scholarship:** MSU diploma graduates continuing to MSU degree programs often get a loyalty scholarship or fee reduction.
- **International Student Scholarships:** MSU provides scholarships to encourage diversity. International students with excellent academics or extracurricular achievements can apply. These might be partial scholarships to offset the higher international fees.
- **External Scholarships/Loans:** Apart from MSU's own funds, students can apply for:
 - **PTPTN Loan (for Malaysian students):** MSU programmes are approved for PTPTN, the national student loan. Malaysian students can borrow to cover fees (and living, partially) and repay after graduation. If you graduate with first-class honours, PTPTN can convert to a scholarship (i.e., loan cancellation).
 - **MARA or JPA sponsorship:** Bumiputera students can seek MARA education loans for certain fields; top students can apply for JPA scholarships if available for private institutions.
 - **Private Scholarships:** e.g., from corporate bodies, Khazanah, etc. MSU's admissions can assist with required documents if you secure an external scholarship.

- **Bank Loans/Education Financing:** MSU partners with banks (like Affin Bank's Education Financing-i) to offer study loans with favorable terms. Such loans cover tuition and sometimes living expenses, repayable after graduation.
- **Work-Study Programs:** While not a scholarship, MSU may have on-campus employment for students (library assistants, etc.) to help with pocket money.

How to apply for scholarships: Many scholarships (merit/talent) are considered during the admissions process – you might automatically be offered if you qualify. However, for need-based aid or specific awards, you should fill out the **MSU Scholarship Application Form** (usually available from the scholarships or student finance office) and provide supporting documents (exam results, income statements, certificates). Deadlines for scholarship applications often coincide with intake enrollment dates, so apply early.

For **diploma scholarships or foundation scholarships**, MSU often announces them in conjunction with exam result releases (like SPM leavers can apply for diploma scholarships). Keep an eye on MSU's official announcements or inquire directly.

In essence, MSU is committed to making education accessible – **scholarships and financial aid can significantly reduce the cost** for eligible students. Students are encouraged to reach out to MSU's Scholarships & Loans office (they even have counseling for "Find out how you can fund your studies") to explore all options.

How do I apply for a scholarship at MSU?

Applying for a scholarship at MSU involves a few steps, often parallel to your admission application:

1. **Check Eligibility:** First, identify which scholarship or financial aid you want to apply for (merit-based, need-based, specific sponsorship, etc.). Review the criteria. For instance, merit scholarships will require certain grade thresholds (e.g., a minimum number of As in SPM or a high CGPA in pre-university). Need-based aid will require proof of income. International scholarships might require an essay or additional info about your achievements.
2. **Application Form:** Obtain the scholarship application form. MSU may have a common scholarship form or separate ones for different schemes. These might be downloadable from MSU's website or obtainable from the Admissions/Scholarship Office. Sometimes the form is included in the admission application pack.
3. **Documentation:** Prepare supporting documents:
 - Academic results (certified copies of certificates and transcripts).

- Co-curricular certificates (if applying for talent/leadership scholarships).
 - Recommendation letters (optional but helpful, especially for competitive scholarships).
 - Financial documents (for need-based: parents' salary slips, income tax, etc.).
 - A personal statement or essay (some scholarships ask you to write about your goals or why you deserve the scholarship).
4. **Submission:** Submit the scholarship form along with the required documents by the deadline. Often, you would submit this together with or shortly after your programme admission acceptance. Ensure you meet any deadline – some scholarships are limited and on a first-come or competitive basis.
 5. **Interview (if required):** Certain scholarships (especially high-value ones) may involve an interview or assessment. If you are shortlisted, MSU will schedule an interview with you (in-person or via video for international). Be prepared to discuss your achievements, goals, and why you chose MSU.
 6. **Decision:** Scholarship results are usually announced around the time you receive your offer or shortly after. You will be informed in writing of any award and its terms (e.g., 50% tuition fee waiver). You may need to sign an acceptance of scholarship and maintain certain performance (many scholarships require maintaining a GPA each semester to continue).
 7. **External Scholarships:** If applying to external bodies (PTPTN, MARA, etc.), MSU can guide but you must follow those bodies' application processes which might be online on their websites. For PTPTN, you apply after enrolling by using the offer letter and enrollment details (the MSU Student Affairs can assist new students with PTPTN applications during orientation).

Note: Always clarify with MSU whether a single application suffices for all scholarships you qualify for or if each has a separate process. MSU's counselors are available to help new students navigate the scholarship and loan options – don't hesitate to ask them so you don't miss opportunities. As an example, MSU's Instagram post highlights that they've "got your back with scholarships, grants, and financial aid" and encourages students to reach out.

What are the tuition fees at MSU and are payment plans available?

