# Studying in SARAWAK





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## Sarawak

Sarawak is the largest state in Malaysia, stretching some 800 km along the northwest coast of Borneo, the world's third largest island. A beautiful land coloured by peace, tradition and unmatched biodiversity, it is a prime destination for discerning travellers seeking vibrant culture, exhilarating adventure and breath-taking nature.

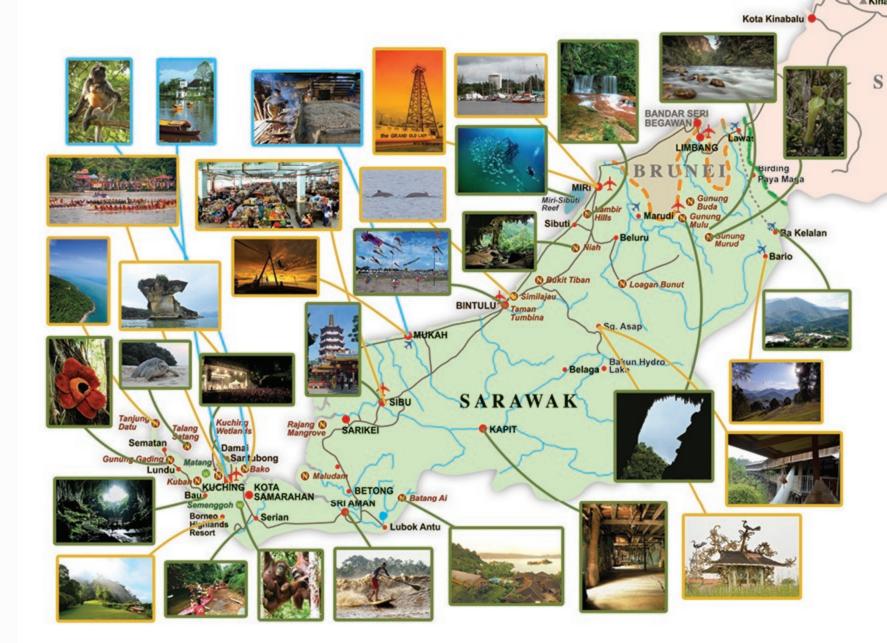
You can share in the lifestyle of an upriver longhouse, follow in the footsteps of a dynasty of White Rajahs, explore gigantic caves in the heart of the Borneo rainforest, or paddle through jungle streams in search of elusive wild orangutans, to mention just a few possibilities. Whatever your choice, you will leave Sarawak with memories to last a lifetime.

Whether you stay in a luxurious resort, an award winning boutique hotel, a heritage homestay or a simple jungle camp, you will be cared for with genuine warmth and sincerity. The people of Sarawak are equally at home in the past and the present, taking the same pride in their traditions of hospitality as they do in their modern infrastructure and seamless connectivity.

Revealing a side of Asia unlike anywhere else, Sarawak is a place for people seeking authentic and engaging experiences rather than tourist-trap clichés. And most importantly, it's a safe, peaceful and friendly place to visit, for large groups and solo travellers alike. Make Sarawak your next destination, as the highlight of your visit to Southeast Asia, or as a journey of discovery all on its own.

5° Longitude North (GMT +8)





# Study in SARAWAK

#### Studying In Malaysia

For over 30 years, the Malaysian government has pursued its vision of turning the country into a global education hub, attracting students from all over the world. Throughout this period, the country's Ministry of Higher Education has supported, monitored and regulated local and international institutions to ensure that they adhere to the highest standards. Leading foreign universities have set up branch campuses in Malaysia, local institutions have achieved global standards, and international partnerships have flourished between Malaysian and international institutions. The results of this programme are quite astonishing:

> Although Malaysia makes up only 0.4% of the world's population and produces only 0.4% of its GDP, more than 2% of the world's international student population studies in Malaysia.

> Approximately 100,000 international students are studying a vast range of courses ranging from English language programmes and diplomas, to bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, doctorates and professional qualifications.

> Malaysia is currently ranked as the world's 11<sup>th</sup> most preferred study destination by UNESCO.

#### Where To Study In Malaysia?

Malaysia is a large and very diverse country, with many excellent educational opportunities, but we believe one place stands out above all others when it comes to quality of education, value for money and quality of student life. If you want to pursue a high quality education while ensuring that your student experience is as unique, as affordable and as enjoyable as possible, you really should consider Sarawak.

#### Introducing Sarawak

Sarawak, in northwest Borneo, is the largest state in Malaysia and also the most ethnically and culturally diverse. It has more national parks and wildlife reserves than the rest of Malaysia combined and an amazing variety of unique plant and animal life. It is home to almost 30 different ethnic groups, each with their own distinct culture and traditions, and hospitality to visitors is a way of life.

