International Student Guide

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Swinburne
Q: Finding difficulty in getting around or settling down?

A: Get the assistance of our staff in Student Central or International Student Officers at Student Services (SS)

Blok G 103 (SS)
Blok G107 (SC)

Opening Hours
Mon.- Thurs. 8.30 am to 5.30pm
Friday 8.30 am to 12 noon and 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm

Further Advice & Resources
There are a number of shopping complexes and malls in Kuching City. The biggest and nearest shopping mall is *The Spring* where you can find almost anything from food, electrical items, computers and accessories, cosmetics, apparel, shoes, bags, belts, and groceries. *The Spring* is located just opposite the University on the other side of the main road. Traffic is heavy and you are strongly advised to cross using the overhead bridge nearby.
Food

- Malaysian cuisines are delicious and tasty. You can have Chinese, Malay or Indian food western food very easily. You have your choice of various hawker foods in the University canteen.

Food Court

- For those who are adventurous with food, the food court is the place for you. A food court can house from 10 to 50 stalls offering cuisines from around the world under one roof so you would be spoilt for choice and never have to repeat dishes each time you come for lunch or dinner. Food courts in shopping malls serve mostly halal food but those in other commercial places may not. So, look out for the halal sign before you place an order. Western and Asian food are also available at The Spring and at other places in town. A wide choice of western, oriental and fusion food are available at Kenny Rogers, Starbucks, Manhattan Fish Market and Secret Recipe – all at The Spring.
There are a number of places for the young people in the city where they can dine or drink.

ADVENTURE

There are a number of activities available for week-ends or short breaks. Both provide discovery and adventure opportunities like jungle trekking or simple an outing to smell the fresh air and admire nature.

Movies

- Satok
- Spring
- Kubah Ria

Gunung Gading

Bako National Park
Weather Information

Malaysia is a tropical country with the temperature ranging from $21^\circ$ – $32^\circ$ Celsius

In this climate clothing made out of cotton will keep you cool !!!

*Generally, Malaysia has 2 distinct seasons:*
- Dry Season occurs during the south-west monsoon from May till September.
- The north-west monsoon brings the rainy seasons to the country during mid-November till March.
FEELING BORED ??
WANT TO EXPLORE SARAWAK ??
Having problem Looking For Transportation ?

*Please take note: You are advised NOT to take rides from strangers*

Airport to Swinburne is between RM 20.00 - RM 25.00
(USD 6.00 - USD 8.00)

Swinburne to the city are in the range of
RM 10.00 - RM 15.00
(USD 3.00 - USD 5.00)

Kuching City Taxi Radio Call Enterprises Co
No: +606 082-34 8898
You will discover a wide range of customs and practices:

Malaysia is a country with multiple cultures and multiple ethnic groups. They are Malays, Indians, and Chinese along with other ethnics such as Orang Asli, Iban, Bidayuh, Orang Ulu, Kadazan Dusuns and others.

The right hand is used when eating with the fingers and when giving or receiving objects.

The right fore finger is not used for pointing at places, objects or persons. The thumb of the right hand with the four fingers folded under is the preferred usage.

Introductions are normally acknowledged with a handshake.
Public behaviour is especially important in Malaysian culture. Most Malaysians refrain from displaying affection (i.e. embracing or kissing in public). As a visitor it is appropriate for you to do the same.

Selamat datang ke Malaysia.
Welcome to Malaysia

Apa khabar?
How are you?

Khabar baik.
I am fine.

Berapa harga ini?
How much is this?
FESTIVALS

MALAYSIA IS A LAND OF MANY COLOURFUL FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS.

Christmas – a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ which falls on the 25\textsuperscript{th} of December.

Hari Raya Aidil Fitri – Celebrated by the Muslims signifying the end of the fasting month (Ramadan).

Chinese New Year – Celebrated on the first day of the Chinese Lunar Calendar.

Deepavali – Celebrated in the Hindu month of Kartik in October/November. It is also known as the Festival of Lights.

Gawai – celebrated by the Dayak community of Sarawak from the 1\textsuperscript{st} of June for a month to mark the end of the paddy harvesting season and the beginning of the new planting season.

Hari Raya Aidil Fitri – Celebrated by the Muslims signifying the end of the fasting month (Ramadan).
The Orientation program is compulsory for all new students. It is to enable new students to get to know other students and staff, as well as, their new learning environment. The program includes briefings on the University’s administration processes and procedures.

As part of the orientation program, new students are taken to places of interest and shown where facilities such as banks and hospitals are located.