Tuition fees at MSU vary by programme and level of study. Below are approximate ranges (in Malaysian Ringgit, MYR) for the entire programme as of recent intakes:

- **Foundation Programs:** ~RM 12,000 – RM 18,000 (for the 1-year programme).
- **Diploma Programs:** ~RM 15,000 – RM 30,000 total (for 2-3 years). For example, Diploma in Nursing might be around the higher end due to lab components.
- **Bachelor's Degree Programs:** ~RM 40,000 – RM 90,000 total. The cost depends on the course:
 - Programs like Medicine (MBBS) are significantly higher (MBBS can be over RM 300,000 for the 5 years, since medical programs are the costliest).
 - Pharmacy, Optometry, and other health sciences can range RM 100k–150k.
 - Most other degrees (Business, IT, Hospitality, etc.) fall in the RM 50k–80k range for the whole course.
- **Master's Programs:** ~RM 30,000 – RM 60,000 (varies by course and duration). MBA might be around RM 30k+; specialized masters, especially in sciences or a 2-year course, could be more.
- **PhD Programs:** Typically charged per year around RM 25k–35k per year for 3 years, so roughly RM 75k–100k total (depending on field).

International students usually have higher fees than local students, and there are additional charges (visa processing fee, registration fee, insurance). The above ranges are an overall sense; always check the latest fee schedule provided by MSU for your specific programme.

For instance, according to one source, **Bachelor of Computer Engineering** was about \$4465 USD per year (approx RM18,000/year), and **Bachelor in Broadcasting** about \$8300 USD/year (~RM34,000/year). These per-year figures align with the ranges given.

Payment Plans: MSU understands that paying a lump sum can be challenging, so they provide flexible payment options:

- Tuition fees are usually broken down by semester. You don't pay the entire degree fee upfront, but rather per semester or annually. Before each semester begins, you will be billed for that semester's credit hours and fees.
- **Installment Plans:** Students can arrange installment plans for semester fees. Typically, there's an initial payment (perhaps registration fee + part of semester fee), and the remainder can be paid in 2-3 installments over the semester. You would discuss this with the Bursary or Finance Department during enrollment. They usually require a formal request or have standard schedules (e.g., 50% before start, 25% mid-semester, 25%

before exams).

- **Loans & EPF Withdrawal:** Malaysian students can use PTPTN loans which disburse money per semester to pay fees. Also, Malaysian parents can withdraw from EPF (Employees Provident Fund) Account II to pay for children's tertiary fees at MSU since it's an approved institution.
- **Credit Card / Auto-debit:** MSU may allow payment by credit card which can indirectly be paid in installments if your bank offers 0% installment plan for education payments. Some banks also offer education payment plans.
- **Scholarship Deduction:** If you receive any MSU scholarship, that portion is deducted from your fee billing automatically.
- **Late Payment:** MSU's finance office will work with students who have genuine difficulties, but it's important to communicate. There might be small penalties for late payment unless an installment schedule is approved.

In summary, while you should be prepared with a financial plan, MSU provides multiple ways to ease payment:

- Pay per semester, not all upfront.
- Use student loans or EPF.
- Arrange installments for any remaining balance.

Always talk to the **MSU Bursary/Finance Office** for customizing a payment plan – they are quite experienced since many students use PTPTN or other financing that arrives in tranches.

What is the campus life like at MSU?

Campus life at MSU is vibrant and holistic, aiming to provide a **well-rounded student experience** beyond academics. Here are key aspects of life on the MSU main campus in Shah Alam:

- **Location & Campus Setting:** MSU's campus is an urban campus located in Section 13, Shah Alam. The main campus building (and surrounding annexes) host lecture halls, labs, libraries, and student service centers in a modern high-rise setting. Shah Alam is a student-friendly city with plenty of amenities (shopping malls, parks, a national stadium complex, etc.) nearby.

- **Accommodation:** While MSU doesn't have on-campus dormitories, there are many off-campus student accommodations within walking distance. Common student housing includes apartment complexes like Menara U and other condos around Section 13. These are privately operated but popular with MSU students (often styled as "MSU Hostels"). Rooms can be rented individually or shared, and typically come furnished (bed, study table, WiFi, etc.). The cost ranges from ~RM500 for a shared room to RM1000+ for a single studio per month, depending on facilities. MSU's Student Affairs can assist international or out-of-town students in finding suitable accommodation. Some housing areas are about a 5–10 minute walk from campus. There are also **homestays and student houses** around – often advertised on MSU notice boards or Facebook groups. Security is generally good and many apartments require access cards.
- **Transportation:** The campus is accessible by public transport. A feeder bus (RapidKL T774) connects MSU to the nearest LRT station (KJ27 Glenmarie on the Kelana Jaya Line), making it convenient to travel from Kuala Lumpur or Petaling Jaya via LRT. Additionally, there's a bus route to the KTM Komuter Batu Tiga station. In 2024, the new LRT Shah Alam Line is expected to open with a station (Stadium Shah Alam) close to campus, further improving connectivity. Many students also use **ride-hailing (Grab)** or personal vehicles; MSU has parking facilities (though limited, so many students park in nearby public areas). The campus area is pedestrian-friendly for nearby amenities.
- **Food & Dining:** Students won't go hungry – there are on-campus cafeterias and many eateries around. MSU's cafeteria offers a variety of Malaysian and international cuisines at student prices. Additionally, just outside campus, there are mamaks (Indian-Muslim restaurants), fast food outlets, and cafes. The vicinity includes a food court and restaurants catering to students (with affordable meal sets). Also, Shah Alam's Section 13 and nearby areas have shopping complexes (Aeon Mall Shah Alam, etc.) with lots of dining options. Food delivery services are widely used too. MSU often hosts food festivals or has food trucks on certain days, adding to the variety (the snippet "Food around MSU – discover the delicious side of MSU" hints at this).
- **Libraries & Study Facilities:** MSU's library (known as the Learning Resource Centre) is well-equipped with books, journals (physical and digital), computer stations, and study areas. It's a hub for students to research and do assignments, with extended hours during exam periods. There are also discussion rooms for group study. Apart from the main library, certain faculties have their own resource rooms or labs that double as study spaces (like computer labs open for IT students).
- **Student Clubs & Societies:** There's a wide array of clubs, covering academic interests, sports, cultural groups, and hobbies. Examples: Business Investment Club, Engineering Society, MSU Debate Club, Dance Club, Music and Performing Arts Club, and various cultural associations (like Chinese Society, Middle Eastern Students Club, etc.). There are also volunteer and community service groups as MSU emphasizes "holistic" development and giving back. Club activities happen year-round: seminars,

