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FROM THE EDITOR

Let's take a moment to applaud and give a year-end standing ovation to the EasyUni team, the readers and to all Malaysians. We've made it through this year and it's time to seek for new resolutions, coming 2019. It's time to move forward and kickstart new beginnings.

To the Easyuni team, who's worked their hearts out to put this guidebook issue together, we thank each and everyone of them. Not only for their remarkable work in preparing this guidebook, but also for their all-year-round noteworthy contributions. To the readers, who have been through thick and thin with us, dating from our very first issue to 19 issues later (celebrating our Guidebook's 5th year anniversary - yay!), we thank you for your timeless support. To new readers alike, we welcome you to join in on our humble read and may this guidebook serve you well.

It's been such a drastic year for everyone; from Malaysia Baru, that brought with it a political reformation like never-before-seen in the Malaysian history, to the earthquake-tsunami that struck our neighbouring country in Sulawesi, Indonesia which caused innumerable loss. While we rejoiced the new change Malaysia saw this year, our hearts also mourned for the loss experienced by our neighbour. May our bond, as a united nation grow stronger than ever in times of hardship and new changes.

In this issue, we've decided to highlight our Guidebook's 5th year anniversary by going with an 'All things 5' theme, which explains the consistent use of the number five (5). Additionally, we've also introduced some new segments in the guidebook - as our way of starting fresh for the new year. Last but of course not the least, we've also included a special feature for this issue - its purpose is to help readers get more acquainted with the people behind EasyUni, specifically the ones captaining it.

This issue is all about providing you with useful tips for your university journey. Which is why we introduced the Unspoken Rule and Self-empowerment segments, just to let you in on some of the mutually acknowledged rules in university.

We hope you don't only find this Guidebook useful in tackling your higher educational concerns, but also hope you enjoy reading it as much as we did, preparing it. With that, we wish you a Blessed New Year and...

See you in our next issue!

Dayang

Meet the talented people
we worked with in this issue

our contributors:



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GET TO Know **easyuni**



What they offer to students, parents and marketing professionals.

by Dayang Halimathun

What is EasyUni?

A one-stop platform for students and parents to connect to universities without getting lost in the sea of overwhelming information. EasyUni takes away the inconvenience of time constraints, cultural differences and language barriers from your search of a perfect university.



How was EasyUni formed?

It takes one to know one - only students know the pressure and difficulty that they go through to find the perfect course and university. With overwhelming amount of courses out there, the search for your perfect course seems to be arduous. Thus, EasyUni was developed based on the very essence of that problem. According to Edwin Tay (CEO and Co-founder of EasyUni) "The idea for EasyUni surfaced in 2008. We saw the need for a portal that could provide relevant, accurate, and comprehensive information on universities and courses available worldwide when me and my co-founder noticed how our niece and nephew struggled to choose a suitable university and area of study.." Thus, the website was born.

How EasyUni works?

University Search

Specifically designed to cater to SPM & STPM leavers, undergraduates, or anyone seeking for a higher education opportunity. Easyuni provides information on more than 3,000 universities, with over 70,000 courses to choose from under one website. EasyUni serves as a one-stop solution to all your university concerns.

Courses Comparison

Students and parents can simply visit the EasyUni website to compare between courses and universities without having the need to gauge the information individually from each university's website.

Application

Over the years, EasyUni has helped more than 11 million students and parents to apply for the course through their student counselling service. EasyUni diverse team members give their full commitment to guide students in every step of their application process for free.

How EasyUni HELPS UNIVERSITY MARKETING PROFESSIONALS?

Advertising

As the first company in Southeast Asia and Middle East to bring over 3000 universities from over 20 countries, EasyUni aims to help smaller universities to advertise alongside bigger universities. This allows them to reach to the same set of audience and get their advertising messages across in a more efficient manner.

did YOU know?

EasyUni offers **scholarship** that is worth up to **1 million ringgit** exclusively for those applying through EasyUni (with terms and condition)

Digital Marketing

With more than 1 million pageviews, EasyUni is now regarded as Malaysia's number one education website. As a platform that is rapidly gaining more and more attention, EasyUni has been spreading its wings to not only the nearby region, but also all over the world. This helps university marketing professionals reach a bigger set of audience in a shorter time. From successful campaigns, to efficient brand awareness advertising, EasyUni as an online portal aims to use their platform and expertise to help universities achieve their marketing goals.

Lead Generation and Student Recruitment

In terms of student recruitment and lead generation, EasyUni's team is made up of diverse team members from all over the world. This allows the relationship between the students and the educational counsellors to develop. With interaction becoming easier, conversion rates become higher

BEFORE



AFTER






COUNSELLOR'S CORNER



The EasyUni Counselling Team answers your burning questions about pre, during and post university life - once again.

Why speak to EasyUni's Counsellors? Because they...

-  Help you to compare universities suitable for you based on your concerns; such as costs, location, type of campus, recognition of qualifications, etc.
-  Guide you through your academic and career pathways
- how to be a registered Architect, Engineer, Lawyer, Accountant, etc.
-  Advise you on options for continuing your education
- transferring credits, twinning programmes, transferring abroad

I'm applying for a diploma programme

Do I need to score 6.0 and above for IELTS? **Abidur Rahman**

For a diploma, you need at least a 5.5 score in IELTS and above, as for Bachelor's degree you would need at least 6.0 score above and for Masters you would need to score 6.5 and above.

Richard

I don't like the accommodation at the university

I've applied to. Do I have any other options? **Ainul Hakim**

Yes, if you do not prefer the university accommodation we can still help you find the best accommodation through our housing partner, Hostel Hunting. They will provide you with a range of options near the university and help you find the most suitable accommodation based on your preference.

If you are planning to study in the UK and looking for an affordable accommodation there, our partner Casita offers a wide range of accommodation within the UK. We will be more than happy to assist you in that matter.

Sayed

I want my son to study Actuarial Science abroad. As a parent I think a foreign Degree has good value to get jobs, but we do not have the required financial resources. Are there any good alternatives within Malaysia? **Jenica Lee**

We are happy to inform you that Malaysia is home to many top universities in the world. Many students across the world are actually coming to Malaysia to gain higher education which holds great value in terms of quality of education, affordable cost of living and the scope of getting a good job in the future. Our partner institution Heriot-Watt University is a household name for your desired course. Being a UK university which has campuses in Ireland, Dubai and Malaysia, you can consider this university for your son's next academic destination.

The Actuarial Science Degree at Heriot-Watt University, Malaysia is the only programme in Malaysia to receive the full 8 paper exemption by the UK Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA).

Sayed



How long does it take to study in Singapore? **Sih Yee Koh**

After completing the college preparatory course, students will usually have to study for 2-2.5 years to earn a Bachelor's Degree. Year 1 is commonly referred to as College, Year 2 is called Advanced College, Year 3 is called Bachelor's.

Michelle

I recently completed my Foundation and am currently browsing through some courses and universities to pursue my Degree. My results are moderate; is there a chance for me to get any scholarship? **Arzina, 19**

I'm happy to let you know that you have come to the right place. At EasyUni we can match you with our FUS Scholarship Programme which offers up to 30% scholarship with our partner universities. These scholarships are given based on meeting entry requirements and is exclusive to students signing up with EasyUni. Please check our website scholarships.easyuni.my to know more or feel free to ask us more about it!

Fitrah

Have any queries for our counsellors?
Ask away and get your questions featured in the next issue!
E-mail us at hello@easyuni.com with the subject Counsellor's Corner.

Welcome to Oxford International College!



Welcome to Oxford International College! We provide our students with an open and stimulating study environment in a city that has been world-renowned for academic excellence for almost 1,000 years.

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Academic Excellence

In 2018, Oxford International College was ranked in the top of the UK national A-Level league tables, securing the first position amongst all independent schools in England (as published by The Times newspaper)

Results

Our approach of integrating our 3 strands of Academic Excellence, Career Development and Personal Development has proven to be successful. In 2018 we had:

- 50% success rate for entry to the University of Cambridge
- 100% success rate for Engineering at the University of Cambridge and Imperial College London (top universities for Engineering)
- 100% success rate into Medical and Dental schools
- 100% success rate for Economics and related degrees at the University of Cambridge, London School of Economics and the University of Warwick
- 100% success to Russell Group universities for all other courses
- 100% success to top universities worldwide



Yasmin Sarwar, Chief Education Officer of Oxford International College is known worldwide for her expertise in educating international students and helping them to gain entry into top universities in the UK and across the globe.

Her personal university success record includes:

- Over 150 students to Oxford, Cambridge, London School of Economics and Imperial College London
- Nearly 200 students to Medical schools
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What's next After SPM?

by Dayang Halimathun

Wow! Congratulations! You're finally done with school. Gone are the days where you put long hours revising everything that you have learned in two years to prepare yourself for SPM. You deserve a big pat on the head. Putting that behind, now you need to start planning for the next chapter of your life - University!

The idea of moving on to a more serious chapter of your life can be both frightening and exciting at the same time. While you're excited to move forward and enjoy on your educational journey, but at the same time you're wondering how? And most importantly where?