Our Student Ambassadors are a fun and dedicated group of senior students who have volunteered their time to help new students adjust to living in Kuching and studying at Swinburne Sarawak. They are available to help with both the social and academic side of university life. You will be introduced to SAs during the Int’l Student Briefing.
On-Campus Accommodation
Includes:
• Wi-Fi
• 24-Hour Security
• General Supervision

OFF CAMPUS : TABUAN PLAZA

Contact person : Mr. Hashim Sahari (POMETIA Sdn. Bhd.)
✓ 012 8885738 (Mobile)
✓ 082-243177/176 (Office)
✓ hashimsahari@yahoo.com (email)

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

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Student Services, G 103    Tel: 60 82 260870
Email: accommodation@swinburne.edu.my
Swinburne Sarawak also has a Foster Family Program for interested international students.

The Foster Family Program is aimed at giving an opportunity for international students to experience the life of a local family by staying with the family for short period over week-ends or the mid semester break.
There are many clubs and societies for students to choose from depending on your interests and what you want to do in your leisure time. During the orientation program, the various clubs and societies will showcase their activities to attract new members. During this time, new students are encouraged to register and join clubs of their choice.
Counseling offers an opportunity to talk in confidence about issues that concern you. These issues may include anxiety, depression, family concerns, difficulty in adjusting to a new life and environment, study related issues, relationship issues, aggressive and violent behaviour, suicidal tendencies, worries about health etc.

1ST FLOOR: G106 COUNSELING SERVICES
WE ARE OPEN: 8.30-5.30 Mon.-Fri.
Under the Malaysia Government Legislation, the enrolment of International Students is governed by the immigration Regulations 1963.

As an international student you can enter the country on a student visa provided:

• You have accepted an offer for a full time course of study at a public or private college or university approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
• You have the financial capability to meet course fees and living expenses.
• You do not intend to work in Malaysia and you must prepare to leave the country once you complete your studies.

VISA RENEWAL/EXTENSION
• You need to submit your passport and payment (RM60.00) depending on your country) to the officer in charge in the Student Services at least a (1) month before the visa expires.
• You may not be able to have your visa renewed or extended if you fail to demonstrate your academic capability.

VISA CANCELATION
• You are required to cancel your Malaysian Student Visa when you withdraw from the course or you wish to transfer to another institution or you have completed your course of study.

PASSPORT RENEWAL
• Passport renewal is the responsibility of the passport holder (student), and University will not be responsible for any charges incurred in the procedure.
• You are advised to renew your passport before your Student Visa expires and it can be done at your country’s Consulate or Embassy in Malaysia.
• Documents needed for passport renewal are the student confirmation Letter from University and your Current Passport.
# Insurance for International Student

## How to use?

### Out patient

At the panel clinic → present the insurance card → register → consultation  
After consultation → receive medication (if prescribed) → allow the clinic staff to swipe your card.

### In patient

Produce the insurance card at the panel hospital and make payment for hospital deposit (RM300 – RM500)
Under the present immigration rule & regulation, international students are allowed to work part-time. Part time jobs are only allowed during the semester break. A student can work up to a maximum of 20 hours per week.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO STUDENT SERVICES G103
**BANKING ARRANGEMENT**

- All banking arrangement with other banks except RHB Simpang Tiga Branch, requires the customer to have at least a valid visa for 12 months in Kuching, Sarawak. Therefore, it is not advisable for a student to open a savings account before the student visa is granted.

- Documents needed for opening a Saving Account:
  1. **Student Confirmation Letter from University**
  2. **Passport with Valid Student Visa**
  3. **Minimum amount of RM250.00**

**MONEY CHANGER**

**Licensed Money Changer**
Lot 111, Level, Tun Jugah Centre, Kuching
93350 Kuching, Sarawak.
082-428151

**Everrise Money Changer**
Ground Floor, Bangunan Hin Ann,
Jalan Padungan, Kuching,
93100 Kuching, Sarawak.
082-233200

**Segi Ganjaran Sdn Bhd**
Ground Floor, Lot 187,
Liwah Hotel, Jalan Song Thian Cheok, Kuching,
93100 Kuching, Sarawak
082-236327

**Mohamed Yahia & Sons**
LG, Sarawak Plaza,
Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman, Kuching,
93100 Kuching, Sarawak.
082-416928
Possession, consuming and trafficking of illicit drugs in Malaysia are a criminal offence and carry a mandatory death penalty if convicted.

Banned or illicit drugs in Malaysia include Marijuana, Heroin, Cocaine, Ecstasy, Ice, PSD, Crystal Meth and other.
Useful and Important Telephone Numbers

- Swinburne Security: 082-260 991
- Central Police Station: 082-241 222
- Mobile Police Vehicle: 082-244 444
- Kuching International Airport: 082-454 424
- Malaysia Airlines [MAS] Office: 082-246 622 / 1300883000
- Taxi Station: 082-341 818
- Visitors’ Information Centre Kuching: 082-410 944 / 450944
- AirAsia Office: 082-283 222
- Sarawak Cultural Village: 082-846 411
- Emergency (Ambulance/Police): 999
- Fire Department: 994
- Kuching Specialist Hospital: 082-365 777
- Sarawak General Hospital: 082-257 555