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SELAMAT DATANG!

WELCOME!

Congratulations on receiving an offer to study at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia! We are looking forward to meeting you, and we hope that you will enjoy your time studying with us. We understand that studying in a foreign country away from familiar faces and cultures can be both an exciting and daunting experience. We have put together this useful guide to help you prepare for your move to Malaysia and your first few days at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.

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ABOUT MALAYSIA

Malaysia, being one of the most developed countries in the ASEAN region, is made up of the vibrant West Malaysia and the East Malaysia. It is a tropical country and generally warm throughout the year with the average temperature of 22-33 degree Celsius and about 80% of humidity level.

The country is rich in natural resources, well-known for ecotourisms, and strong economic growth. Malaysia is proud of its peaceful living environment where various ethnic races interact amicably through mutual understanding and tolerance. Malaysia is known for its great hospitality and is also popular as a shopping paradise and food haven.

The Malaysian education sector has grown tremendously during the past decade and Malaysia pledges to become an outstanding Regional Education Hub by 2020. Education opportunity is abundant for international students

ABOUT UTM

Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) is a leading innovation-driven entrepreneurial research university in engineering, science and technology with campuses located in Kuala Lumpur and Johor Bahru, Malaysia. Since it became a full-fledged university in 1975, UTM has played a pivotal role as Malaysia's largest contributor of technical and professional workforce for the local industry, government agencies as well as multinational companies.

UTM's mission is to be a leader in the development of human capital and innovative technologies that will contribute to the nation's wealth creation. There are more than 25,000 students studying in UTM, out of which 13,780 are enrolled in the postgraduate

programmes and 11,392 are undergraduates. There are approximately 5,000 PhD students and 4,000 International students pursuing studies in various fields of specialisation.

GETTING PREPARED

There are two things that you need to do prior to travelling: preparing your immigration documents and making arrangements for your accommodation. **Immigration Document**

Please make sure you have the following immigration documents for entry

- Passport
- UTM Offer Letter
- Electronic Visa Approval Letter (eVAL)
- Single-Entry Visa (SEV)*

***You need to show these documents to the immigration officer at the airport.**

How to obtain Single Entry Visa (SEV)*

As advised in the Visa Approval Letter (VAL) from Immigration Malaysia, you need to obtain SEV from Malaysia Embassy in your country. For country without Malaysia Embassy, please select the nearest country and apply for Visa on Arrival (VOA) at Airport Arrival Hall before proceed to immigration counter.

ACCOMMODATION

On-campus Accommodation (UTM Residential College – Kolej Siswa Jaya)

- **Type of room:** single/ double room with shared bathroom (subject to availability)
- **Basic furniture:** bed, study desk, chair and fan
- **Shared equipment:** Washing Machine (subject to availability)
- **Facilities at residential college's administrative centre:** committee room, student activity centre, prayer hall, cafeteria

Sports facilities: tennis court, futsal, basketball, netball, mini field.

For more details or reservation, KINDLY email to suhana.kl@utm.my

Off-campus Accommodation

You may decide to stay off campus on your own. Housing areas near to UTM Kuala Lumpur campus are Gurney Height, Keramat, Jelatik, Ampang and Wangsamaju area

GETTING STUDENT PASS ENDORSEMENT

You must enter Malaysia on **Special Pass** (and NOT Tourist Pass) and it is **VALID for 30 days only**. Within the 30-day period of the Special Pass, you are required to obtain the Student Pass endorsement. Please follow the following steps:

- 1) Report to UTM International Office for **post-arrival medical check-up arrangement** at UTM Health Centre within 3 days of arrival.
- 2) **Register as student** as stated in offer letter (School of Graduate Studies for UTM KL)
- 3) Submit required documents for **student pass endorsement** within 7 days of arrival at UTM International.