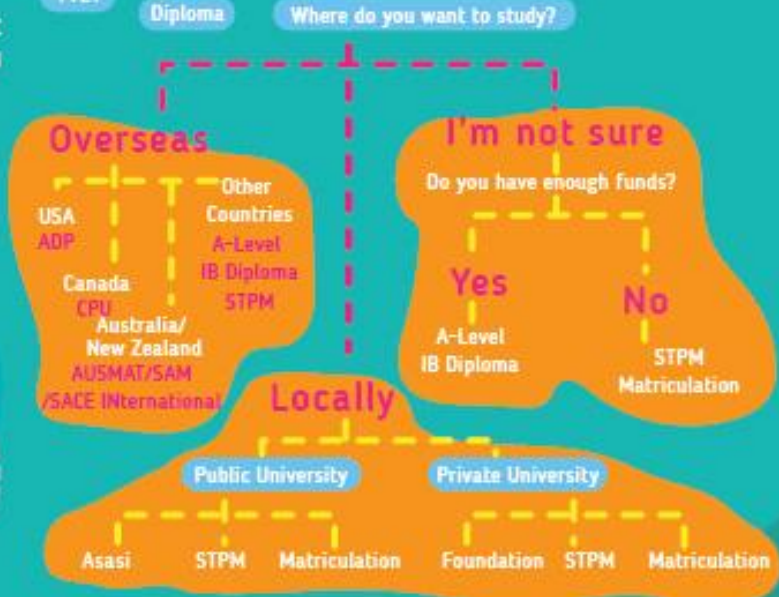
To help you answer those questions, we'll guide you through this after-SPM flowchart. This will shed some lights on available pathways that awaits you.

Want to know more about after-SPM pathways? You can go to the link below



After-SPM

Have you decided on your career plan?





5 PATHWAYS AFTER SPM

All you need to know about your pre-university programmes

You're finally done with the most daunting examination of your life! So now it's time to plan the inevitable, which is to choose your after-SPM pathway. At the moment, you're confused about which programme to choose. While you compare the merits of each programme, we did a little research to help you fill in the gap and get you acquainted with five of the available pre-university programmes you can choose from.

by Dayang Halimathun





Malaysian Matriculation

What is Malaysian Matriculation?

It is a cost-effective pre-university programme that takes only one to two years to complete and is government sponsored. Students only need to bear very low entrance fees, and will also be given monthly allowance throughout their study.

Course Structure and Assessments:

This programme can generally be divided into two categories: One Year Programme (PST) and Two Years Programme (PDT). This differs according to courses. Students taking this programme will be assessed on:

Final Examination - Students will sit for a final examination at the end of each semester. This assessment accounts for 70% to 80% of overall scores for core subjects.

Ongoing Assessments - The remaining 10% to 20% of the score is determined by lab work, assignments and presentations which students submit throughout each semester.

Mid Semester Test - This assessment is conducted in the middle of each semester and contributes to 10% of the overall mark. Students will only sit for the mid semester test for English and compulsory subjects.

- USEFUL TIPS:**
- Focus on Academic and Co-Curricular Performance
 - Get Used to Strict rules and Regulations
 - Plan Ahead

Matriculation Recognitions:

-Local Universities: Public and Private universities.

-Other Countries: New Zealand, Indonesia, United Kingdom and Australia.

STPM

What is STPM?

This programme which is previously referred to as Higher School Certificate (HSC), is equivalent to any pre-university programme. It is perfect for those of you who are still contemplating on whether to pursue a degree or a career after your pre-university. Unlike matriculation, A-levels and foundation, this programme is unique in a sense that it is regarded as a qualification in its own right and have no expiration date. The quality of this programme is well-assured as it is overseen by The Cambridge Assessment and is administered by the Malaysian Examination Council.

Course Structure and Assessments:

STPM was recently revamped into a new modular system replacing the old terminal one. Assessments are now done throughout three (3) terms.

Centralised Exam - Students will sit for a centralised exam at the end of each term. The centralised examination carries 60% to 80% of the overall marks and students are allowed to retake their previous term examination to improve their grades.

School Based Assessments - The ongoing assessment which is also referred to as School Based Assessment (SBA) carries 20% to 40% of the overall marks. This course is 18 months long and is divided into three (3) terms.

USEFUL TIPS:

- Plan Your Subjects Combination
- Focus on Extra-curricular Activities
- Use this Chance to Score on MUET

STPM Recognition:

- Employment Opportunities:** Private and Government sector
- Local Universities:** Public and Private universities.
- Other Countries:** Commonwealth countries.



A-LEVEL

What is A-Level?

A-level or the GCE Advanced level is an internationally recognised pre-university programme that is based on the UK education system. This 15 to 24 months long programme often serves as a preparatory programme for students planning to further their studies abroad. A-level in Malaysia is administered by two examination boards which are Edexcel and Cambridge.

Course Structure and Assessments:

A-level is quite popular for being exceptionally hard to score as it is entirely exam-oriented where students will sit for a centralised examination at the end of each level and it demands students to apply logical and critical thinking skills. However, we can tackle this systematically by focusing on each level. A-level is typically divided into two parts:

-Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS) - this is the first part of A-level and contributes 50% to the overall marks. It serves as the foundation of A-level.

-A2 level - This is the second part of A-level and contributes to the remaining 50% of your overall mark. This level introduces students to more in-depth and complex learning. Due to that, A-level graduates are able to manage university better than graduates of other pre-university programmes.

USEFUL TIPS:

- Practice Self-Discipline and Strong Determination.
- Do Your Research on A-level Colleges
- Be Mindful of the Number of Subjects

A-Level Recognition:

-Other Countries: Australia, New Zealand, India, South Africa, Netherlands, Germany, Spain, UK, Ireland, Canada, Singapore, Egypt, Jordan, and USA.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

What is International Baccalaureate (IB)?

The International Baccalaureate diploma is a 24 months long pre-university programme. This programme is administered by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) in Switzerland and is similar to A-levels and any other pre-university programme. It facilitates students for a degree programme and is known for being immensely difficult to score.

Course Structure and Assessments:

- a) Language and Literature
- b) Language Acquisition
- c) Individuals & Societies
- d) Mathematics
- e) The Arts
- f) Sciences

Internal assessments - This assessment is done throughout a two (2) year study period. It can be in a form of presentations, practical actions, written paper or other form of assessments. It is referred to as internal assessment because it is graded by internal instructors. This assessment contributes around 20% to 50% of the overall score.

External Assessments - This assessment is comparable to a final examination. International Baccalaureate students will sit for two (2) to three (3) papers per subject at the end of the programme. It is referred to as external assessment because it is graded by external examiners.

Core Components - In order to gain the International Baccalaureate diploma, students will have to complete the three core components of IB. These assessments contribute to 3 points of the combined results. The three core components are:

- a) **Theory of Knowledge:** It is a multidisciplinary subject that combines all the six (6) subjects you're taking. Assessment is in a form of a 1200-1600 word essay and presentation.
- b) **Extended Essay:** This component assesses your ability to conduct independent research. You will have to submit a 2000-word long essay on any topic of your choice.
- c) **Creativity, Action and Service (CAS):** This assessment will not be included in the combined result. However, it is necessary for participation purposes.

- USEFUL TIPS:**
- Target your Subject
 - Research on IB Colleges
 - Seek guidance

International Baccalaureate Recognition:

- Local Universities:** Certain local private universities accept the International Baccalaureate
- Other Countries:** The IB is recognised in more than 100 countries worldwide.



What is Foundation?

A pre-university programme that is equivalent to the Malaysian Matriculation programme. It ranges from twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months and prepares students for a specified degree. It is cost-effective and time-saving. This programme is offered in both public and private universities in Malaysia. Foundation programmes offered in public universities are government sponsored. Therefore, students taking this programme will only need to bear a small entrance fee and are given a semesterly allowance.

Course Structure and Assessments:

This course introduces a tertiary level assessment to pre-university students: which is a combination of coursework, ongoing assessments and final examination. The weighing of each assessment differs from one university to another. Most universities offering foundation programmes require students to complete 50 credit hours.

Coursework - Depending on the university, students will have to submit written assignments, presentations, reports or other practical assessments. Coursework typically contributes to 40% or 60% of the overall marks.

Final Examination - Foundation students will sit for a centralised examination at the end of each semester. This contributes to 40% or 60% of the overall marks depending on the course and university.



FOUNDATION

- USEFUL TIPS:**
- Look up for as Many Foundation Options As Possible.
 - Choose A More General Foundation Programme.
 - Focus on MUET too.

Foundation Recognition:

-Local Universities: Public and Private Universities



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5 THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE APPLYING FOR A STUDENT LOAN



Moving on to your next level of study is already quite a mind-boggling experience - so let us make it easier for you with these must-knows for your loan application.

by Sarah Anne Lee

When your interest is due

1

A student loan isn't exactly a scholarship! Loans mean that the money given to you for usage is from a limited fund, so there will be fees you will need to pay back after you have completed your studies.

The first payment is usually due in **6 months after graduation**, and comes with some interest fees regardless of whether you are employed or not, so start saving early and keep track of the deadlines.

3

If your course/university is MQA accredited

An MQA accreditation essentially means that the course/university is valid and ensures a pathway to all higher studies (Masters, PhDs, etc), as well as a standardised practice that is government approved.

Most student loans are available only for courses and institutions that are MQA accredited, as these academic pathways often cost more and have longer durations.

5

What the terms of your loan are

Depending on the provider of the loan, certain conditions will be set. Here are some of the most common terms:

- Bond - ties you to a work stint with the provider after you graduate
- Degree restricted - loan is only available for certain degrees
- University restricted - loan is available only for attendees of certain universities

★ Remember to read the fine print before taking up the loan!

What documents to prepare

2

Applying for a loan is quite an official matter due to a significant amount of money being transferred, so get all your documents in order. You will also possibly need to submit additional documents to your university for facilitation of tuition payment.

- Copy of your IC
- SPM certificate
- Letter of admission to the college/university
- Copy of parent's salary statement/ income tax return/pension statement/retiree card.

How well you can maintain good grades

4

A loan is given based on trust, and you will have to keep up your grades in order to show that you are putting the education grant to good use. A typical requirement of loaners state that the **minimum CGPA** you have to maintain is **2.1**; any lower and you would risk losing the loan.

Scoring **First Class Honors** on the other hand (CGPA 3.67-4.00 and up) would possibly entitle you to get a reduced payback rate or even exempt you completely and act as a scholarship!

Preparing to take a loan might be a little scary, as there will be monetary commitments in the long run; but you are worth the good education - not just for a future full of opportunities, but also for your own wellbeing as a person of knowledge.

