

TAYLOR'S UNIVERSITY STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

A GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

Study overseas as part of your degree! Choose from more than 40 countries and over 200 partner institutions.

Immerse yourself in another country! As a Taylor's University student, you have the opportunity to study, travel and make lifelong friends around the world. Learn more about yourself, become more independent and give your Taylor's degree an international edge. Share your Malaysian culture abroad and, in return, experience the culture, lifestyle, and people of another country!

Taylor's University Student Exchange Programme offers students a lifetime opportunity to go abroad for one semester. Under the Student Exchange Programme, students are not required to pay any tuition fees to the host institution.

Exchange students are only required to pay the tuition fees to their home institution and in this instance that would be Taylor's University. There are 2 options available;

Credit Transfer Exchange

Students are able to acquire credit transfer when returning to their home institution. Prior approval from the school on the modules to be undertaken at the host institution is required.

Experiential Exchange

Students would not be able to transfer any credit back to the home institution and embark on the Student Exchange Programme purely for the purpose of gaining international experience and exposure to new environment.

For either one of the pathway, the exchange students will receive a partial academic transcript from the host institution provided that they are able to pass the modules diligently.

In a nutshell, Taylor's University Student Exchange Programme offers students with a myriad of benefits such as:

- Live and study in a different country
- Be immersed in a new culture and language
- Be adaptable and challenge yourself personally and academically
- Build new experiences and make lifelong friends
- Expand your comfort zone and add more value to your academic degree
- Develop professional networks and be ready for the global marketplace

Overview of Student Exchange Programme

Welcome to the exciting world of student exchange! Taylor's University Student Exchange Unit provides vast opportunities for students to go on student exchange at a wide range of universities across the globe. Before you embark on this remarkable journey, you are advised to pay attention to the following important aspects:

- Submit your application to the Student Exchange Unit ONE semester before your preferred exchange semester. This is to allow for adequate time to assess your application and provide assistance for the exchange semester.
- Prior to that, you will need to complete at least one year of full time study at Taylor's University.
- Taylor's University has many options for undergraduate and postgraduate exchange semester at many reputable partner institutions in Asia, Europe, North America, Central and South America.
- Consider the different experiences you would like to have on your semester exchange and seize this opportunity to break free from your comfort zone.

Eligibility for Student Exchange Programme

All Taylor's University students enrolled in full-time undergraduate programmes can apply for the Student Exchange Programme. They are required to fulfill the following criteria at the time of application:

- Attain academic excellence of at least 2.5 in cumulative GPA
- Fulfill any specific requirements by the preferred exchange institution. Requirements such as field of study, language proficiency (English or other language), year of study, etc., are available from our student exchange partners' factsheets
- Portray strong image as reliable and outstanding ambassador for Taylor's University and Malaysia

How to apply for the Student Exchange Programme?

Step 1: Research your options. Check websites of our partner universities for further information.

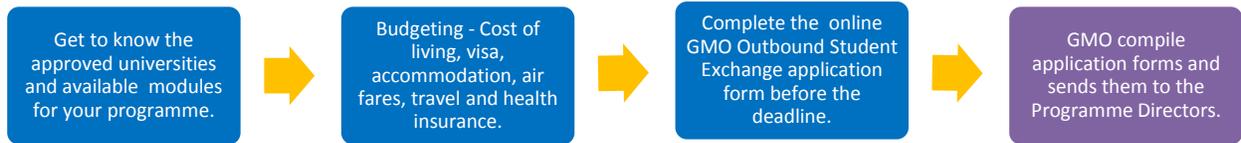
Step 2: Book an appointment with an advisor to talk through your options.

Step 3: Complete the application for your selected option.

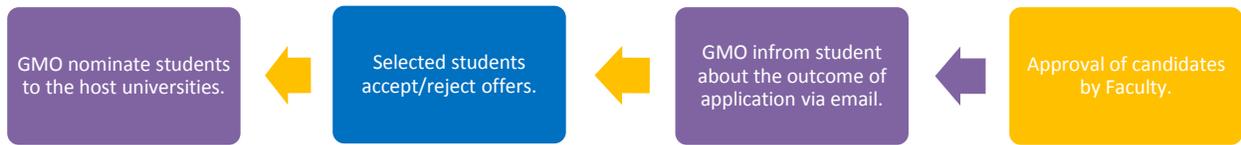
Step 4: The Study Exchange team will notify you once your nomination has been finalized and approved by your academic faculties' members.