competitions, cultural nights, festivals (MSU is known to celebrate multicultural events on campus). Joining clubs is a great way to make friends and develop leadership skills.

- **Sports & Recreation:** MSU encourages an active lifestyle. While it doesn't have a huge sports complex on-site, students utilize nearby facilities. The campus has a gym/fitness center for students. For outdoor sports, MSU students often use Shah Alam's public sports facilities – the Shah Alam Stadium (right next to campus) has fields, and there's a sports complex in Section 13 with courts for futsal, badminton, etc. MSU organizes sports tournaments and has teams for football, netball, basketball, cricket and more that compete in intervarsity events. **Recreational activities** like hiking (Bukit Gasing, etc.) or visits to the nearby Shah Alam Lake Gardens are popular on weekends.
- **Facilities on Campus:** Classrooms are modern smart classrooms, many labs (science labs, computer labs, engineering workshops, culinary kitchens, hospitality mock hotel suite, fashion studios, etc.). There are also prayer rooms (surau) for Muslim students, convenience stores or a bookstore, an IT helpdesk, and student service counters. One unique facility is the **MSU Medical Centre (MSUMC)**, a 14-floor teaching hospital adjacent to campus – aside from training medical students, it also provides healthcare services; students can visit for medical needs.
- **Health Services:** MSU likely has a **Student Health Clinic** or an arrangement for basic medical attention for students. Minor illnesses or medical advice can be sought on campus or at MSUMC. Counseling services are also available for mental health support and personal counseling through the Student Affairs Department, ensuring students' well-being is cared for.
- **Campus Events:** Expect frequent events – academic conferences, career fairs, innovation showcases, cultural celebrations, charity drives. An example is the *MSU Edu-Carnival* mentioned on social media, which engages students in exhibitions and fun learning activities. There are also guest lectures from industry (part of MSU's industry-in-campus concept). Another highlight is convocation, a grand event typically held at the campus or a convention center for graduating students.

In short, **life at MSU is dynamic**: you'll study hard with the excellent facilities and experienced lecturers, but also have plenty of opportunity to socialize, pursue interests, and prepare for the working world. MSU's motto "Transforming Lives, Enriching Future" is reflected in the campus experience – they encourage students to grow academically, personally, and socially during their time at the university.

What support services are available for international students at MSU?

MSU provides comprehensive support to ensure international students have a smooth and enriching experience. Key support services include:

- **Student Visa Processing:** MSU's International Office assists students with the **student visa** application. Once you receive an offer, MSU will guide you in submitting required documents for the Malaysian student visa through EMGS (Education Malaysia Global Services). Documents include passport copies (all pages), academic transcripts, a medical check-up report, passport photos, proof of insurance, and the visa fee. MSU acts as the facilitator with EMGS and Immigration. They will update you on your Visa Approval Letter (VAL) status and send it once approved. Upon arrival in Malaysia, MSU further helps you to endorse the visa in your passport. *Important:* International students must not enter Malaysia earlier than 1 month before intake and ideally on a travel visa which will be converted – MSU will provide guidance on this.
- **Pre-Departure and Arrival Assistance:** The International Office often provides a **pre-departure briefing** (via email or webinar) with info on accommodation, what to pack, climate, etc. They also can arrange **airport pickup** when you first arrive – you inform them of your flight details, and a representative will meet you at Kuala Lumpur International Airport. This warm welcome helps in navigating to campus or your accommodation. They'll also help ensure you complete the post-arrival medical check (a requirement within 7 days of arrival for the visa).
- **Orientation Programme:** There is a special orientation for international students. This includes sessions on adjusting to Malaysian culture, campus tours, briefing on immigration rules (e.g. students must maintain attendance, cannot work full-time on a student visa, etc.), and introduction to support staff. You'll meet other new international students, which is great for making friends from day one.
- **English Language Support:** Since English is the medium of instruction at MSU, some international students might want to improve their proficiency. MSU offers English enhancement courses or workshops. If a student doesn't quite meet the language requirement, MSU might provide conditional admission where the student enrolls in an **Intensive English Programme** first. Additionally, throughout studies, the university provides writing clinics or language labs to assist with assignments and communication skills.
- **International Student Society:** MSU likely has a student club or society for international students which organizes cultural events, trips, and acts as a peer support group. This helps students from various countries come together to celebrate festivals (e.g., a Diwali event, Chinese New Year, Middle-East Day) and share their culture with the campus.
- **Cultural Adjustment and Counseling:** The staff at the International Office and Student Affairs are trained to help students adapt. If you ever face homesickness or culture shock, counselors are available. They might pair new students with a "buddy" (an existing student, possibly from the same country or faculty) to help you settle in.

