Study Abroad and Student Exchange
'There are lots to discover in Sarawak. I enjoy the food, culture, rainforest and the beaches. The weather is amazing as there’s a lot of sunshine.

I love the people because they are so friendly. You also meet a lot of international students at Swinburne Sarawak, and this makes the university very interesting.'

**Stephanie Reinbold, Germany**
Master of Business Administration (International)
About Kuching and Sarawak

Kuching has been described as one of the most liveable cities in Southeast Asia. Rich in history with old world charms blended into 21st century modernity, the city is home to more than half a million people.

A modern city with excellent infrastructure and facilities, moving about in Kuching is easy as the city and its surrounding areas are well serviced by taxis and buses.

The city also offers many places for shopping, dining and entertainment. For instance, a large shopping mall is just 10 minutes’ walk from Swinburne Sarawak.

Kuching hosts several international festivals annually, the most notable being the Rainforest World Music Festival. For nature lovers, the city is only a day-trip proximity to attractive beaches with hotels and resorts. A number of national parks are also within easy reach of the city, making day trips possible. Kuching has plenty to offer and its relaxed lifestyle makes the city a pleasant destination for tertiary education.

Getting to Kuching
Kuching is the capital city of Sarawak, situated on the island of Borneo. The state is separated from Peninsular Malaysia by the South China Sea.

As an international student, your first point of arrival in Malaysia will be at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), in Peninsular Malaysia. The peninsula is linked to Sarawak by air.

Swinburne Sarawak campus
Distance from Kuching city centre: 10 minutes by car

The 16.5 acre city campus offers courses in engineering, business/commerce, science, ICT and design from foundation to postgraduate levels.

There are currently more than 3,600 students pursuing a range of courses at Swinburne Sarawak. International students hail from more than 50 countries.

Modern campus
The university offers a supportive, secure and peaceful environment. On campus are a lecture theatre, an information resource centre, a multi-purpose hall, Wi-Fi connectivity and accommodation, so you’ll get the most out of your studies with us.

Make Sarawak your classroom!
With more than 29 indigenous and ethnic groups, Sarawak is the most culturally diverse state in Malaysia. Its communities are well-known for their friendliness and hospitality.

Immerse yourself in the colourful cultures and festivities of the people, and savour exotic cuisine of the various communities. Explore the numerous national parks and natural wonders of Sarawak, and learn of its rich and diverse ecosystem.
Living in Kuching

Accommodation
Swinburne Sarawak offers a range of accommodation options for you to explore for your study abroad experience. Choose from on-campus hostels, off-campus rooms and apartments or find a place of your own.

On-campus hostels
Two fully furnished on-campus hostels separated into male and female blocks, and can accommodate more than 400 students.

Rooms are available for single occupancy or twin-sharing. Furnishings include bed, study table, chair and wardrobe. Wall fans are a standard feature while selected units are equipped with air-conditioning. Besides wi-fi access, amenities include common reading/visitor areas, kitchen and dining rooms as well as laundry and drying areas. Security is provided 24 hours a day. Rental range from RM90* to RM225.50* per room per week.

Off-campus accommodation
The University also offers several off-campus accommodation located within a reasonable distance from the campus. A complimentary shuttle service to and from the campus may be available. These apartment units are mostly furnished with a single bed, study table and chair, and wardrobe.

Renting a house or apartment
You may choose to rent an apartment or house yourself or share with other students. If you prefer such accommodation you are advised to contact the university. A database of these accommodations may be obtained from Student Services.

For private rentals, the student is normally required to sign a tenancy agreement with the landlord.

Living costs
Living costs vary depending on your lifestyle and the type of accommodation you choose. As a guide, the monthly expenditure starts from a minimum of about RM1,200* to RM2,000*.

* All prices provided as a guide only.
Studying at Swinburne Sarawak

Study Abroad
The Study Abroad Program is designed for students currently studying at an overseas institution. Fees are payable to Swinburne Sarawak and include tuition fees and orientation.

Students can spend one or two terms at Swinburne Sarawak. They may begin their studies in either Term 1 or Term 2, and are required to take 3-4 units per term as a full-time study load. Most units at Swinburne Sarawak carry 12.5 credit points.

Exchange Program
The Exchange Program is available to students currently studying at any of Swinburne’s overseas partner institutions. Students can spend one or two terms at Swinburne Sarawak while continuing to pay the relevant tuition fees to their home university.

Arrival services
All Study Abroad and Exchange students may request for a pickup service prior to arriving at the Kuching International Airport. For this service, the Arrival Services Booking form must be filled and submitted to the University. This complimentary service will take you to your pre-arranged accommodation.

Orientation
Orientation will be held for all international students. This is to equip you with all the information for a successful Study Abroad experience. The orientation program is designed to provide you with an academic, social and cultural introduction to life at Swinburne and in Sarawak.

Buddy Program
To help you make a smooth transition into studying and living in Malaysia, Swinburne Sarawak has a program that connects Study Abroad and Exchange students with local students. Prior to your departure to Kuching you will be paired up with a student currently studying at the university.

This student will help answer any questions you may have before your arrival and will also show you round campus. Please note the the Buddy Program will only be available upon request from the Study Abroad and Exchange student.

Teaching style
Where appropriate, classroom teaching will utilise applied commercial examples relevant to the Asian region. Lectures are held weekly and students are given an overview of the week’s materials.

Tutorials are an opportunity for students to meet in smaller groups to discuss lecture materials.

Laboratory sessions are held for some subjects to enable students to gain practical knowledge of their academic area.

Assessment at Swinburne
Just as there are many teaching methods used at Swinburne, there are also many ways your work may be assessed. These include assignments, reports, examinations, class presentations, journal keeping, class participation and group projects. Most subjects will use a combination of assessment methods. At the end of the term you will be awarded a result for each subject.

Your credit transfer
You will need to negotiate with your home institution before leaving for Swinburne Sarawak to ensure your classes here will be credited to your home program. At the end of your studies here, the Student Administration Office will issue a Swinburne University Academic Record (transcript) so that you can have your studies credited at your home institution.

International student insurance cover
International students enrolled into Swinburne Sarawak are covered by a Medical and Health Insurance policy throughout their period of study in Malaysia. This is the requirement of the Malaysian Ministry of Education. The insurance policy is undertaken by the University on behalf of the student. The Insurance is to be paid upon registration.

Staying for an extra term
The maximum Exchange/Study Abroad period at Swinburne is two terms. If you are only enrolled for one term and are considering staying on for another, contact the Business Development and Communications Division as soon as possible to see if it is possible for you to continue.

Other services
The Student Services Unit provides a range of support and services to help students gain as much as possible from their time at Swinburne Sarawak. For more information, go to http://www.swinburne.edu.my/student_operations/student_services.php
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