5 REASONS WHY YOU NEED TO LEARN MANDARIN

by Christine Chu

Learning a new language is always worth the effort. If you already speak English, here's why Mandarin should be your next choice.

Brain exercise

Studies have found that as learning Mandarin is a more cognitive-intensive task, it improves memory and brain development, helping you increase your brain power and think differently. So if you're looking for ways to sharpen your mind, learning Mandarin will do the trick just fine.

FUN FACT

Learning Mandarin utilises different parts of the brain as compared to other languages. While English speakers only use the left temporal lobe, speaking Mandarin activates both hemispheres of the brain in order to process different pitches and tones.

Cultural knowledge

Knowing a language means knowing a culture. As one of the oldest living civilisations in the world, China has a lot to offer when it comes to culture and history - learning Mandarin gives you access to this cultural richness. By understanding the Chinese language and culture, you will also be able to connect with more people around the world, thus increasing your networking opportunities.

China's growing economy

China has undergone tremendous changes in the past 40 years, shifting from an agricultural to a manufacturing country. Now, China has one of the strongest economies in the world, making it an important player on the global business stage. Studying Mandarin, therefore, opens more doors for you to participate in an international market economy.

did YOU know?

1.2 billion people in more than **35 different countries speak Chinese** (the Mandarin dialect being the most common!)

Future career prospects

Multilingualism is a valued trait among employers, and Chinese language skills are all the more in demand for business. Mandarin speakers are needed to help bridge the gap between China and other countries, so being fluent in the language will definitely give you an edge in the job market.

Personal growth

Just as learning Mandarin allows you to gain insight in the Chinese culture, it will also expose you to the core values, traditions and philosophies that underlie it. This can be a particularly eye-opening experience that will widen your worldview and deepen your personal growth.



5 Benefits of playing College Sports

by Christine Chu

Sports on campus can be a huge part of your college experience - and there are countless benefits in being an athlete. If you're considering playing a sport in college, read on.



Academic motivation

Most student-athletes are required to maintain their grades in order to stay on the team. In learning to balance between curricular and extracurricular activities, you can develop useful skills like self-discipline and responsibility that will boost your academic concentration and motivation as well.

Character and self-esteem

Sportsmanship teaches you to respect others and win humbly as well as how to face adversity with dignity, helping you build your character and confidence. When playing a sport, you also learn how to have fun while training. These life lessons make you more open to new ideas, possibilities and challenges, allowing you to discover your true potential and identity.

Future career prospects

Potential employers look for soft skills when making hiring decisions. Thus, participating in a sports team will reflect well on your resume as it indicates skills such as leadership, teamwork, communication and time management that are learned through such experience. This will give you an edge over your competitors in your future job hunt.

Physical and mental health

There's no doubt that sports will keep you fit and healthy physically, but did you know that it can do wonders for your mental health too? From improved mood to reduced stress and anxiety to higher resilience and endurance, the mental benefits of sport participation are endless.

Relationships and support system

Joining a sports team is one of the best ways to meet new people and make friends in college. Besides the camaraderie that is built among teammates through working towards a common goal, the connections you make with coaches, administrative staff and professors will become a solid network of support throughout your college years - even after graduation.

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RUN THE WORLD

by Syazwan Izzati



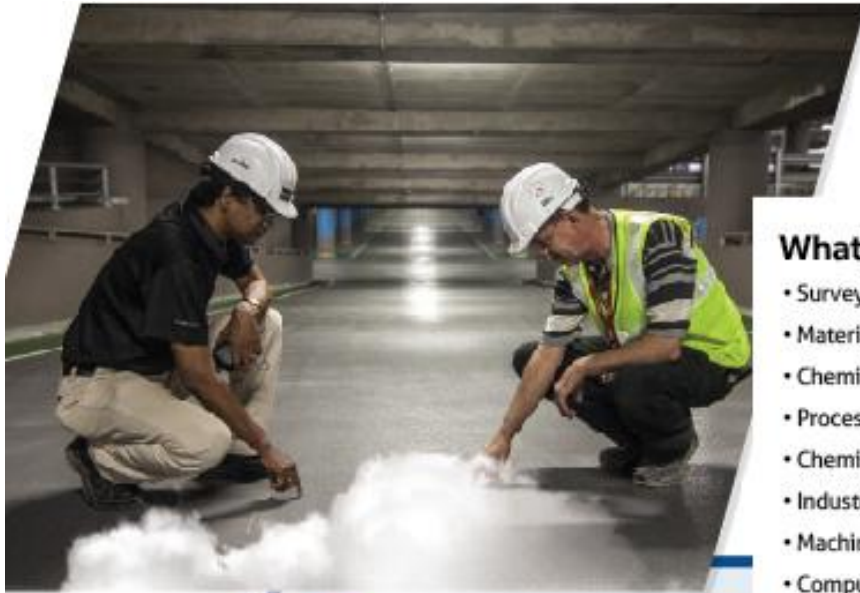
There are a million to one reasons why you should take up Engineering. Take a moment to yourself and think this through - don't worry, we'll help you at each step of the way! If you often describe yourself as a whizz wizard with a keen eye for math and science, driven to meet challenges, committed to creating solutions, and a high interest to change lives, then perhaps the Engineering profession is worth further exploration. With more than 40 types of Engineering degrees offered in universities worldwide to accommodate its 10 major job fields, young and potential engineers such as yourself are now needed more than ever before.

FUN FACT

The word 'Engineer' comes from the Latin word 'Ingenium' which not surprisingly, means cleverness.

Creativity and Problem Solving: Your Superpowers

One misconception that should be cleared about Engineering is that, it is not just about fixing broken things and putting matters into order again. In Engineering, it involves an interesting fusion of math and science with a pinch of your creativity into the mix. Engineers are that crucial that every product that you can think of is labelled under one ingenious engineer. From your laptop, phone, TV, and a sweet ride in your car, it has engineers written all over them. Engineers quite literally create the world that we live in today.



What you might expect to learn

- Surveying-land and Surveying
- Material Science and Engineering
- Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics
- Process Control and Instrumentation
- Chemical Reaction Engineering
- Industrial Drafting and Machine Design
- Machine System Dynamics
- Computer Architecture

Personal Skills Required:

Strong Problem-solving Skills

A great Engineer cannot go unarmed without his or her problem-solving skills. New innovations and challenges exist every day, and with these changes, Engineers are responsible for determining the root of these problems and providing concise solutions.

Creativity

Embracing your creativity is just as crucial as having excellent thinking skills. As an Engineer, you are given the platform to develop well improved systems and ensure existing innovations work more efficiently.

Strong Leadership and Teamwork

Being an Engineer means you will almost never work alone. To create great innovations or formulate complex solutions require you to work as a team with your other colleagues. You will find that having a likeable leader who strives to be cooperative in teamwork can go a long way in ensuring that important tasks are distributed and completed, and that others can trust you in working together to reach a mutual goal.

A Keen Eye for Detail

A great Engineer pays special attention to details especially when working in big projects involving dozens, if not hundreds people. Each step must be evaluated and re-evaluated numerous times to avoid from committing errors. A great job comes with an even greater responsibility as an error can lead to the failure of an entire structure that can cost money and perhaps even lives.

Math and Science Skills

As an Engineer, you can drop the habit of counting your fingers and doing simple math. Computers and other highly complex technologies are to be used: which require a combination of math and science that must be formulated and keyed in by an Engineer.

Communication Skills

Communication skills are essential in conveying your ideas, not only to your colleagues, but also to translate intricate and technical terms into plain English for your clients to better understand you.



Pre-requisites:

As a Malaysian student who is interested to pursue your studies in Engineering, you will need to tick off a few requirements:

FUN FACT

Those fashionable sports shoes you wear are designed from scratch by a group of **special engineers** called 'Sports Engineers' who ensure that sports shoes are suitable for such circumstances.

SPM / O-Level Qualification

- A minimum of 5 credits, primarily with good grades in Math, Physics, and Additional Mathematics.

Pre-University Qualification

- A-Level / STPM: Minimum of 3Cs, including Mathematics and Physics
- Australian Matriculation: Minimum of ATAR 70.0, with good grades in Mathematics and Physics
- Canadian Pre-University: At least an average of 70%, with good grades in Mathematics and Physics
- Foundation in Science / Engineering: CGPA of 2.5 or average of 60%



Specialisations:

01

Civil Engineer

This line of work involves developing and improving services and facilities for people to use such as highways and railroads, airports and many others. Some of these structures can be seen in Putrajaya with its many beautiful bridges such as Seri Wawasan Bridge, Seri Saujana Bridge, and Putra Bridge.



02

Mechanical Engineer

If you are involved in mechanical engineering, then you will be dealing with the planning, development, and maintenance of equipment or anything with moving parts. Several cool areas connected with this job are aerospace, automotive, construction, and energy. These Engineers can also be commonly found in the oil and gas industry working closely in the operations acquiring petroleum and other forms of energy.



03

Electrical and Electronic Engineer

As an Electrical Engineer, you will be in charge of designing various methods of using electricity in the most effective and efficient way possible. On the other hand, being an Electronic Engineer, you will be dealing with the task to use electrical power to perform specific tasks. Some of these examples can be found in a wide number of industries such as manufacturing, developing devices and systems, equipment, systems design, and many others.



04

Chemical Engineer

Like a magician, a Chemical Engineer creates and oversees the production of many wonderful things, but just without the wand. In Malaysia, these skilled people produce processed foods that we consume today as well as engineering petrol. They also create important materials such as plastics, papers, paints, and many other things.





FUN FACT

Even until today, the **Ferris wheel** is still regarded as the most fascinating engineering work yet and was **named after its creator, George Washington Gale Ferris.**

Other Specialisations:

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Aeronautical Engineer

Also known as an Aerospace Engineer, these individuals help to oversee air travel from maintaining flight safety, improving fuel efficiency, to providing solutions to reduce costs to the system that can also ultimately meet customer expectations.