- **Accommodation Assistance:** As mentioned, the International Office can assist in securing accommodation prior to arrival. They maintain info on nearby apartments and can make temporary bookings. They often place new international students in accommodation where other international students live, so you have a community.
- **Visa Renewal & Immigration Compliance:** For every year you study, your student visa needs renewal. MSU handles the paperwork for visa extension, student pass renewals, and even processes for multiple-entry visas if you plan to travel home for holidays. They will remind you of deadlines to submit passport for renewal. They also assist if you need to get a dependent visa for any family (if allowed).
- **Healthcare:** International students are usually required to have medical insurance (often arranged via MSU/EMGS). MSU's clinic or MSU Medical Centre is available for healthcare. The insurance typically covers basic outpatient and hospitalization. The International Office can help if you need to make an insurance claim or need medical attention, ensuring no language barriers or confusion with Malaysian healthcare system.
- **Legal and Safety Advice:** International staff can advise on local laws, personal safety tips, and what to do in emergencies. For example, they'll guide you on how to register with your embassy, or the process of renewing your passport during your stay.
- **Career and Academic Support:** As you near graduation, MSU's career services help international students with CV writing and even understanding work visa processes if you seek a job in Malaysia. Note that under Malaysian regulations, international students are restricted in work (part-time work is only allowed during semester breaks with approval, and only in certain sectors like restaurants, hotels, gas stations, mini-marts, max 20 hours/week). MSU will clarify these rules so you remain in compliance.

In essence, **MSU's support for international students spans from the moment you apply until you graduate** – covering immigration needs, academic help, language support, and personal well-being. The university values its international community (with students from over 40 countries), so they strive to make your “home away from home” experience positive and rewarding.

What is the student visa process for MSU (for international students)?

Obtaining a **Malaysian student visa** for study at MSU involves a multi-step process, but MSU's International Office will guide you through it. Here's an overview:

1. **Offer Letter:** You must first have a **Letter of Offer (Acceptance) from MSU**. This is a required document to initiate the visa. Ensure you accept your offer and meet any conditions (like paying a deposit).

2. **Visa Application through EMGS:** Malaysian student visas are coordinated by **Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS)**. MSU will submit an application on your behalf to EMGS. You will need to provide:
 - Completed Visa application form (MSU will have you fill this or an info sheet).
 - Scanned **passport copy** – all pages including blank pages. Your passport must be valid for at least 18-24 months.
 - **Passport-sized photos** with white background (EMGS has strict requirements for photo size and background).
 - **Academic transcripts and certificates** (to show eligibility, usually already provided for admission).
 - **Pre-arrival Medical Examination Form:** Some students must do a simple medical check-up in home country and have a doctor fill a form (testing for infectious diseases etc.).
 - **No Objection Certificate (NOC):** Applicable to certain nationalities (e.g., Sudan, Nigeria, etc.) – basically a letter from your home government allowing you to study abroad.
 - **Proof of insurance:** Usually EMGS will bundle a health insurance policy which you pay for; if not, you must show coverage.
 - **Visa processing fee:** You'll pay fees which include EMGS fee, visa fee, insurance, i-Kad, etc. (The amount varies by country, roughly RM 2000 or more including insurance).
3. MSU will usually collect these documents and fees from you (or have you apply via the EMGS website with a specific institution code for MSU).
4. **Visa Approval Letter (VAL):** Once submitted, EMGS and the Immigration Department review your application. Processing can take 4-8 weeks. If all is in order, Immigration issues a **Visa Approval Letter (VAL)**. MSU will send this VAL to you (PDF by email).
5. **Entry into Malaysia:** With the VAL, you can travel to Malaysia. You may need to obtain a **Single-Entry Visa (SEV)** from the Malaysian embassy in your country before traveling, *if your country requires a visa to enter Malaysia*. Many nationalities can enter visa-free and then convert the VAL to a student pass in Malaysia (the VAL acts like prior approval). Check with the Malaysian Embassy if you need an SEV. For example, if you're from India, you need a single-entry visa stamped in your passport before flying; if

from certain other countries, VAL alone is enough at immigration checkpoint.