We like to describe our home as "More to Discover". When you aren't busy studying, you can trek through the world's oldest rainforest in search of orangutans and proboscis monkeys. Or explore some of the world's most amazing cave systems. Or enjoy upriver longhouse hospitality at its finest. If you prefer your leisure time to be more relaxing, you can enjoy some of the finest regional cuisine in Southeast Asia, hang out with your new friends in student-friendly cafes and bars, or just soak up the sun on a palm-fringed beach.

#### Sarawak's Key Advantages

#### Choice of Courses

Sarawak offers a wide range of courses ranging from English language programmes and diplomas, to degrees and post-graduate studies. Flexible study programmes cater to different budgets and academic needs, all leading to highly soughtafter, internationally-recognised qualifications. For example, if you are studying for a degree you can enjoy the best of both worlds; a highly respected qualification at a very affordable cost. There are three ways to do this:

- Study at a foreign university branch campus and earn a degree issued by the parent university
- Study at a Malaysian private or public university and earn a degree that is recognised worldwide
- Study at a private college under a split degree programme or 3+0 degree programme

#### **Cost of Tuition**

In general, tuition fees for a degree course in Sarawak are lower than equivalent courses elsewhere in Malaysia and very much lower than equivalent courses in fully developed countries. For example, take the approximate international student tuition cost (for 2019 entry) of a 4-year Civil Engineering degree course:

- Australian University Campus (RM2.9 = AUD1) = RM433,000
- Australian University Branch Campus (Selangor, Peninsular Malaysia)
   = RM196,000
- Australian University Branch Campus (Kuching, Sarawak)
   = RM150,000
- Australian University Branch Campus (Miri, Sarawak)
   = RM149,000
- Malaysian Public University Campus (Kuching, Sarawak)
   = RM45,000

#### Cost of Living

Kuala Lumpur, our national capital, was ranked Most Affordable City in The World for Students by QS Best Student Cities for 2016 and 2017. Obviously the judges never visited Sarawak, where rentals are about 40% lower, entertainment and nightlife costs are the lowest in Malaysia and food prices are approximately the same. If you budget for RM2,000 per month (US\$500 approx) you can live very well indeed, although it's possible to get by on a lot less if you are frugal. Here are some sample costs per month:

> Food (3 meals per day, dining on campus or in local coffee shops)
>  = RM600

- Accommodation (on campus, twin sharing) = RM380
- Accommodation (off campus, single room) = RM300-400

#### Safety and Security

Malaysia is ranked as a very safe country, with low crime and no civil or political unrest. Sarawak has the lowest crime rate in the country, and violent crime and drug-related crime are very rare indeed. That's not to say crime is non-existent – you should always take good care of your personal belongings.

#### Healthcare

The Malaysian government operates a compulsory medical insurance programme for international students at a very low cost, which covers you for treatment in all government and private medical facilities in Sarawak. Please visit educationmalaysia. gov.my/how-to-apply/insurance.html for full details.

Seamless Visa Process: The Malaysian government has set up an easy online process for student visa applications. Just go to educationmalaysia.gov.my/ how-to-apply.html and follow the simple steps.

Amazing Food: Chef & travel broadcaster Anthony Bourdain ranks Sarawak as one of the world's 10 best street food destinations, with good reason. You will find every type of Malaysian and Southeast Asian cuisine represented here, as well as a huge selection of international restaurants. The low prices are an added attraction.

Friendly, Hospitable People: Sarawakians are warm and welcoming to visitors, and will always make an extra effort to make international students feel at home. Expect lots of invitations to homes, villages and longhouses, especially at festival times. Fantastic Travel Destination: Wherever you study in Sarawak you can explore historic city streets, discover colourful temples and serene mosques, and explore fascinating museums and galleries. You are also just a short drive or bus ride away from national parks packed with wildlife, sunkissed beaches and fabulous natural scenery.

Excellent Shopping: Even on a student budget, Sarawak is a shopper's paradise. There's everything from mega-malls selling international brand names to vibrant night markets and quaint old city shophouses selling all kinds of local produce and handicrafts.

Ease of Communication: Sarawak is well known for the high standard of English spoken in everyday use, so just imagine how well our highly-qualified education professionals are able to communicate with their international students.

Air Access: Sarawak has excellent international air links, mainly via frequent flights to Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, as well as direct air connections to Shenzen (China) and Pontianak (Indonesia).

Halal Certification: Every educational institution in Malaysia is required to maintain strict halal standards.

## **Places To Study In Sarawak**

### Australian University Branch Campuses

This is the right choice if you want to earn a globally-recognized Australian undergraduate or postgraduate degree, at roughly one third of the cost of studying for exactly the same degree – with the same quality of tuition – compared to the parent campus.

