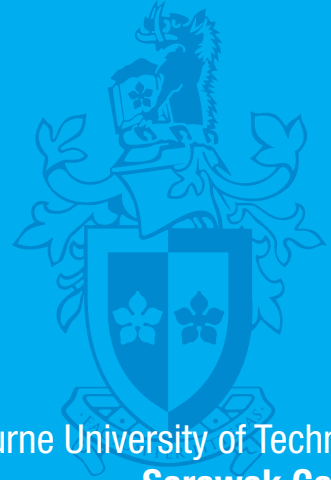


# SWINBURNE

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SARAWAK CAMPUS

## Study Abroad Guide



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# Welcome to Swinburne Sarawak

Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus is an international branch campus of Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, Australia.

Established in 1908, Swinburne has a strong reputation in Australia and overseas as a provider of career orientated education and as a university with a commitment to research.

Swinburne Australia's ratings in the Good Universities Guide 2008 placed it as the best university in Melbourne for Teaching Quality, Generic Skills and Graduate Satisfaction.

The Sarawak campus was set up in Kuching, the capital city of the Malaysian state of Sarawak, in 2000 and operates in partnership with the Sarawak Foundation and the Sarawak Higher Education Foundation. Its establishment is part of a long-term strategy by Swinburne Australia to globalise its operations and to provide its students with international living, working and learning opportunities.

The campus is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and currently conducts research on information security, mechatronics engineering, software engineering, business as well as education and e-learning.

Located just 15 minutes from the city centre and in the vicinity of commercial areas, the 16.5 acre campus offers undergraduate degrees in engineering, business, IT and multimedia. Also offered are postgraduate research programs at PhD and masters levels in these disciplines.

These programs are identical to those offered by Swinburne's home campus in Melbourne and the parchments are awarded by Swinburne Australia.

Current student population at Swinburne Sarawak is about 3000 and this is expected to reach 5,000 by 2010. International students come from more than 30 countries including Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, China, Kenya, India, Indonesia, Iran, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and USA.

### Resident Director

The Resident Director for the Study Abroad Program, Ismail Zailani, will be your contact person at Swinburne Sarawak. As coordinator for program introduction, orientation and excursion activities, he will also conduct scheduled meetings with students to gather their feedback on the program. He can serve as the point of reference for needs that may arise during your time here.

### Your Study Abroad Program

Study Abroad students can spend one or two semesters at Swinburne and may begin their studies in either Semester 1 or Semester 2. As a Study Abroad student you are required to take a full-time study load, which is 50 credit points per semester. Most Swinburne subjects are 12.5 credit points, so generally you will take four subjects.

### Living and Learning Environment

Besides providing a safe and conducive learning environment, Kuching is a modern city with excellent infrastructure and facilities such as banking, telecommunication, and transportation.

### Swinburne Sarawak's Teaching Style

Classes at Swinburne are taught using a number of styles, where appropriate class room teaching will utilise applied commercial examples relevant to the Asian region. Lectures are held each

week and students are given an overview of the week's materials. Tutorials are an opportunity for students to meet in smaller groups to discuss the lecture material. Laboratory sessions are held for some subjects to enable students to gain practical knowledge of their academic area. Assessment takes various forms at Swinburne. Generally students will be assessed by a combination of assignments, examinations, practicals and presentations.

### 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 presentation, journal keeping, class participation and group projects. Most subjects will use a combination of assessment methods. At the end of the semester you will be awarded a result for each subject.

### Fees

The Swinburne Sarawak Study Abroad program fee includes your tuition, International Student Insurance Cover, airport pickup, orientation and optional on-campus accommodation with air-conditioning.

### Your Credit Transfer

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



**CHRISTOPHER FINN BEER**  
**BENG (ELECTRONICS AND**  
**COMPUTER SYSTEMS)**  
**/BSC (RESEARCH AND**  
**DEVELOPMENT)**

*from Australia*



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Studying in Malaysia has been fantastic. People have been invariably friendly and welcoming. There is no other place in the world that offers a range of national parks, exotic flora and fauna and beautiful natural landscape as Sarawak.”



**HAYLEE FOGG**  
**BENG (ROBOTICS AND**  
**MECHATRONICS)/**  
**BSC (COMPUTER SCIENCE**  
**AND SOFTWARE**  
**ENGINEERING)**

*from Australia*



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Going on exchange gives me the opportunity to explore another country and culture and I am making the most out of it. At the beginning, I worried about cultural differences. Luckily, everyone here is pretty easygoing and I have managed to fit in quite well.

I had an opportunity to perform the Malaysian National Anthem as a member of the choir at the grand opening of Swinburne Sarawak's expanded campus. It was a great experience.”



**Staying for an Extra Semester**

The maximum exchange/Study Abroad period at Swinburne is two semesters. If you are only enrolled for one semester and are considering staying on, contact the Resident Director as soon as possible to see whether it is possible for you to continue.

**International Student Insurance Cover**

Malaysian Government regulations require all international students studying in Malaysia to take up International Student Insurance Cover. The cost is included in the program fee.

**Support and Services**

The Business Development and Communications Office will be your first point of contact when you arrive at Swinburne. We provide comprehensive support and services to all Study Abroad students including admission and subject selection advice, administration of applications, orientation and ongoing support while you are in Malaysia.