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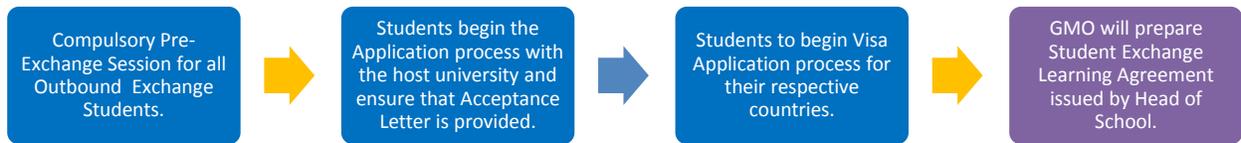
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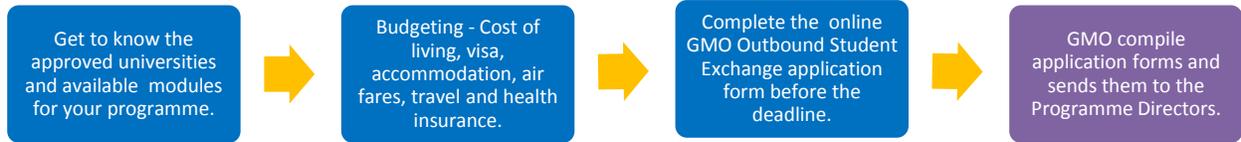
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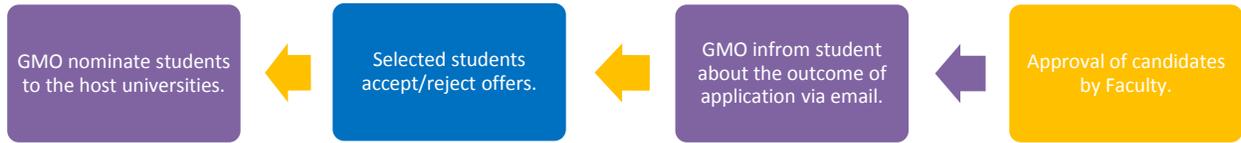
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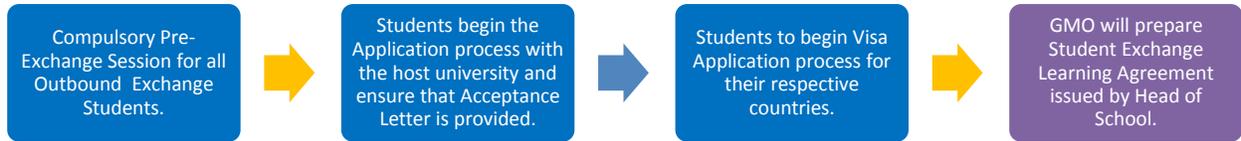
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Roles and Responsibilities

1. Student Applicant

- a. To discuss with your parents on your decision and university of choice.
- b. To find out more about the university, cost of living, visa requirements, air fares, accommodation and travel and health insurance.
- c. To renew your Malaysian Student Pass as soon as you have been nominated (for International Students).
- d. To liaise and follow up with International Office on the timely renewal of your Malaysian Student Pass (for International Students).
- e. To apply for your Student Visa promptly – at least 2-3 months before travelling dates.

2. Global Mobility Office

- a. To provide updated information on the list of universities allocated to each Programme.
- b. To liaise with the Partner University coordinators on nomination and module selections.
- c. To prepare the Student Exchange Learning Agreement upon confirmation of modules.
- d. To provide verification letter for visa application.

3. Academic School

- a. To map the modules for the semester exchange.
- b. To resolve any module mapping issues that may arise.
- c. To review and approve the student's application for semester exchange and modules selection.

Important Tips for Student Exchange Programme

Getting ready for exchange is exhilarating, but the right arrangements are important for a safe and fruitful semester abroad. It is important to be flexible and approach your new setting with an open mind. It is also important to understand the cultural differences of the country you are travelling to so you can be respectful when networking with locals. Here are some significant things to keep in mind:

Visas

Having a valid travelling visa is essential. As soon as you have been approved for your Student Exchange Programme, you should contact the nearest embassy / consulate of your host country for visa application procedure. You will need your official acceptance documentation from the host institution to apply for a student visa of your host country. Make sure you check how long it will take to obtain your visa. Unless advised otherwise by the overseas embassy / consulate, you must have your visa before you leave Malaysia. Each nationality has different processes and procedures for obtaining a student visa and these can change frequently. For this reason, Taylor's University is not able to apply for the student's visa on your behalf but advise that you check the embassy / consulate website regularly for the updated information. You may contact the embassy / consulate directly for further enquiries and liaison.