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Biomedical Engineer

As a Biomedical Engineer, you combine engineering with biology and medicine to create innovations and solutions. You think of Frankenstein and you will get the idea - producing prosthetic body parts and artificial organs, medical technology, and other essential products in improving our health and the general healthcare of society.



Salary Expectation & Job Availability:

The minimum expected average salary of Engineers in the Malaysian industry is approximately RM50,000 per annum. As with most fields, with more experience and expertise, salary expectations can rise above RM100,000 per annum. Generally, critical thinking skills, working experience, and creativity are highly appreciated in this field and can help in boosting your working prospects in a company.

Pathway to becoming an Engineer:

To be on your way in becoming a professional Engineer, you need to tick off a few things.

1

Ensure that your Engineering degree is accredited by the Board of Engineers Malaysia. This can vary between 3-4 years depending on the institution that you have registered with.

2

After completion of your degree, you would need to acquire a minimum of 3 years worth of work experience in any related fields.

3

Obtain training for professional development.

4

Pass the professional examinations.

5

Brand yourself as a professional Engineer through registration at the Board of Engineers Malaysia.

ACCOUNTING

It's Not Just About Numbers

by Christine Chu

Thinking about building a career in business? Ever wonder what helps companies stay on top of their finances, or how they address any potential issues? Enter Accounting, one of the most essential elements of a successful business.

The Language of Business

Accounting has become indispensable to any business or company. Its influence goes much beyond spreadsheets, paperwork and numbers. While Accounting is commonly believed to centre on bookkeeping and common calculations, it actually requires a broader perspective on business operation and strategy. Often referred to as the "Language of Business," Accounting generally involves collecting, interpreting, analysing and communicating complex financial data for the purpose of making judgements and decisions.

FUN FACT



International Accounting Day is celebrated on **10 November**. It marks the anniversary of the publication of the **first book about double-entry bookkeeping in 1494** by Italian mathematician **Franciscan friar Luca Bartolomeo de Pacioli**, who is also known as the "Father of Modern Accounting".

Fields of Accounting

Among the many specialised fields of Accounting, there are four main areas that you are likely to learn as part of your degree.

Financial Accounting

Tracks and analyses a company's financial transactions following standardised procedures. Financial Accountants are in charge of presenting data in financial reports and preparing a company's public financial statements.

Management Accounting

Provides company executives with financial data and analysis to assist them in planning and decision making. Management Accountants record and interpret business activities for internal company use in the company's organisation and development.

Tax Accounting

Deals with tax returns and payments according to the latest Accounting standards that regulates company and individual procedures concerning taxes. Tax Accounting usually operates with the main objective of limiting tax obligations.

Auditing

Monitors and evaluates a company's financial accounts to find room for potential improvements. Auditing typically involves an objective examination of financial records that can identify mismanagement and ways to increase efficiency.

FUN FACT

The earliest forms of Accounting can be traced back to ancient civilisations. **Simple tokens and clay balls** were used to **keep track of transactions** in the form of animals and grains before the use of money was known.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO LEARN:

Economics
(Microeconomics and Macroeconomics)

Financial Modelling

Management Accounting

Management Principles

Marketing

Quantitative Modelling

Auditing

Finance and Investment



Personal Skills Required



Organisational Skills

Accounting professionals usually manage a lot of responsibilities and deal with a variety of clients and accounts. To be an efficient Accountant, you need to have a system to keep data records organised as well as the ability to multitask and manage multiple accounts, so organisational skills come in as an important trait that enables you to meet deadlines and fulfil all your duties to the best of your ability.

Good Analytical and Decision-making Skills

As an Accountant, it is essential to have the ability to analyse figures and data, to evaluate simple or complex problems, and to propose decisions and actions according to specific situations. With an analytical and decisive abilities, you will be equipped with skills like critical thinking, attention to detail and research that are necessary for problem solving.

English Proficiency

Believe it or not, language is another important part of the Accounting profession. As you will have to not only make financial reports, but also do a heavy amount of reading to search for answers to any problems you need to address, possessing a good command of the English language will be very helpful in your writing and research process.

Communication Skills

While having a strong analytical mind is important in Accounting, you must be able to convey your findings too. This requires effective communication skills that will enable you to deliver complex ideas and information in a professional, clear and accessible manner.

IT Skills

As new technologies continue to be developed, industry-specific softwares are increasingly incorporated into the world of Accounting. Digital portals also allow for easier and more timely communication with clients. Therefore, having a good grasp of the latest information technology and computer programs will definitely give you a head start in your financial career.



FUN FACT

The earliest recorded human name in history is widely believed to be **"Kushim"**, which belonged to an **Accountant**.

Pre-requisites :

Malaysian students aiming to pursue an undergraduate degree in Accounting must have completed their SPM or equivalent as well as a pre-university qualification. Depending on the university, the general requirements typically include:

- Passed STPM or equivalent with a minimum of Grade C in the relevant subjects; or
- Passed Foundation or Matriculation in related field with minimum CGPA 2.50; or
- Passed Australian Matriculation with minimum of ATAR 65.

Additionally, you will need to have at least a pass in Mathematics, English, Bahasa Malaysia and History in your SPM.

FUN FACT



In 1931, **Forensic Accounting** brought down Chicago crime lord **Al Capone** with charges of **tax evasion**.

SPECIALISATIONS

An Accounting degree gives you the choice to work in many different areas and positions, including:

- Accountant
- Budget Analyst
- Tax Consultant
- Financial Director
- Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
- Financial Controller
- Accounting Information Systems Auditor
- Forensic Accountant
- Investment Banker
- Credit Analysis Manager

SALARY EXPECTATIONS AND JOB AVAILABILITY:



The median salary for Accountants is RM 57,232 per year. Salaries may vary according to experience, growing from an average salary of RM 37,039 per year at entry level to an average of RM 93,786 per year later in the career.

The Accounting field is expected to experience a steady growth alongside the global economy. As every industry and company has an accounting need, your skills are constantly in demand.

FUN FACT

Accountants help make the Oscars possible. Every year since 1935, a **team of Certified Accountants** spends an average of **1,700 hours** prior to **Oscar night** tabulating votes for the Academy Awards.

QS World Rankings Accounting (2018)

Harvard University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Stanford University

University of Oxford

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

University of Pennsylvania

University of Chicago

University of Cambridge

University of California, Berkeley (UCB)

The University of Melbourne

The University of New South Wales (UNSW Sydney)

PATHWAY TO BECOMING an Accountant

Choose an Area of Specialisation

Nearly all Accountants and Certified Accountants practice one or more areas of specialisation. Some of such areas include internal auditing, forensic accounting, risk assessment and taxes. Your choice of specialty usually coincides with the Accounting degree you chose.

Get an MIA Membership

All practising accountants in Malaysia must register with the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA). Once you are in possession of a recognised degree or a Professional Accountancy Qualification and have obtained the necessary practical experience, you may apply to become a Member of MIA.

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Earn the Right Degree

Pursuing an Accounting degree equips you better to thrive as an Accountant. For those who plan to become a Chartered Accountant (CA) and register with the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA), earning an MIA recognised Bachelor's degree in Accounting or a relevant Professional Accountancy Qualification is a must.

Land an Entry-Level Job

Doing an Accounting internship or seeking other ways to gain working experience before graduation definitely helps add colour to your resume. Upon completion of your degree, you also need to gain three years of working experience as a requirement for MIA membership.

Seek to Continue Education

As tempting as it is to settle with a job after finding one, it is important to continue learning as you work, be it by self-study or with instruction. Acquiring new relevant skills or further qualifications prepares you to address new challenges and work demands, so sustain your career development efforts by building continuous learning skills.

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FUN FACT



Walter Diemer accidentally invented bubble gum in 1928 when he was a 23-year-old Accountant for a chewing gum company.

GET a JOB at:

While some may opt to go freelance, many Accountants work full-time at Accounting and Audit firms in Malaysia, such as:

- Ernst & Young (EY)
- Mazars
- YYC Advisors
- Sekhar & Tan
- Deloitte
- PKF
- 3E Accounting
- KPMG
- RSM

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Mohd Afif Jazimin Norzaidin, INTEC's SACE International student has successfully secured his scholarship at the University of Canterbury College of Engineering. Afif has proven that, when there is a will, there is a way. To secure this scholarship, among other requirements, Afif had to write 5 essays. All thanks to English as an additional language class he attended at INTEC Education College for 1 ½ years, his essays had been accepted by University of Canterbury as part of the requirements. If Afif can do it, and so can you.

I am proud to say, that INTEC Education College especially SACE International program has given us the tools to succeed. It has provided my peers and I, a place to foster our intelligence and acknowledge the world outside the classroom. There are times that I feel like giving up but the support system that the lecturers provide really help me to be mentally prepared for what lies ahead. Thank you INTEC and especially to my lecturers at SACE International program that because of you my dreams come true.

Mohd Afif Jazimin Norzaidin

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Computer Science

Be The Next Brain Behind The Tech Takeover

The 21st century has brought about some of the most fascinating and rapid developments in technology on such a scale history has never seen before. It is almost impossible to imagine a city without everyone walking around with smartphones, connecting and spreading all kinds of information through apps and devices. Having a background in Computer Science and IT has never been more crucial!

by Sarah Anne

Are We All Machines?

Think about it, there's not a moment where any one of us aren't hooked up to some devices. Kids in strollers transfixed by tablets, teenagers smiling into camera phones, old folks calling each other to gossip, businessmen and women going about their day with earpieces and smartwatches.

There is an app for everything and anything. We barely look to the sky for the weather, or listen to the radio for traffic updates, because all that info is already in a compact square in the palm of our hands. Designed for the ultimate information accessibility, these apps are a result of necessity and comfortability at a rate that exceeds reliance on local public services and instead taps into a real-time global network system.

What You Can Expect to Learn?