Notes:

- It will take up to **21 working days (or minimum 4 weeks)** upon receipt of all required documents for student pass endorsement.
- You are **not allowed to purchase any flight ticket** before obtaining student pass/passport from UTM International to avoid any problem afterwards.
- Your VAL and SEV will be **VOID** if you exit Malaysia (for any reason) after registration without completing the student pass endorsement. You will have to cancel previous VAL, apply new VAL and repeat the same process to obtain student pass in the future.

TRAVELLING TO UTM, KUALA LUMPUR CAMPUS

There are several ways to get to **Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Kuala Lumpur**.



The **Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA)** receives both domestic and International flights. KLIA is situated in the Sepang district, approximately 50km from Kuala Lumpur. Upon arrival at the airport, you may continue your journey to KL City Center / UTM via these modes of transportation:



ERL (Express Rail Link) to KL Sentral Station

A non-stop rail service is available from 5am-12 midnight at the KL City Air Terminal (KL CAT) **from KLIA to KL Sentral Station** daily, including public holidays. It takes 28 minutes to get to KL Sentral with a frequency of every 15 minutes during peak hours and 20 minutes during non-peak hours.

One-way ticket for adult is priced at RM35.00 and RM15.00 for children (2-12 years old). For more details, please browse www.klia.com.my



Taxi

Taxi and bus services are also available for those arrived at the **Low Cost Carrier Terminal (LCCT), Sepang**. Information and rates for taxis/bus services can be accessed at <http://www.lcct.com.my/> , or http://www.lcct.com.my/bus_services.php.



By Kelana Jaya Rail Line/Ampang Rail Line (Putra/Star)

From KL Sentral Station, there are two rail services available that operate from 6 am to 12am (Monday-Saturday) and from 6am-11.30pm(Sunday):

Kelana Jaya Rail Line (formerly known as Putra) – to KLCC / Ampang Park Station

Ampang Rail Line (formerly known as STAR) – to Titiwangsa Station

You may choose to take a taxi/bus to continue your journey upon arrival at the mentioned stations to go to UTM *International Campus* Kuala Lumpur.

Please browse www.putralrt.com.my for more details.



By bus

Just a stone's throw from UTM, you may take Rapid KL bus from KLCC / Ampang Park / Titiwangsa Station. Here's a guidance, should you wish to take the bus:

Bus Details (Rapid KL)	
KLCC	U21
Titiwangsa Station/Terminal	U23

KINDLY browse through <http://www.rapidkl.com.my/> for updated details.



By Grab

Download the Grab Apps on Playstore/Apps Store and search destination to **UTM Kuala Lumpur, Menara Razak**.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMME (ISOP) – UTM KUALA LUMPUR

ISOP includes the activities shown in the following table:

Date & Time*	Program	Location*
4 – 6 September 2019 (Wednesday - Friday) 8.30am- 5.00pm	Reception, Medical check-up & Student Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reception at UTM International (Level 8, Menara Razak UTMKL) - Medical Check-up at UTM Health Center - Registration at SPS (Level 8, Menara Razak UTMKL)
27 September 2019 (Thursday) 9.00am	Briefing Session for New International Students (Compulsory attendance) & Welcoming Lunch	Seminar Hall, Menara Razak UTMKL
13 & 14 September 2019 (Friday & Saturday) 8.00am	International Student Engagement Program and ISOP Trip for New International Students	13/9/2019 – UTMKL 14/9/2019 – TBD
21 September 2019 (Saturday) 7am	ISOP Hike with New International Students – Port Dickson	Port Dickson
28 September 2019 (Saturday) 7.30am	ISS Welcoming Trip for New International Students	Cameron Highland / Genting Highland

Note:

*Please get the updates on location and schedule on the day reception. *Date and location are subject to change*

STUDENT PASS RENEWAL

Students are responsible to monitor the expiry date of student pass. It should be renewed **three (3) months** before the expiry date (e.g. If the expiry date is on 15 February 2020, the renewal application can be submitted by 15 November 2019).