#### **Curtin University Malaysia**

Located in Miri, Sarawak's Resort City, Curtin University Malaysia is the education and research hub in Asia for Curtin University, an Australian university ranked in the top one percent of universities worldwide in the highly regarded Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2017.

- Faculties: Engineering & Science; Business;
  Humanities; Curtin Malaysia Graduate School
- Courses Offered: Foundation, Undergraduate,
  Postgraduate (coursework & research)
- Scholarships for International Students: Yes
- On-Campus Accommodation: Yes



Curtin University, CDT 250, 98009 Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia. Tel: +60 85 443 939 Email: id@curtin.edu.my Web: www.curtin.edu.my

#### Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus

Located in the centre of Kuching, Sarawak's vibrant capital, Swinburne Sarawak is the only overseas campus of Swinburne University of Technology, a Melbourne-based university ranked in the world's top 200 institutions for science (ARWU, 2017).

> Faculties: Business, Design & Arts; Engineering, Computing & Science; Foundation Studies

 Courses Offered: Foundation, Undergraduate, Postgraduate (coursework & research)

- Scholarships for International Students: Yes
- On-Campus Accommodation: Yes



Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus Jalan Simpang Tiga, 93350 Kuching Sarawak, Malaysia Tel: +60 82 415 353 Email: study@swinburne.edu.my Web: www.swinburne.edu.my

#### Malaysian Public Universities

Malaysian public universities are an excellent choice for overseas students who wish to gain an internationally recognized degree at very low cost, while immersing themselves in local culture. However, international student places are very limited – early application is essential.

#### Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)

UNIMAS is Sarawak's first public university, located in a large purpose-built campus at Kota Samarahan on the southern fringe of Kuching. Despite enrolling its first batch of students as recently as 1993, it has already risen to the Top 250 in the QS Asian University Rankings and is ranked as a 5-Star University by SETARA, the Malaysian educational ratings system.

> Faculties: Computer Science & Information Technology; Engineering; Applied & Creative Arts; Cognitive Sciences & Human Development; Social Sciences & Humanities, Economics & Business; Resource Science & Technology; Medicine & Health Services; Languages & Communication

> Institutes: Biodiversity & Environmental Conservation; Borneo Studies; Health & Community Medicine; Research & Innovation; Social Informatics & Technological Innovations

- Courses Offered: Undergraduate, Postgraduate (coursework & research)
- Scholarships for International Students: No
- On-Campus Accommodation: Yes



UNIMAS International Universiti Malaysia Sarawak LG Floor, Chancellery Building 94300 Kota Samarahan Sarawak, Malaysia Tel: +60 82 581 016/018/616/918 Email: info@iad.unimas.my Web: www.unimas.my

#### Malaysian Private Universities

Malaysia's private universities award degrees that are approved, benchmarked and certified under the Malaysian Qualifications Framework (MQF) and are recognized worldwide. They are an excellent choice for students looking for a quality education at very reasonable cost.

#### Limkokwing Borneo (Branch Campus)

Limkokwing Borneo, based in central Kuching, is the Sarawak branch campus of Limkokwing University of Creative Technology, a private university dedicated to producing graduates seeking careers in the creative industries.

> Faculties: Architecture & Built Environment; Business Management & Globalization; Communication, Multimedia & Broadcasting; Design Innovation; ICT; Sound & Music Design

 Courses Offered: Foundation, Diploma, Professional Diploma, Undergraduate (Graphic & Web Design only)

- Scholarships for International Students: No
- On-Campus Accommodation: Off-campus, nearby



Limkokwing Borneo Lot 34 & 35 of Lot 7 Section 15 KTLD, Jalan Nanas 93400 Kuching Sarawak, Malaysia. Tel: +6082 248 266 Web: www.limkokwing.net/borneo

#### UCSI University Kuching Campus (Branch Campus)

UCSI University Kuching is a branch campus of USCI University, a leading Malaysian private university operating for over 30 years and ranked in the Top 2% in the QS Asian University Rankings. The campus is a popular choice for international tourism and hospitality students.



Faculties: Business & Information
 Science; Hospitality & Tourism
 Management

- Courses Offered: Foundation, Diploma, Undergraduate
- Scholarships for International Students: Yes
- On-Campus Accommodation: Off campus, nearby

UCSI University Kuching Campus Lot 2864 (P/L 1319), Block 7, Muara Tebas Land District, Isthmus, Tanjong Seberang Pending Point, Sejingkat, 93450 Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia. Tel: +60 82 596 965

Web: www.ucsiuniversity.edu.my/kuching-campus/ about-the-campus

#### University College of Technology Sarawak (UCTS)

University College of Technology Sarawak is a brand new private university located in Sibu, the gateway to Central Sarawak, in a purpose-built ecologically friendly campus. It was set up by the government of Sarawak as a world-class institution of higher learning to spearhead the development and production of technical graduates for the Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE).