Computer Science: to Design and Develop

- The purpose of computers
- Mechanics of computation
- Data processing
- Systems control
- Mathematical algorithms for coding
- Develop computer hardware, software programs, operating systems

Computer Scientists study:

- How computers solve problems
- How to present a problem to a computer

Information Technology: to Implement and Practice

- Process and distribute data
- Adapting, deploying and maintaining operating systems and programs
- How to find technological solutions

IT Technicians :

- Maintain and use computer systems and software to solve business processes designed by Computer Scientists

Computer Scientists create the system for information to flow through; and the Information Technologist controls and maintains this flow!

**FUN
FACT**

CAPTCHA is an acronym for 'Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart.'

Personal Skills Required

Passion for Problem-Solving

Computing is always about solving a problem. Not only is it about bringing a design into reality, it is also about finding and fixing the littlest kinks preventing the program from running smoothly.

Logical Thinking

Applications are abstract enough - there is no one way to solve a problem. You will need some solid logic to get out of the box and trace the problem down to its coded roots.

Affinity for Numbers

Algorithms that run commands are based on mathematics; specifically the formulae/sequences learned through math. It's not all about knowing the total, but what steps you need to take to get to the end.

Versatility

From basic web programming to the littlest details that will affect user-end functionality, you will need to be versatile to maneuver your way through the many designs, platforms and coding languages. This skill takes time to develop, so a passion for learning and understanding will come in handy.

Resilience

Programming as a process involves the applying and testing of many different methods, at different intervals for many different projects simultaneously. Failure to execute the right line of coding is always imminent; but a persevering attitude will get you through!

PRE-REQUISITES

Basic entry requirements for a Computer Science/IT course begin with credits in 3 subjects:

- SPM/ GCSE/ O-Levels - Mathematics, BM and Additional Maths
- SPTM/ A-Levels - Passes in 2 subjects, plus credit in Additional Maths

Some universities will offer certification or diploma prior to a full degree course, and require you to pass those units with a GPA of nothing less than 2.0.

Some background in basic Physics would be quite valuable, as dealings in exponents would help in many calculations; and with Computer Science and IT being fairly new territories for study career placements, this pathway is open to many. One must only be familiar with the basics of programming language.

Here's A Tip!

If you are **from the Arts Stream** and are interested in taking up Computer Science and IT, be sure to **have a strong understanding of Maths** and ask educational advisors for Pre-U courses to aid you for entry level specifications.

SPECIALISATIONS

Being a computer technician doesn't mean all you have to look forward to is getting hordes of family members and friends asking you to "take a look at their laptop" all the time!

Game Developer:

The gaming industry has never been bigger! You could be a story developer, visual effects artist, beta tester, sound mixer, animator; the very creator of the next multi-platform game.

UI Developer:

User-interface designers are the ones behind the simplicity of information flow through creative and often complex designs that make up what users see as an easy-to-use application. They are creativity and technology's bridge!

UX Developer:

User-experience is a big part of developing technologies, and ties in very closely with the usability of your product and how it will be optimised through design, mode and other aspects. Advertising and beta-testing will be your forte.

Front-end Developer:

After the product is designed and tested, front-end developers will be responsible for bringing the prototype to life, submitting all those plans into real code. You are the muscle to the brains, and will be executing all the plans devised by the UX and UI specialists.

Network Specialist/ IT Consultant:

After all that studying on how computers run everything, you don't need to keep staring at a screen! Be good enough at knowing what happens in the matrix, and share your knowledge with people looking to boost their own apps and techware.

Robotics:

This one's for pursuing all the way after a Masters! Robotics require a deeper understanding of programming, and AI software is a very specialised pathway to undertake sufficient knowledge in engineering is also required, as you will need to understand how robots are built before you can supply a program to make them move.

Information Technology experts are also known to have high mobility, and can do quite a bit of industry hopping if they wish to. You could start your career in web development for Banking, and may find yourself doing specialised coding for Oil and Gas machinery!

SALARY EXPECTATIONS & JOB AVAILABILITY

The future may paint you as someone stuck behind a desk at all odd hours of the day, but what you're going to be doing essentially pilots the whole modern age as we know it.

Many, if not all companies are embracing the digital age whole heartedly, and some even run solely through the Internet. Expertise in digital platforms is extremely valuable now, and a career in this line of profession is very much in demand.

Fresh graduates can expect an average local Malaysian starting salary of **RM3,000**. Good thing salaries increase with experience, so you could expect around **RM50,000** to **RM210,000** per year by the time you can call yourself a senior tech engineer!

GET A JOB AT:

- Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB)
- Intel Malaysia
- Sime Darby Berhad
- Shell Malaysia
- Petronas
- AirAsia
- Malayan Banking Berhad (Maybank)
- Grab
- Eco World Development Group Berhad (EcoWorld)
- Google Malaysia



QS RANKINGS FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE/IT (2018)

1. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA
2. Stanford University, US
3. Sime Darby Berhad
4. Carnegie Mellon University, US
5. University of California, Berkeley (UCB), US
6. University of Cambridge, UK
7. Harvard University, US
8. University of Oxford, UK
9. ETH Zurich - Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, CH, Switzerland
10. National University of Singapore (NUS), SG

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In 2012, NYU-Poly **constructed a robotic fish** and placed it in a tank of golden shiners. The **robot simulated their motions** so well, it was eventually accepted and became their leader.



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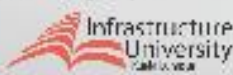
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Advance Tertiary College (ATC) is one of the oldest private law school in the region. Established since 1987, our objective has always been to afford a viable educational platform to individuals from all walks of life in securing a world class legal qualification.

ATC mainly provides the University of London's Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree programme. This is a 3+0 course which enables undergraduates to study locally yet graduate with a credible international legal qualification from 'the very first university that offered English Law', the University of London.

"Attaining an LLB degree through the University of London International Programmes is indeed a prestigious achievement. It has helped launch many of our graduates into building successful careers, not only in legal practice, but also in other non-legal and highly competitive spheres, both locally and internationally," observed ATC's Group CEO, Mr Kevin Leong.

At ATC we prioritise quality of education. We impart legal knowledge with the prime focus of moulding the minds of our undergraduates towards critical and analytical thinking, which is an important skill needed for one to truly appreciate workings of the ever-evolving subject matter of law. Over the years, it is the growth and achievements of our students that has fuelled our strong commitment towards excellence. Our results yearly prove our commitment to helping our students achieve the very best they can.

The results of the May 2018 examination is no exception. Two of our students had proudly achieved a First Class Honours: Ms Elycia Chua Yi Chern from the ATC Penang campus, and Ms Wong Jie Le from the ATC KL campus.

Elycia is currently pursuing the Bar Professional Training Course in the UK. Jie Le has accepted a scholarship to pursue the Certificate in Legal Practice at ATC. The BPTC and CLP are post graduate courses offered to law graduates. Either course must be taken if one wishes to practice law.

The May 2018 examination results also boasts the achievement of Mr Lai Li Jun, who won the scholarship to the prestigious Queen Mary University of London. Through the scholarship, Li Jun will be completing his final two years of the LLB at Queen Mary University of London. The scholarship comprises tuition and living expenses.

ATC'S SUCCESSSES

ATC has gained a reputation for being the single largest law school in the region worldwide. ATC students have consistently scored very well in their examinations, with ATC's best students being in the top 5% of graduates.

Year	Top Student	Finals Part I & II Total Score
2018	Ms. Elycia Chua Yi Chern	534 (First Class Honours)
	Ms. Wong Jie Le	512 (First Class Honours)
2017	Mr. Denise Choo Pao Yi	517
2016	Ms. Lee Mei Xian	519 (First Class Honours)
2015	Mr. Tan Chuan Yi	511 (First Class Honours)
2014	Mr. Tan Chuan Yi	500
2013	Mr. Tan Chuan Yi	508 (First Class Honours)
2012	Mr. Daniel Chua Wei Chuan	525 (First Class Honours)
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2010	Mr. Tan You Leong	540 (First Class Honours)
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1987	Mr. Tan You Leong	512

Pursuing law as a career was always a dream of Jie Le and Li Jun, but not for Elycia. Elycia was inspired by her brother, Mr Daniel Chua Wei Chuan, an alumni of ATC Penang who also boasts a First Class Honours degree in 2013.

When asked how they managed to achieve what they have, all three had stated that they had worked very hard. Li Jun mentioned that he had countless stressful and tearful nights but persevered nonetheless. Jie Le mentioned that she put in everything she had toward achieving this goal. Elycia says that her brief experience in mootng has helped her vastly in her understanding on how to apply the law in real life. "this understanding reflected in my answers to exam questions.

Therefore I would recommend juniors or students potentially looking to study Law to try mootng at least once while they are here (even if you fail to get past the first round like I did!)"

All three of them had agreed that the common misconception regarding the reading of law is that memorisation is key. Understanding and analysing and applying the law is the key to doing well, they say. "Memorisation is important, but one should not be fooled into thinking memorising is everything", says Li Jun.

The dedicated faculty at ATC are always ready to provide assistance to students outside of the classroom. Jie Le says, "when it comes to education, getting good lecturers to guide our studies always matters the most. The best part about ATC is that the lecturers are really helpful in providing guidance to students and enhancing the understanding of the students". Elycia says, "where I had difficulty comprehending some of the more complex readings, the lecturers were always readily available to break down the material in a simpler manner that would facilitate my understanding of the subject" Join us for your academic excellence! For more info, kindly visit www.atc2u.edu.my



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by Dayang Halimathun



Edwin Tay - Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

What was your childhood ambition?

Like many other boys, my initial ambition was to be a soldier. Wasn't sure on how to achieve this but I was influenced by movies and TV shows. As I grew up, so did my sobriety and my ambition, it changed to Engineering as I was good with my hands and liked mechanical works (plus it helps that Engineers make a lot

What course did you major in? And what was your best memory as a student?