6. **Upon Arrival – Immigration Check:** At KL airport, show the Immigration officer your VAL and mention you are a student at MSU. They will likely give you a special pass to enter (temporary). MSU's representative will assist if they meet you.
7. **Post-Arrival Medical Screening:** Within 7 days of arrival, you are required to do a **medical screening in Malaysia** (EMGS-approved clinic). MSU will guide you to do this. It's a basic health check (height, weight, chest x-ray, blood test). Passing this is needed to proceed.
8. **Student Pass Endorsement:** After medical screening is cleared, MSU will submit your passport to Immigration for endorsement of the Student Pass sticker. This is the actual student visa in your passport, typically valid for 1 year at a time (or the duration of programme for short courses). They will also give you an **i-Kad**, an identity card for international students.
9. **Fees Payment:** Make sure you have paid the visa-related fees. If any outstanding, clear them as requested to avoid delays.
10. **Renewal:** The Student Pass is usually renewed annually. MSU will remind you to start the renewal process at least 6 weeks before expiry. You'll do another medical check (annually) and submit passport for renewal. Keep attendance and academic performance satisfactory, as those are sometimes checked for renewal eligibility.

Important points:

- You cannot work full-time on this visa; only limited part-time work is allowed during long holidays with permission.
- You cannot change institutions without cancelling and reapplying for a new visa (the student visa is tied to MSU).
- If you need to exit Malaysia before getting your student pass (in the interim period), inform the International Office because leaving without the student pass could void the VAL and you might have to start over.
- Always keep your passport valid; if you renew passport, transfer the visa sticker.

MSU's International Office essentially hand-holds students through this process, but it's crucial **to apply early**. As advised, submit your complete application **at least 2 months before intake** to avoid any "unnecessary delays" in visa approval.

What facilities and resources does MSU provide for students (labs, libraries, etc.)?

MSU provides a variety of modern facilities and learning resources to support students' academic and extracurricular needs:

- **Libraries (Learning Resource Centre):** MSU's main library is a multi-floor facility with a comprehensive collection of books, academic journals (both print and online databases), reference materials, and multimedia resources. Students have access to computers, Wi-Fi, printing services, and quiet study areas. There are also discussion rooms for group work that can be booked. The library's digital resources include online journals, e-books, and databases which can be accessed on-campus (and often off-campus via student login). During peak times like exams, the library extends its hours into late night. Librarians are available to assist with research and bibliography needs.
- **Laboratories:** Given the range of programs, MSU has specialized labs:
 - *Science Labs:* for biology, chemistry, physics, etc., equipped with microscopes, reagents, and instruments for programs like Biomedical Science, Forensic Science, etc.
 - *Medical & Health Science Labs:* Anatomy lab (with models or cadavers for MBBS students), Clinical Skills Labs (simulated hospital ward with medical mannequins for nursing and MBBS training), Physiology and Pharmacology labs.
 - *Engineering Labs and Workshops:* Electronics labs with oscilloscopes and circuit design kits, Mechanical workshops with machinery for fabrication, Computer engineering labs with microcontroller kits, etc.
 - *Computer Labs:* Multiple labs with up-to-date PCs and software for IT students, including specialized labs for networking (with routers, switches for CCNA, etc.), multimedia labs with design software for animation/graphics.
 - *Pharmacy Labs:* Pharmaceutics lab (for compounding drugs), Pharmacology lab, and a mock **Pharmacy Practice lab** that simulates a pharmacy setup for training dispensing and counseling.
 - *Hospitality & Culinary:* MSU boasts training facilities like a **culinary arts kitchen**, a bakery/patisserie kitchen, a restaurant simulation lab (sometimes called a training restaurant) where culinary and hospitality students practice serving real guests, and a mock hotel front desk and suite for hotel management training.
 - *Fashion & Design Studios:* Equipped with sewing machines, drafting tables, mannequins for fashion design students; design studios with Mac computers for

graphic design with Adobe Creative Suite; photography studio for creative multimedia.

- *Music & Audio Studio*: A recording studio and sound lab for music technology students, with mixing consoles and instruments.
- **Innovation & Research Centres**: MSU has some dedicated centres for research and innovation where final-year students and faculty work on projects. For instance, a lab for biotech research or IT innovation hub where projects on AI, robotics, etc., can be pursued. These often come with high-tech equipment relevant to advanced research (e.g., gene sequencer in biotech, or 3D printers in product design).
- **Wi-Fi and IT Infrastructure**: The campus is Wi-Fi enabled in most areas for students to use their own devices. There are also general computing areas. The student portal and e-learning platform (MSU uses an LMS for online resources, especially after experiences with blended learning during MCO, which students praised) are key digital resources. Students can download lecture notes, submit assignments, and access course materials online.
- **Lecture Halls and Classrooms**: The lecture halls are fully equipped with projectors, sound systems, and comfortable seating. Many classrooms are “smart classrooms” with interactive boards or digital teaching aids. Class sizes are kept reasonable to allow interactive learning; larger lectures are supplemented by smaller tutorial sessions in classrooms.
- **Medical Centre (MSUMC)**: The MSU Medical Centre adjacent to campus is not only a hospital but also a facility for health students. It has clinics, wards, diagnostic facilities (imaging, labs) that serve as training grounds for students in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, etc. For general students, it also means there’s a full-service hospital next door for any medical needs.
- **Recreational Areas**: MSU has spaces for students to relax – such as a Student Lounge with sofas, maybe a games area (pool table, etc.), and areas for prayer/meditation. There are also some green patches or open areas around campus for fresh air breaks, though being an urban campus means limited green space on-site. However, the large stairs and plaza in front of MSU’s main building (as seen in campus photos[61†]) often serve as a hangout spot, where students gather or events are held.
- **Sports Facilities**: On campus itself, sports facilities might include an indoor hall (for badminton, table tennis) and a gym. A dedicated sports facility building might exist (if MSU has one, often called Sports & Recreation Centre). If not on campus, students use the nearby stadium complex (with a swimming pool and track) and the university arranges transport for any official sports practice if needed.