Faculties: Engineering & Technology;
 Business & Management; Built Environment;
 Computing; School of Postgraduate Studies

 Courses Offered: Foundation, Undergraduate, Postgraduate (coursework & research)

- Scholarships for International Students: No
- On-Campus Accommodation: Yes

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#### **Private Colleges**

Malaysian private colleges offer excellent educational value, awarding degrees and diplomas through twinning and partnership arrangements with local or overseas universities.

#### SEGI College Sarawak

Located in Kuching's historic City Centre, SEGI College Sarawak is a member of the SEGI Education Group, which has been operating in Malaysia for over 50 years. It offers a wide range of degrees and professional qualifications in collaboration with its parent Segi University and UK and US universities.



 Faculties: Not applicable – works with partner universities

 Courses Offered: Foundation, Diploma, Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Professional

- Scholarships for International Students: No
- On-Campus Accommodation: No

SEGI College Sarawak 211 Jalan Bukit Mata Kuching 93100 Kuching Sarawak, Malaysia Tel: +60 82 252 566 Email: infoswk@segi.edu.my Web: www.segi.edu.my/en/campus/segi-college-

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#### International Schools

You may want to move the whole family to Sarawak while a family member is studying here, you may be planning to work here, or you might be thinking of joining the Malaysia My Second Home (MM2H) programme. Whatever your plans, we have a good selection of high-quality International Schools to take care of the educational needs of your younger family members. Please note that these are all day schools and do not take boarders, so school students under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during their stay in Sarawak.

#### Kuching

#### **Borneo International School**

Lot 6536, Block 11, Lorong 2A5 Jalan Setia Raja, Tabuan Laru 93350 Kuching Sarawak, Malaysia Tel: +60 82 501 885 Email: enquiry@borneo.edu.my Web: www.borneo.edu.my Years 1-13, Cambridge International Curriculum to A-level.

#### Lodge International School

Lorong Keranji 4E Jalan Keranji 4, Tabuan Desa 93350 Kuching Sarawak, Malaysia Tel: +60 82 363 554 Email: lodgesch@lodgeschool.edu.my Web: www.lodgeschool.edu.my Kindergarten to Year 13, English National Curriculum to A-level.

#### St Joseph's International School

Lot 419, Section 58, KTLD, Jalan Tan Sri Datuk William Tan, 93450 Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia Tel: +60 82 411 575 Email: international@stjosephkuching.edu.my Web:www.stjosephprivate.com/international-school Catholic Marist Brothers school (welcomes all religions), Years 7-13, Cambridge International Curriculum to A-level.

#### Tunku Putra – HELP International School

The NorthBank, Kuching-Samarahan Expressway, Tabuan Jaya, Kuching Sarawak, Malaysia Tel: +60 16 678 0351 Email: enquiry@tphis.edu.my Web: tphis.edu.my Kindergarten to Year 13, Cambridge International Curriculum to A-level.

#### Sibu

#### Woodlands International School

No. 1 Jalan Teku 96000 Sibu Sarawak, Malaysia Tel: +60 84 239 761 Email: registrar@woodlands.edu.my Web: www.woodlands.edu.my

Kindergarten to Year 11, English National Curriculum to IGCSE level.

#### Bintulu

#### **Bintulu International School**

Kidurong Sentral Off Jalan Tanjung Kidurong 97000 Bintulu Sarawak, Malaysia Email: enquiry@bis.edu.my Web: www.bis.edu.my Years 1-11, English National Curriculum to IGCSE level.

#### **Kidurong International School**

c/o Shell MDS (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd Kidurong International School Mile 4 Tanjong Kidurong Road P.O. Box 1084 97008 Bintulu Sarawak, Malaysia Tel: +60 86 251 491 Email: kidurongschool@live.com Web: www.kiduronginternationalschool.net Kindergarten & Primary only, English National

Curriculum & International Primary Curriculum

#### Miri

#### **Tenby International School Miri**

Lot 10700, Block 5, Jalan Desa Senadin Kuala Baram, 98000 Miri Sarawak, Malaysia Tel: +60 85 491 526 Email: miri@tenby.edu.my Web: www.tenby.edu.my/miri

Kindergarten to Year 11, International Primary Curriculum, English National Curriculum to IGCSE level.

#### **Further Information**

For further information about Sarawak and its many attractions, please contact the Sarawak Tourism Board.

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