I did Materials Engineering in Universiti Sains Malaysia over in Tronoh Perak (now occupied by Universiti Teknologi Petronas). It was a campus in regional Perak with lots of abandoned tin mine lakes with wide open spaces, sand and buffalos. Since Tronoh is a small town, there wasn't much to do there except studying and mingling with friends. So on hindsight, it did do a lot of good to most of the students there in that, we can focus on our studies and not get too distracted.

What is the difference between the access to information then and now?

Back in my university days, majority of the students did not own a personal computer as it was too expensive. We would all congregate at the university's computer lab to use PC's with black screens and green texts. We also had access to massive chat software called IRC (predecessor to ICQ which in turn is the predecessor to MSN chat, etc.) and we would chat all night long with strangers all over the world. Its common to see students walking back (like zombies) to their dormitories, early in the morning after an all-nighter in the lab. Internet was relatively small back then: with the number of websites with information ranging from thousands rather than billions. For us, our main source of information would be the library (books


What do you think is the most challenging part about being a CEO?

People would be at the top of the list. As we are in the service industry, knowledge about people would be our products. I spend about 60% of my work managing people. Either in motivating, mentoring, hiring or just casual chat.

Who inspires you the most? Why?

As a child, my biggest inspiration was my mom. Being from the old generation where daughters are not prioritised in terms of education, she was unfortunately one of the elder daughters of a large family with little resources, but being an illiterate child did not stop her from dreaming big for her children and working very hard towards making a better life for the whole family. Through her vision, hard work and determination, the family prospered and moved up the economic ladder.





When did you first come to Malaysia?

I came to Malaysia in September 1996 to pursue my study, since then, I've mostly lived in Malaysia, eat nasi lemak and occasionally say "lah".

What is your greatest achievement so far?

I am proud of my three children, their amazing mother and also of how far EasyUni has come.

What would you describe as the 5 key traits every aspiring entrepreneur should have?

EasyUni is my first entrepreneurial endeavour, but entrepreneurship has always interested me. Since starting this journey with my other co-founder, I've learned that the following traits are important to me (in no particular order)

Flexibility and adaptability

At the beginning startup of EasyUni, we had a different idea in mind though the goal was ultimately similar which was to help students and parents find the right university. As we started building EasyUni, we adapted certain things as they work better.

Persistence and tenacity

Doing business is hard and it takes time: Before seeing the result that you hope for, you will face difficult times and spend nights with coffee - sales don't go as well as you hoped, people disappoint you, competition may increase, etc. to be successful you need to push through these testing times and persist. Whatever you call this push - persistence, perseverance, tenacity, determination - they all mean the same: never give up!

Passion

It's hard to be persistent and push through the difficult times if you're not passionate about your business.

Communication

You want to be able to clearly articulate your vision to your employees, partners and investors. You need to communicate well to motivate your teammates. There are many other reasons, but it all comes down to this - we live and work with people thus it's important to have good communication skills.

Doer/Maker

You need to not only think about those strategies and ideas, but actually make those strategies and ideas that you've thought of, happen. You must be a doer, a maker, and most importantly, you need to execute them well. Ideas are great, but in the end it's the execution that matters.



Nurbek Jusupov - Chief Technology Officer (CTO)

Since you started EasyUni, what have you learned?

I've learned many things such as the key traits mentioned above and how I fare against them, the intricacies and nuances of building an internet company, the importance of team and many other things.

What life advice would you give to young people today?

Attending university or college is important in so many ways. Make sure you do that. In addition, while in university, it's important to study not just for the grades, but to learn and gain skills. If you're going to study Marketing, start a blog. If you're going to study Software Engineering, don't just stop with the assignments.

I would also suggest that you start your own pet project, a simple mobile app or website. There are many amazing websites on the Internet with free courses that can complement your formal education in university. These practical skills that you learn will help you stand above the crowd when the time comes for interviews for your first job after graduation.



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Krishna Kumar Pathmanathan, lecturer at the physiotherapy faculty of RSDH College's new Setia Alam campus, shares, "A great benefit for our students is that those who are talented will be identified and offered jobs at these hospitals once they qualify as physiotherapists. Yayasan Sime Darby offers scholarships for deserving students to be absorbed into our own hospitals based on the manpower planning of the RSDH group of hospitals."

In terms of facilities, physiotherapy students have access to a wide-variety of skills laboratories at the campus. In these spaces, students practise physiotherapy techniques pertaining to electrotherapy and manual therapy to name a few.

Besides the skills laboratories, students at RSDH College also have a range of important facilities within the campus grounds including a library, auditorium, anatomy and physiology museum, and simulation wards. There is also a hostel for students, equipped with amenities such as a swimming pool and gymnasium.

Kumar sometimes brings in patients to the college to teach his students how to work with particularly complex cases. "Before I joined academics, I was practising physiotherapy for almost 22 years. Through my experience, I have gotten to know many patients and their parents, who trust my expertise."



"Since we want our diploma students to be skilful and not just theoretically inclined, it is best if they are exposed to real cases, which the college and I help provide," he says.

Kumar explains that lecturers, first and foremost, need to set good examples for their students. He believes that it is his responsibility as a lecturer to promote the profession to them.

Many freshers may not have a comprehensive understanding on physiotherapy. Lecturers at the college, armed with their many years of experience, can share with them all the different areas of specialisations that they can enter as a qualified physiotherapist.

"Not everyone wants to be employed at a hospital. Lecturers can ignite a student's interest in the profession by showing him or her the many career options available. For example, the student may consider opening a clinic, community-based rehabilitation centre, fitness centre or going into academics with relevant experience," he says.

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STUDENT SHOUT-OUTS TO EASYUNI

Students – you are why EasyUni employees go to work every morning. We leave the office feeling like we scored a goal in the World Cup whenever a student finds just the right university through us. Choosing a university is a major decision after all, so being a part of that process for so many students means a lot to us, and we are looking forward to being a part of more! Here are what students say about EasyUni that remind us why we do what we do.

by Samantha Yap Choy Wan



Geert Sturm (University of Groningen, Netherlands)

I was like you one day. I didn't know what to study and where to study at. So in a desperate attempt, I googled 'find study' and the first thing that popped up was EasyUni, a website that calls themselves an educational consultancy. I'm always very skeptical about these websites because I think they're just in it for your money and are not really concerned about you. But they told me their service was free, so I decided to give it a go and I got into contact with their consultancy team. The guy who helped me had just graduated himself so he could really identify with me, and that felt good for me, to have someone who knows what I'm searching for, and was in the same situation as me not so long ago.



Hanayuki Kitagawa (International Islamic University Malaysia, Malaysia)

2 thumbs up for EasyUni and hats off for their good service. With the huge database of universities around the world, it really helped me to find my desired university. You can connect to EasyUni through twitter, facebook, phone call or email. EasyUni is recommended for those who are confused in looking for a suitable university or college.



Kyra Goh Syu Ying
(Oxford International College, United Kingdom)

I switched from Cardiff College to Oxford International College, so that switch was very abrupt and there were some legal issues to deal with. Having an agent made it 10 times easier because they handled the legal issues, the visa problem, and I didn't really have to worry about it especially because it was nearing to my IGCSE. So I was really thankful that I decided to apply through an agent and didn't try to take on the whole application process myself.



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Ashton Reginald Anthony
(UCSI, Malaysia)

I did not encounter many problems throughout the application process because EasyUni made the process quite simple. I would definitely recommend EasyUni to school leavers as they need to be well-informed before making a jump to a college or university. EasyUni is the platform to do just that.





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4 Go to a student party in a costume (top tip: Halloween and Freshers' Week usually offer lots of opportunities to dress creatively!)

5 Go to a fireworks display on bonfire night (5 November), marvel at the pyrotechnics and eat a toffee apple.

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6 Visit Edinburgh for the Fringe Festival and see a play or comedy show you've never heard of.

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10 Head up to the Scottish Highlands for the Highland Games! Get set for kilts, ceilidhs, caber tossing and bagpipe music.

11 Camp at a world famous music festival to see some of the world's biggest names in music (and lots of mud too, probably).

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12 Fly through the skies of Snowdonia national park at the speed of over 100mph on Europe's longest zip wire.

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13 Make pancakes on Pancake Day (and eat so many you won't want to see another pancake until next year).



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14 Visit Oxford or Cambridge to hire a boat and try punting in the river.

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15 Dig out your walking boots and hike Mount Snowdon in Wales. If it goes well, try the Three Peaks Challenge – where participants climb the highest mountains of Scotland, England and Wales within 24 hours.

15



Spend a day at the seaside.

Eat fish 'n' chips, fresh mussels and whelks, sit in a deck chair, then paddle in the water.



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17 Visit a royal palace or one of the UK's many castles and stately homes.

Join a student society and try an activity you've never done before – like archery, yoga, hip-hop dancing, robot football or custard wrestling!

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19 Eat strawberries and cream at Wimbledon (or in front of the TV at home).

Watch a Shakespeare play. Even better if you can go to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon or The Globe in London.



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Taste a traditional afternoon tea with scones.



Learn to play Darts

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Rent a bike and cycle the Tour du Yorkshire route through the Yorkshire Dales.

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Giant's Causeway, County Antrim, Northern Ireland



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See the surreal landscape of Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland.

24 Take part in a charity or fundraising event. Whether it's the London Marathon or a sponsored cake-eating contest, every penny counts! And do feel free to dress up!

Have a picnic in a park in the summer



25

26 Go ice skating in the winter.

Build a snowman and have a snowball fight. You might have to travel a bit if it doesn't snow where you live – but it's worth it!

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28 Chase the Cheese!! Head to Cooper's Hill in Brockworth for the Annual Cheese Rolling and Wake.



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Go to Loch Ness and try to find Nessie.



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Try a British Curry.



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Visit the Jungle at the Eden Project in Cornwall or Leeds Tropical World.