- **Dining & Retail:** Besides cafeterias, MSU may have convenience stores or vending machines for snacks. There might be a photocopy/printing shop, a bookshop for textbooks and stationery, and ATM banking facilities on campus.
- **Security:** The campus has 24/7 security. Entrance to academic areas often requires student ID checks. CCTV cameras and security guards ensure a safe environment. The campus is generally safe, and being in a busy area, there is always activity around.
- **Disability Support:** The campus has ramps, elevators, and facilities to accommodate students with disabilities. If a student has special needs, MSU's administration works to provide accessible class locations or material.

In conclusion, MSU's facilities are on par with a modern, 5-Star rated university campus – ensuring students have all the resources needed for “cutting-edge skills” development. From a well-stocked library to industry-standard labs and collaborative spaces, students are well-supported in both academic and practical aspects of their education.

Are there healthcare and medical services for students on campus?

Yes, MSU provides healthcare support for students through its own medical facilities and arrangements:

- **MSU Medical Centre (MSUMC):** As noted, MSU operates a private specialist hospital right next to campus. While it's a full hospital open to the public, it doubles as the campus health centre. Students can access outpatient clinic services there. Common ailments (colds, minor injuries) can be treated at a general practitioner clinic within MSUMC, and if anything more serious, the hospital's specialists and emergency room are available. Students usually have insurance (through EMGS for international or optional for locals) that can be used at MSUMC or panel clinics.
- **On-Campus Clinic/Health Centre:** If MSUMC is considered separate, MSU likely has an on-campus **Student Health Clinic** (perhaps within MSUMC or a smaller clinic in the campus building). This clinic would have at least a medical officer or nurse during weekdays to attend to students who are ill. They can provide first aid, basic medication, and health advice. There might be specific hours for free consultation for students.
- **Medical Insurance:** All international students are covered by a health insurance plan (this is mandatory via EMGS). It covers hospitalizations, surgical treatment, and to some extent outpatient treatment. Local students can opt for insurance or rely on personal insurance; however, MSU might include a group personal accident coverage for all enrolled students. The insurance ensures that in case of major health issues, students can get treated at MSUMC or other panel hospitals with costs covered as per policy.

- **Health Awareness Programs:** The Student Affairs department often runs health campaigns – free health screenings (blood pressure, BMI checks), blood donation drives, and mental health awareness talks. They also provide **counseling services**: professional counselors are on staff for mental well-being, stress management, etc. These services are confidential and free for students.
- **COVID-19 etc.:** In recent times, MSU likely had protocols for COVID-19 testing and vaccination – possibly even a vaccination center at MSUMC. Generally, for any outbreaks (dengue, influenza), the campus will issue advisories and have resources ready.
- **Gym and Wellness:** Preventative health is encouraged via the gym and perhaps fitness classes (aerobics, yoga) for students at low or no cost. MSU might have a student wellness centre focusing on healthy lifestyle.
- **Nearby Pharmacies:** Besides the on-campus pharmacy in MSUMC, the surrounding area has pharmacies where students can buy medications easily.

International students are briefed on how to use their insurance card and where to go for medical help. Local students can use government clinics or MSUMC depending on preference and cost (government clinics are very cheap for Malaysians, but MSUMC offers convenience of location).

In summary, MSU students have readily available healthcare: **day-to-day medical needs** can be handled at the campus clinic or MSUMC outpatient, and **emergencies or specialist needs** are catered to by MSUMC hospital next door. This is a significant benefit of studying at MSU – medical attention is literally on campus.

Is MSU accredited and recognized, and by whom?

Yes, MSU is fully accredited and recognized by relevant bodies in Malaysia and has received international recognitions as well:

- **Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA):** All MSU programmes are accredited or provisionally accredited by MQA (which ensures programs meet national academic standards). The university itself has been rated highly in the Malaysian SETARA ratings; for instance, MSU achieved Tier 5 (Excellent) in the SETARA university rating. MQA accreditation means MSU's degrees are recognized for employment in the public sector and for further studies.
- **Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia:** MSU is a **legally approved private university** (established in 2001 and a full university by 2007, granted status by the government). It operates under the purview of MOHE and adheres to all regulatory

requirements.