Overstaying is an offence under Malaysian Law. Immigration will impose a penalty ranging from RM1,000 – RM5,000 depending on the duration of overstay. Students who are late in submitting their renewal application will be required to pay a penalty and UTM may impose fine.

HOTELS NEAR UTM

On - campus



Scholar's Inn
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia
Kuala Lumpur
Tel : +603-2180 6000



Residensi UTM Kuala Lumpur
8, Jalan Maktab
54100 Kuala Lumpur
03-2697 3603 / 03-2615 4922



BATC Lodge (On-Campus)
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia
Kuala Lumpur
Tel : +603-2180 5319

4 & 5 stars



TRADERS HOTEL
Kuala Lumpur City Centre
03-23329888



DOUBLETREE by Hilton Hotel
The Intermark, 348, Jalan Tun Razak,
50400 Kuala Lumpur
03-21727272



CONCORDE HOTEL
Jalan Sultan Ismail, 50250
Kuala Lumpur
03-21442200

*Note:

1. Please check the hotel rates, location, condition and facilities from hotel website before making a booking.

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OTHERS INFORMATION

Insurance

It is compulsory for student to have a valid insurance policy throughout his/her study in Malaysia. It is imperative that you monitor the expiry date of your Student Insurance Policy to ensure you are always covered. UTM will advise on your insurance on your new application/ renewal of student pass.

Employment

International student can work on a part-time basis for only 20 hours working period per week. Permission to work will be renewed/extended if good/high academic performance of the student is maintained. According to Immigration Department of Malaysia, foreign students can be employed at petrol stations, restaurants, mini markets and hotels.

Application for working needs to be submitted by University to the state Immigration offices. More information can be read at <http://isc.utm.my/immigrationmatters/employment-for-foreign-students/>

Banking

UTM Johor Bahru Campus has CIMB bank branch campus located at Student Union Building and Maybank ATM located at Kolej Perdana.

All banks* except Bank Muamalat Taman Universiti Branch require customers to have valid student pass to open a saving account. Please take note, it may take 3-4 weeks to complete your student pass after submission of all required documents to us. Should you require to open a bank saving account right after your arrival in Malaysia, you will need to provide Passport details page, VAL, Matric Card, UTM Offer Letter and minimum amount of RM250**. Currently, only Bank Muamalat allows students to open saving account without a student pass.

* few commercial bank not allowed foreign students from selected country to open a saving account

**Rates may change

Cost Of Living In Kuala Lumpur

One of a great reason to study in Malaysia is the relatively low cost of living. Kuala Lumpur has been ranked one of the least expensive cities in the world to live in. Whether you choose to live on campus or off-campus, you will find that it is quite possible to live very comfortably within a budget of USD 5,000 per year. To give you an indication, here's a breakdown of living costs for students in Malaysia

PERSONAL EXPENSES
This would very much depend on your personal lifestyle. Your cost for toiletries, grooming, occasional movie or social outing and other necessities can start from as low as USD50 per month

MEALS
You can have an immensely satisfying meal at a shop for just USD1.50, while three square meals can be enjoyed for under USD5 per day. Sometimes, your food for a month can be covered with USD200

LAUNDRY
The cost of washing and ironing your clothes can be from as low as USD20 a month if you lead a normal lifestyle

PUBLIC TRANSPORT
Students who stay on or near campus may not incur any travel costs going to and from classes. However, other travel costs is around USD15 / month.

PHONE BILLS
Your costs in this area would depend on your usage charges and could be anything from USD10 onwards.

ACCOMMODATION
Other than in campus accommodation. Where you live as will depend on your accommodation budget: like everywhere else, the higher the budget, the better the lodging! In campus accommodation surely is a best option for a student!

Weather

Malaysia is a tropical country and generally warm throughout the years with temperature ranging 22-33 degree Celsius. On rainy day thunder and lightning often accompany the heavy downpour which normally lasts for 1-2 hours. The high humidity level at 80% throughout the year favours light and sweet-absorbent material like cotton for daily dressing

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