Get your reading on - The Oldest public library in the English speaking world is Chetham's in Manchester dating back to 1653.

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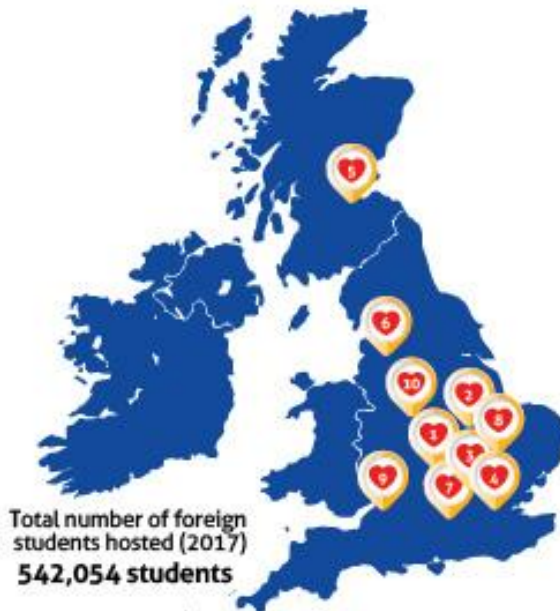
Watch the sun rise over Stonehenge – dating back to 3000BC.

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35 Visit China Town in Manchester – the largest in Europe for restaurants, bakeries & supermarkets.

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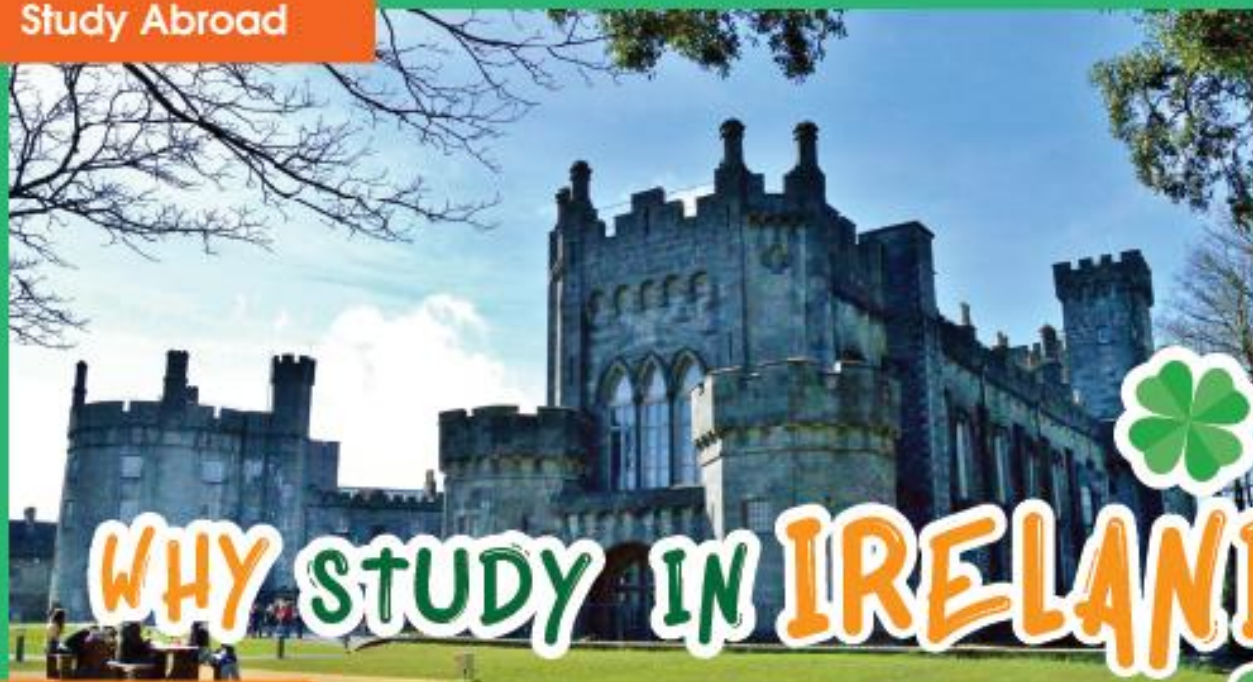


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WHY STUDY IN IRELAND?

by Samantha Yap Choy Wan

Ireland is not only known for its well-funded educational system and high research impact, but is also acknowledged for its friendly environment and stunning landscapes, making the Island the dream destination for students to thrive both in and out of the classroom.

Life in Ireland

The first human inhabitants of the land now known as Ireland were hunter-gatherers who settled there around 8,000 BC, followed by the Celtic tribes in the 6th century BC. Ireland was later invaded by the Vikings, the Normans and the English. The country's independence from British rule resulted in the nation's split into Southern Ireland and Northern Ireland: with the northern counties remaining part of the United Kingdom.



Food

Potatoes are a big part of Irish cuisine, and are the main ingredient of some of their traditional dishes such as colcannon, which is mashed potato mixed with cabbage or kale, and boxty, a type of potato pancake. Fresh seafood such as oysters, cockles and salmon are commonly used in Irish cooking as well. Other popular go-to meals include soup with slices of soda bread and lamb stews.

FUN FACT

Dublin, the capital city of Ireland, was founded by the Vikings

The Irish have a **Halloween tradition** of adding a ring into their 'bracks', which are loaves of sweet bread. Whoever gets the ring in their slice of bread is said to be married within a year.

Culture

The official language of Ireland are Irish and English, although English is more widely spoken around the country except for Gaeltacht areas: which are primarily Irish-speaking regions.

The majority of the Irish population is Roman Catholic, with one of their main celebrations being Saint Patrick's Day, in honour of the man who introduced Christianity to Ireland. It is also a public holiday!

The Irish enjoy humour, and are even known for it. In Ireland, having fun or enjoying yourself is called having the 'craic' (pronounced as 'crack').

When greeting others, making eye contact and maintaining it throughout the conversation indicate trust.



Transportation

The most extensive mode of transportation is the bus, with routes covering not only all the big towns on the island, but also small, isolated communities. Rail services are also available, and while they help passengers cut down on travel time, the railroads are limited to certain cities only. In Dublin, people can also get around using the LUAS (meaning 'speed' in Irish) tram system. Keep in mind that during peak times, buses and trains get so busy that you will need to book in advance to secure a seat for yourself.

FUN FACT

Irish surnames often start with "Mac", meaning "son of" in Gaelic

During the **summer season**, daylight lasts until **11pm!**



Weather

Ireland's weather can be unpredictable, but extreme temperatures are rare. Generally, it is chilly throughout the year, at an average temperature of 10°C. In the summer, the temperature ranges between 15°C to 20°C, and drops as low as 5°C during normal winters.

STUDYING IN IRELAND



Entrepreneurial Society

Ireland is bursting with entrepreneurial spirit! Dublin was named one of the world's best emerging cities for start-ups. The entrepreneur in you will also be delighted to know that there are special visa programmes and an International Start-up Fund set in place to support foreigners who want to start a business in Ireland.



English Speaking Country

English is widely used around the island, so there won't be any language barrier. Alternatively, if you are looking to improve your English language skills, Irish universities offer plenty of English courses in various types – General English, Business English, English with work placements and more. You can even apply for a one-to-one custom-made programme, whereby you can combine English language training with a sport, for example.



Educational Excellence

The government heavily invests in the nation's higher education system, making it one of the best across the globe – within the top twenty, in fact! Every year, more than 782 million goes into funding for research in universities, boosting Irish institutions to the top 1% worldwide for research in various fields, from natural sciences to the humanities.

COST OF LIVING:

Costs vary depending on location and personal lifestyle, but as a general estimate, students will need approximately €7,000 and €12,000 per year to live in Ireland.

Transport: Students may spend around €135 monthly for public transportation. However, you can get discounts of up to 40% off your travel expenses if you have a Student Travelcard, which you can purchase from your campus agent for only €15.

Food: You will need to allocate about €167 per month to keep yourself fed and happy: with a meal at a café or pub costing around €8 – 15. If you cook your own meals, you can have a smaller budget for food and have more for days you feel like eating out.

Leisure: On average, entertainment costs about €75 per month. Just to give you an idea, the price of a movie ticket is €11, while a beer at a pub costs about €6.

Accommodation: Rent is the most expensive on this list. Including fees for utilities such as heating, electricity and gas, accommodation can cost up to €455 a month.



Friendly and Safe Environment

Ireland is internationally acknowledged for being a hospitable and peaceful nation. With the island being among the high-ranking countries on the Global Peace Index, as well as on lists compiled by Lonely Planet and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), students can rest assured that they will be warmly welcomed.



Work and Stay Back Options

After you graduate, you can stay in Ireland for up to 2 years to work. This applies to Bachelor, Master and PhD Degree students. After the 2 years are up, you may even be eligible for the Green Card or Work Permit scheme. For students who wish to work part time while studying, you can do that too! Plus, you don't even need a work permit to do so.

Popular Courses in Ireland

Business

The country's entrepreneurial culture and vast networking opportunities not only with leading global companies, but with students from all around the world are only some of the reasons why business courses are highly pursued in Ireland.

Humanities

Ireland has produced some of the best writers and artists in the world, indicating a strong tradition in the humanities. This has not only translated into high university rankings, but also in their position as a research leader in this field.

Engineering

Irish universities offer a wide variety of specialisations, such as biomedical, environmental and electronic engineering, just to name a few. Plus, Ireland has some of the best Engineering Schools in the world, increasing graduates' career prospects not just in Ireland, but abroad as well.

Information Technology

The island's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) industry is booming, with giants in the sector such as Google, Facebook, Amazon and more establishing operations in Ireland. With the industry in high demand, IT graduates have plenty of opportunities waiting for them.

Science

With outstanding teaching by lecturers who are scientists and mathematicians themselves, as well as opportunities to execute research projects as part of the course, students are ensured a world-class learning experience.