Medical, Health and Travel Insurance

All exchange students are required to purchase and have a valid Medical, Health and Travel Insurance. Detailed information and requirements will be given to you at the pre-departure session. Please note that some partner universities from certain countries require you to purchase medical and health insurance directly from them. Prices differ at each university but you will be informed of this after you apply. Students will be responsible for any costs linked with these compulsory insurance necessities at the host university.

Accommodation

You need to take care of all the arrangements pertaining to accommodation. You can choose if you want to live on campus or off campus, but think about vital factors when making this decision such as your social networks and travel time to and from campus. Pricing of the accommodation is normally important to exchange students and having a trusted roommate of same gender helps to ease the overall costs. In general, information on accommodation is provided by your host institutions hence do pay close attention to application's details and deadline.

Plane Tickets

You can buy plane tickets once you receive official acceptance from your host university and have your study plan approved by Taylor's University. These two aspects as well as attending the pre-departure briefing and obtaining the relevant student's visa will determine your final acceptance to the Taylor's University Student Exchange Programme.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are a scholarship holder, please check with your sponsor if the funding will be continued for your student exchange programme. Similarly for those on the PTPTN loan, please note that you will not be able to get your loan disbursement using the results obtained from the host institution as the GPA is not captured in your semester abroad.

Familiarity with your Destination

There are many ways to get to know the destination of your travelling such as;

- Engage with the alumnus of the past Student Exchange Programme
- Read their blogs and have a peek at their Facebook page (with permission)
- Go through the information pack sent by the partner universities
- Get connected with the international buddies from the host institutions
- Check out the Tourism and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade websites for safety and travelling advice.
- Use many different apps such as Trip Advisor, Lonely Planet, SOS and Smart Traveler to get more local travelling tips – remember to check out information on local transportation, local currency, weather, places of interest, the general do's and don'ts suitable for the local environment.
- Be sure to learn some local languages for ease of adaptation.

Pre-Exchange Session for Student Exchange Applicants

The Pre-Exchange Session is an effective platform for exchange applicants to research and be prepared with important information pertaining to your academic and cultural expectations, vital information on your host institution, visa applications, accommodation, health and safety and support from the embassy / consulate.

You will receive an invitation to attend the Pre-Exchange Session which is compulsory for all exchange students. In the session, exchange applicants are required to be prepared with a 15-min presentation covering the areas below:

- Formal application to host institution
- student visas and travel advice
- accommodation matters
- health and safety matters
- medical, health and travel insurance

Pre-Departure Briefing for Exchange Students

The pre-departure briefing is jointly organized by the school to prepare exchange students on the following areas;

- your responsibilities as an exchange student
- academic credit transfer and approved modules for student exchange
- enrolment for one-semester exchange at the host institution
- fees waiver for one-semester exchange at the host institution
- funding and scholarship (if applicable)
- emergency support and embassy / consulate contacts
- settling into your new environment and cultural adaptation
- Submission of Indemnity Form and a copy of travel and medical healthcare insurance

As soon as you have been accepted by your Host University and secure your student visa, you must also finalize your travel itinerary including flights, accommodation, travel and medical healthcare insurance.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Students are also required to submit their Indemnity Form and a copy of their travel and medical healthcare insurance to the Global Mobility Office prior to their departure.

Cost of Living in Countries of our Partner Universities

*Note: Estimated cost only includes accommodation, food and general living expenses for the month.

No.	Country	Estimated Cost of Living per month (RM)
1	Austria	2500 – 4000
2	Australia	5000 – 8000
3	Belgium	2500 – 3000
4	Czech Republic	2000 – 3500
5	Denmark	3000 – 4000
6	Finland	2700 – 3200
7	France	3000 – 5000
8	Germany	3000 – 5000
9	Hong Kong	2500 – 3300
10	India	1000 – 1700
11	Indonesia	2000 – 3500
12	Italy	3000 – 3400
13	Japan	3000 – 4500
14	Korea	2500 – 3000
15	Mexico	2000 – 2500
16	Netherlands	3000 – 4500
17	Philippines	2000 – 3000
18	Spain	4000 – 4800
19	Sweden	3800 – 4500
20	Switzerland	4000 – 6700
21	Taiwan	2500 - 3600
22	Thailand	2000 – 3200
23	Turkey	2600 – 3400
24	United Kingdom	4500 – 6000
25	USA	5000 – 8000
26	Vietnam	1500 – 2500

*All information is based on rough estimation and is subject to changes without prior notice.

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