- **Professional Bodies:** Many programmes have accreditations from specific professional bodies:
 - **Medicine (MBBS):** Recognized by the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) and listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools, meaning graduates can sit for licensing exams in many countries.
 - **Pharmacy:** Accredited by the Pharmacy Board of Malaysia.
 - **Nursing:** Accredited by the Nursing Board and Midwifery Board.
 - **Engineering:** The engineering and engineering technology programs will be accredited by the Board of Engineers Malaysia (BEM) or Malaysian Board of Technologists (MBOT) as applicable.
 - **Accounting:** The Bachelor of Accountancy likely has recognition or exemption from professional exams (ACCA, CIMA, etc., give paper exemptions for accredited accounting degrees).
 - **ACCA Accelerate:** Possibly MSU has arrangements for finance/accounting students with ACCA.
 - **APIEM Accreditation:** Notably, MSU was the **First in Malaysia to receive Asia Pacific Institute of Event Management (APIEM) accreditation** for its event management and hospitality programs – highlighting global industry recognition.
 - **ASIC (UK):** MSU received a “Platinum 5 Crowns” rating from the UK-based Accreditation Service for International Schools, Colleges & Universities, which is an international quality stamp.
 - **ABEST21 (Japan):** MSU’s business school is accredited by ABEST21 (Alliance on Business Education and Scholarship for Tomorrow) in Japan.
 - **ACEEU:** Recognized as an entrepreneurial and engaged university by ACEEU.
- **Rankings:** MSU has been climbing international rankings:
 - It’s ranked in the **QS World University Rankings** (for example, placed 541-550 in 2020).

- In **QS Asia University Rankings 2025**, MSU is ranked #129, placing it in the top 1.8% in Asia.
- It also has a 5-Star QS rating in several categories (Teaching, Graduate Employability, Facilities, Social Responsibility, Inclusiveness).
- Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings placed MSU in 301+ globally for its social and economic impact.
- **Degree Recognition Abroad:** Because of the above, MSU degrees are recognized for further study internationally. Graduates have gone on to postgraduate studies in universities in the UK, Australia, etc. International employers also recognize MSU as a reputable institution given these accreditations and rankings.
- **Collaborations and Dual Degrees:** MSU has partnerships with universities worldwide. Through its “Global Recognition and Dual Degree Options,” students can earn dual awards. For instance, certain programs may offer a dual-degree with partners in the UK, etc., meaning you get a second parchment from the partner university, further ensuring international recognition.

In summary, **MSU is a well-accredited and globally recognized institution.** Students and parents can be confident in the legitimacy and quality of its qualifications. The combination of national accreditation and international endorsements reflects MSU’s commitment to maintaining high academic standards and industry relevance.

How is the student life at MSU for international students specifically?

International students at MSU generally find the campus welcoming and enriching. Here are some points that international students often note about their experience (some even share testimonials):

- **Diverse Community:** MSU hosts students from over 40 countries. You will meet peers from Asia (Central Asia, East Asia, South Asia), the Middle East, Africa, Europe, etc. This diversity means cultural exchange is part of daily life – from celebrating each other’s festivals to simply learning new languages or cuisines from friends. MSU’s multicultural environment helps international students feel at home as part of a global student family.
- **Integration with Local Students:** International students take classes alongside local Malaysian students. Group projects and campus activities are mixed, so it’s easy to integrate rather than feeling segregated. Many Malaysians are friendly and curious about new cultures, so they’ll engage with you. English being the medium of instruction and widely spoken on campus bridges communication.

- **Cultural Clubs & Events:** There are likely clubs formed by regional groups – for example, an African Students Society, Arab Students Club, etc., which hold gatherings especially during cultural or national celebrations. MSU might have an “International Cultural Night” where students showcase traditional performances and food. This not only allows international students to celebrate their heritage but also introduces it to the wider campus community.
- **Food Considerations:** Malaysia is a food paradise, and in Shah Alam, halal food is predominant (good for Muslim students). Vegetarian options exist too. International students often can find ingredients from home at foreign food marts in KL. Also, on campus, the diversity of students means now and then there might be international food festivals. But overall, many adapt quickly to loving Malaysian food. If you crave home cuisine, KL (just 30 minutes away) has restaurants for Arabic, African, Western, Chinese, etc. Also, international students sometimes cook together in their apartments.
- **Religious Facilities:** Malaysia respects freedom of religion. MSU has prayer rooms for Muslims. Nearby, there are mosques (Shah Alam’s Blue Mosque is famous), churches, Hindu temples, and Buddhist temples accessible in the city for those who wish to attend services. So, you can practice your faith freely. On campus, Friday prayers are facilitated for Muslim students. During festivities like Ramadan, MSU often adjusts schedules and hosts iftar gatherings.
- **Language:** While you can get by with English everywhere on campus and most places in the city, some international students pick up **Bahasa Malaysia** basics or even learn a bit of local slang – MSU might offer simple Malay language classes as part of orientation or as an elective, which can enhance daily life interaction. Locals also appreciate when you try a few words in Malay.
- **Cost of Living:** Shah Alam is more affordable than Kuala Lumpur city. International students often budget around RM1,500–RM2,000 per month for living expenses (including rent, food, transport). Many find this reasonable. You can eat local meals cheaply (RM10 or less per meal at campus cafes). Student discounts are available at some places. Overall, Malaysia is a relatively affordable country for students compared to Western destinations, which is a plus often cited.
- **Safety and Comfort:** Malaysia is known for being safe and politically stable. Shah Alam specifically is a calm suburban city. MSU’s campus security and the general environment allow international students (including females) to feel safe walking or living around campus. The climate is tropical – hot and humid – which may be an adjustment if you come from a cooler climate, but you’ll quickly adapt (all facilities are air-conditioned). International students often say Malaysians are very hospitable, which helps them settle in.