**On Arrival Services**

All Study Abroad students have access to free airport pickup service on arrival at Kuching International Airport. The service will deliver you to your prearranged accommodation.

**Orientation**

A specific orientation is held for Study Abroad students to equip you with all the information necessary for a successful Study Abroad experience. This orientation program is designed to provide you with an academic, social and cultural introduction to life at Swinburne and in Sarawak, Malaysia.

**Swinburne Sarawak Buddy Program**

To make a smooth transition into studying and living in Malaysia, Swinburne Sarawak has developed a program to connect Study Abroad students with degree-seeking students. Prior to your departure you will be paired up with a student currently studying at Swinburne Sarawak who will help answer any questions you may have before you come. Your Swinburne Sarawak buddy is someone you can look forward to meeting once you arrive and help show you around campus.

**Other Student 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. For more information about Student Services, see: [www.swinburne.edu.my/student\\_operations/student\\_services.php](http://www.swinburne.edu.my/student_operations/student_services.php)

# Kuching

Swinburne Sarawak is located in Kuching, the capital of the East Malaysian state of Sarawak. The city has been described as one of the most attractive and livable in Southeast Asia. Kuching means 'cat' in the Malay language. Rich in history with old-world charms blended into 21st century modernity, the city is home to more than half a million people.

**Explore Kuching**

Originally a busy riverine trading post in the old days, Kuching is today a delightful blend of the old and new. The Brooke family, who once ruled Sarawak from 1841 until 1946, left behind a legacy of buildings which still stand majestically amidst modern day buildings. The Sarawak Museum, built in 1891 in the style of a Normandy town hall, is regarded as one of the best museums in Southeast Asia. The Textile and Costume Museum is housed in the Pavillion, a three-storey rectangular structure built in 1907. Located just in front of the general post office, this is the place to learn more about the textiles of the indigenous people of Sarawak. Other places of interest include the Chinese History Museum, Islamic Museum, Cat Museum, Courthouse and Brooke Memorial, and the Round Tower.

Take a walk at the award-winning Kuching Waterfront, a beautifully landscaped esplanade along a stretch of the old part of the city. It is the main gathering place especially as the sun sets beyond the scenic Matang Mountains.

Nearby, shops at the Main Bazaar dating back to 1864 offer a rich variety of souvenirs, antiques, arts, crafts and the like, for sale.

The city offers entertainment and nightlife to suit most tastes. Eating out is a favorite pastime among city folk. Restaurants, food courts and open-air eateries offer a variety of traditional Chinese, Indian and Malay to contemporary Japanese as well as Western cuisines. Shopping malls, pubs, bars and cineplexes abound in the city.

It is also home to world-class resorts and golf courses.

Although Kuching is not exactly a place that never sleeps, there is certainly enough to keep you well-occupied during your time here.

**Moving Around**

Moving about in Kuching is easy as the city and its surrounding areas are well serviced by taxis and buses. The fares are reasonably low. Taxis are just a phone call away and many queue at major hotels. Bus fares are cheap and moving about by this means of transport is a good way to see the city.

**See Sarawak!**

Sarawak, the largest state in the country with a population of 2.3 million, is also the most culturally diverse. Its 29 ethnic communities are well-known for their friendliness and hospitality.

The daily tropical temperature ranges from 23° C to 32° C, so light clothing is most suitable for the equatorial climate.

Sarawak is linked to other parts of Malaysia and the rest of the world via air. Internally, the state itself is well-served by a network of air, road and river transportation.

Well known for eco-tourism with its rainforest the size of Austria, Sarawak houses the world's richest and most diverse ecosystem. Its numerous national parks are known for their natural wonders.

**International Events**

Sarawak revels in showcasing major events including the annual Rainforest World Music Festival, a unique festival that brings together on the same stage renowned world musicians from all continents and indigenous musicians from the interiors of Borneo.

A multitude of sporting events such as the ITF World Junior Tennis Championship, Sarawak Junior World Masters Golf Championship, Borneo Mountain Bike Festival, Sarawak International Triathlon and Asian Cup Series also take place here each year.

## Electives Plus @ Sarawak

**Swinburne Sarawak Study Tour****What is Electives Plus?**

The electives plus program provides degree students with options to broaden their international outlook and strengthen their employability by undertaking units from outside their degree discipline. All students undertaking a single degree can include electives plus in their program - a unique opportunity that all students should take advantage of.

Electives available in the Sarawak campus:

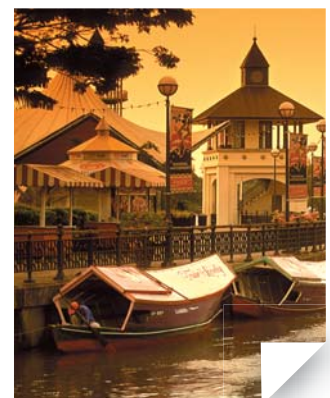
Students will be able to choose from a broad range of electives available at Swinburne Sarawak. These include units from the Business, Engineering, IT and Multimedia streams.

Package price includes:

- ▶ Transfers in Kuching
- ▶ Tuition Fee
- ▶ Accommodation in Kuching
- ▶ Tours in Kuching and other parts of Malaysia
- ▶ Travel Insurance

Package does not include:

- ▶ Passport costs, meals, personal spending money, public transport, books and study materials



# ANY QUESTIONS?

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