- **Travel Opportunities:** Being in Malaysia means international students get to explore a beautiful country during semester breaks or weekends – be it island trips to Langkawi, historical sites in Malacca, or city trips to Kuala Lumpur and Penang. Also, KLIA airport is not far, making it easy to hop to neighboring countries (Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia) cheaply – a perk many enjoy.
- **Support and Feedback:** International students have a voice via student councils or representation. MSU's management often takes feedback to improve services. For instance, one international student testimonial mentioned *"MSU Malaysia has won my heart... meeting new people from all around the world... exposed me to new cultures & cuisines"*, indicating a positive integration. Another likely feedback is that MSU's blended learning and flexibility during the pandemic was beneficial.

In essence, international students at MSU enjoy a **comfortable, engaging, and supportive student life**. They get quality education while also experiencing Malaysia's rich culture. Many form lifelong friendships and networks. MSU staff and local students are generally eager to ensure international students feel like MSU'ians, not outsiders, echoing the sentiment of *"transforming lives"* in a global context.

How can I contact MSU for more information or assistance?

If you need more information or have specific inquiries, you can reach out to MSU through several channels:

- **General Enquiries (Admissions & Information):**
 - **Phone (Local):** +603-5521 6868. This is the main telephone line for MSU in Shah Alam. You can call during office hours (Malaysia time) to be directed to the right department. There may be multiple lines, and also note [54] shows 6868 as the number.
 - **Phone/WhatsApp (International Marketing):** MSU often provides WhatsApp lines for prospective students. For example, an international inquiries WhatsApp number was listed as +91 9810555768 in one context (though that appears to be an overseas rep). It may be easier to email or use the website for initial contact unless you have a specific rep's number.
 - **Email:** enquiry@msu.edu.my is the general email for enquiries. You can email them any questions – from course details, how to apply, scholarships, to campus visits. Typically you'll get a response from the Marketing & Admissions team.
 - **Online Enquiry Form:** The MSU official website has an enquiry form (e.g. on www.msu.edu.my or specifically www2.msu.edu.my/enquiry as promoted on

social media). Filling that with your details and questions will prompt the team to contact you.

- **Website:** The official website <http://www.msu.edu.my> has comprehensive info. You can find faculty contacts, course details, and even live chat features. There might be a chatbot or live chat pop-up to talk to an officer directly during working hours.

- **Admissions & Registration Department:**

- If you want to talk to the **Admissions Office** specifically (for application status or document submission queries), call the main line and ask for Admissions. They might also have a direct line or email, often something like admissions@msu.edu.my (you can confirm via the website or when you call).
- For **postgraduate enquiries**, MSU's School of Graduate Studies or Graduate School of Management might have separate contacts.

- **International Office:**

- If you are an international student with visa questions, you can contact the International Students Office. This may be via the enquiry email, but they could have a dedicated email like international@msu.edu.my (please verify on acceptance packet or MSU site).
- Phone: Once in Malaysia, the International Office desk can be reached via the main line.

- **Faculties/Schools:**

- Each faculty/school may have a general office phone and email. For detailed academic queries, you might contact them. E.g., Faculty of Business could have a hotline; or the Dean's office has a secretary contact. The MSU site likely lists contacts for each faculty.
- However, initial queries are best through the general enquiry and they will forward you appropriately.

- **Social Media:**

- MSU is active on social media. You can reach out or get updates via:

- **Facebook:** “MSU - Management & Science University” (they often reply to messages).
 - **Instagram:** @msumalaysia – can DM for quick questions; they may redirect you to official channels but often answer basic queries.
 - **LinkedIn:** more for professional info.
 - **Twitter:** If available, or YouTube for virtual tours.
- These are good for keeping up with announcements too.
- **Physical Visit:**
 - You can visit the MSU campus. The address is **University Drive, Off Persiaran Olahraga, Section 13, 40100 Shah Alam, Selangor, Malaysia**. The Marketing & Admission Centre is usually at the main lobby area to welcome prospective students. They can provide campus tours if you schedule in advance.
 - Working hours are typically Monday–Friday 9am-5pm, and on certain weekends MSU has Open Days.
- **Regional Offices/Agents:**
 - MSU has representatives and partner recruitment centers in various countries (e.g., MSU offices in Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, etc.). If you are in those countries, contacting a local MSU representative can be helpful. They often have local phone numbers and offices – for example, MSU has a presence as MSU International in Colombo (MSI) and others.
 - Education agents: MSU collaborates with education consultants worldwide. Make sure they are authorized. They can help you apply without a fee (they are paid by MSU).

Key Contacts Quick Recap:

- Tel: **+603-5521 6868** (Main Campus)
- Email: **enquiry@msu.edu.my**
- Website Enquiry: **msu.edu.my/enquiry** (online form)

- Address: **MSU, University Drive, Off Persiaran Olahraga, 40100 Shah Alam, Selangor, Malaysia.**
- Social Media: Facebook “MSUmalaysia”, Instagram **@msumalaysia**.

Whether you have questions about a specific course, need help with the application, or anything else, the staff at MSU are ready to assist. They typically reply promptly to emails and will provide detailed guidance, reflecting the university’s student-centric approach.