1 Choose an institution and programme.

2 Apply for the programme and submit relevant documentation.

3 Once the institution offers you a place, pay the admission fee.

4 Book accommodation.

5 Apply for a visa (This depends on your nationality, which you can check on the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service website. P.S: Malaysians can skip this step)

6 You're all set to fly!

APPLICATION PROCESS



NOTE:

After you arrive, you will have to register with the Garda National Immigration Bureau within 3 months. !!!

Travel Opportunities

From places to chill to places that will make your jaw drop, these locations should be right on top of your travel list!



The Aran Island, Galway

Home to the great stone fort of Dun Aonghasa, this archipelago of three small islands is wild, rugged and breathtaking. Here, the first language of the Islands' tiny population of 12,000 inhabitants is Gaelic. Their culture is also different from that of the mainland. It offers visitors a glance of Ireland's past captured in the present.



St. Stephen's Green, Dublin

Known by the locals simply as 'The Green', this picturesque park is the perfect place to relax. Take a stroll in the park and enjoy the magnificent gardens, or walk along the perimeter and see Dublin's Gregorian buildings and the city's famous Shelbourne Hotel, founded more than 190 years ago!



Kinsale, County Cork

This is a town for foodies. With plenty of restaurants around, you can go on a food hunt and enjoy all the great seafood that Kinsale has to offer. There is even a yearly Gourmet Festival, which food lovers should not miss! Besides keeping your tummy happy, you can also unleash your inner sailor with their sailing and fishing activities.

The Ring of Kerry, Killarney

The Ring of Kerry is pure feast for the eyes – everywhere along the route, you will be surrounded with beautiful sights, from the Atlantic Ocean and spectacular islands, to towering mountains and quaint villages. Amidst such natural beauty, you can even enjoy outdoor activities such as water sports, horse-riding and freshwater fishing! You should also check out the Ogham Stones, Iron Age forts, and ancient monasteries in the area.



FUN FACT

In 1601, Spanish soldiers invaded the town but they were defeated by the English military. It became an important event in Irish history, which is now known as the **Battle or Siege of Kinsale**.



The Rock of Cashel, Cashel

At the Rock of Cashel, you will be able to explore Ireland's medieval structures such as the High Cross, a 12th century round tower, a 15th century castle and more.

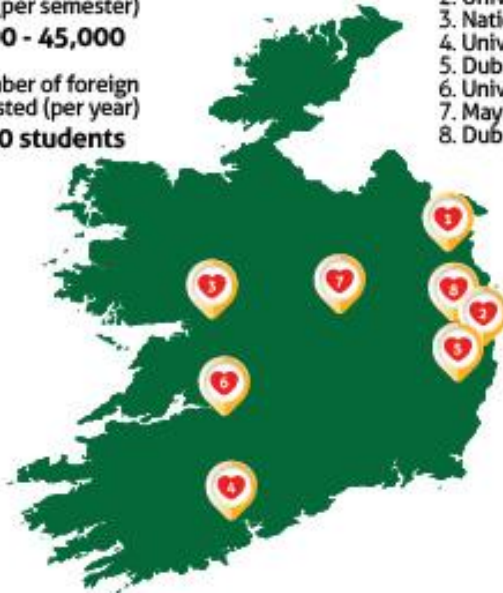
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According to QS World University Rankings 2019

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Total number of foreign students hosted (per year)
35,000 students



1. Trinity College Dublin, The University of Dublin, 104
2. University College Dublin, 193
3. National University of Ireland, Galway, 260
4. University College Cork, 338
5. Dublin City University, 422
6. University of Limerick, 511-520
7. Maynooth University, 701-750
8. Dublin Institute of Technology, 751-800

FUN FACT



Ireland's best-ranking university, **Trinity College Dublin**, was founded in 1592 - more than four hundred years ago! Famous author **Oscar Wilde** is also an alumnus of the university.

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Intelligent Machines: How Can Our Students Compete?



By Yashita Senwal,
Chief Education
Officer at Oxford
International
College

There is a lot of uncertainty about how artificial intelligence might develop in the future and whether it will be a force of good in society. Some people even speculate that machines will eventually pose an existential threat to humanity. One thing we do know for certain is that if artificial intelligence doesn't kill us, it will definitely take our jobs. Boston Consulting Group predicts that by 2025, up to a quarter of jobs will be replaced by either smart software or robots, while a study from Oxford University has suggested that 35% of existing UK jobs are at risk of automation in the next 20 years¹. One of our duties as educators is to prepare students for the future. But how schools and teachers prepare students for a world where many jobs are at risk of being taken by artificial intelligence?

The problem is that it is not just unskilled jobs that are at threat from intelligent machines. According to Professor Andre Spicer, from Cass Business School, AI will "quickly replace many forms of complex knowledge work ranging from lawyers to librarians, professors to policy analysts"². This sentiment is echoed by founder of Google, Eric Schmidt, who explains that machines can now even do healthcare work better than a human being can: "Recently we [tested] diabetic retinopathy, where your blood vessels change shape in your eye, causing blindness," he says. "We can diagnose it more accurately than an ophthalmologist." Why? "Because we see more eyes, we see a million eyes and an ophthalmologist may see 10,000."³ Even jobs that require specialist knowledge and years of study look as though they may potentially be taken by artificial intelligence in the future.

It is therefore no longer enough just to train somebody to be a lawyer, a healthcare professional or a journalist. We must also teach our students to be able to do things that machines can't. This is the only way we can make the students of today employable tomorrow. Machines will never be able to think creatively and innovatively, communicate effectively and persuasively, demonstrate compassion and emotional intelligence. These are the qualities that we must develop in our students in order for them to have a value in the job market and gain competitive edge over machines.

These soft skills are difficult to measure or quantify; it would be very difficult to mark or grade these things. But this does not mean that we should neglect them in schools. Teaching these skills is essential in a society where jobs that don't require creativity are increasingly being taken by artificial intelligence or being outsourced to countries where people can do them more cheaply.

Developing creativity in aspirational students is fundamentally important because they will be agents for change in the future. These students need to be able to come up with creative solutions to the problems we face as a global society: global warming; overpopulation; economic instability; social injustice; prejudice in all its forms. Artificial intelligence is a useful tool as long as it serves us.

But machines will never be able come up with imaginative ways to tackle some of our most pressing problems. Uniquely, human beings are able to imagine a world that is better for everyone and create in order to build it.

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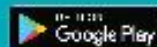
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5 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES YOU SHOULD JOIN IN UNIVERSITY

The best activities to hone your potential

If you're thinking of tapping into a particular field or continuing your highschool passion in university, co-curricular activities serve as the perfect platform for you to experiment and explore your potential.

by Dayang Halimathum



Debate

A great platform for network-building - Debating serves as a great means for network-building. What better way to meet new people than to travel all over the country or even the globe in an attempt to defend your viewpoint! You get to meet new people and exchange an idea or two at debate tournaments. It is socially rewarding as you get to bond with other participants and build your connection.

Polish your communication skills - This might not be the top choice for introverted students, but this is a great platform to refine your communication skills. It teaches you the necessary skills needed to articulate ideas in a concise, well-structured and impactful manner.

Satisfying - Most debaters will tell you how satisfying it is to be able to conquer a debate with their wits and knowledge. However, it's even more satisfying to have people come up to them and say their speech made people change their views. It's the small things that matter.

did you know?

Our Minister of Youth and Sport YB Syed Saddiq started off debating his way to politics from joining debates competition all over Malaysia. Now, as a minister, he is actively encouraging university students to engage in healthy debates.

Teamwork - As cliché as it may sound, a goal is never achieved on its own in a football match. Each team member needs to respectively contribute in order to score a goal. In such a way, football instils the value of teamwork in students. Such value applies in all aspects of your life, in doing group assignments, in your career and with your family. It trains you to work effectively in a group to achieve the bigger common goal.

A good platform to show off your talents - Malaysians and football are inseparable, it's true that sports bring us together but football is on another level of that spectrum. It can bring us either closer together or separate us according to our team. Regardless, it is still one of the most popular sports in university, it attracts a large audience from all backgrounds, and a platform where your talents and skills will not go unnoticed.

Instil self-discipline and perseverance - We are all procrastinators in our own ways, it's so hard to be persistent and to make enough time for everything. Especially when you're a student-athlete, you have assignments and tests to focus on top of your already packed schedule. Ultimately, you will have to practise strong self-discipline and perseverance. This will surely motivate you to end your procrastination reign in order to allocate time effectively for your student responsibilities and also your football trainings.



did YOU know?

There is a **university football club** that **plays in the Malaysia Premier League** where all of its members are undergraduates of Malaysia's biggest public university. It is **mainly known as the UITM FC.**

Football

Drama Club



did YOU know?

There's a **broadway organisation** in Malaysia that **recruits its member on a non-audition basis?** if you're thinking of stepping it up a notch, **Broadway Theater Society Malaysia** is a non-profit organisation that welcomes anyone with a passion in the performing arts.

Chase your dreams - Through the drama club, students get to explore and experiment with new ideas limitlessly. The stage is a place where your creativity and imagination get to be put on display and shown to the rest of the world. This encourages you to display your passion and chase your dreams.

A stress buster - It's not a secret that being a full-time student is exceptionally stressful. You get little to no chance to be expressive, especially when you are constrained in a classroom environment where most of the time, it's one-way communication from lecturer to students. What better way to be creatively and expressively liberated than putting on a performance on stage? You get to dance, sing, act and most importantly you have a solid reason to shout your heart out in front of a crowd (warning: only if the play entails you to do so). Which in a way is a good stress buster!

You meet cool people - The drama club is a melting pot of culture. Students of all social backgrounds come together to put on a show and relate to one another through one common topic, which is drama! That very diversity is what makes drama clubs unique in their own sense. It is generally agreed on that the drama club is always the most popular club and attracts the most members.

Instil altruism - How can we, in good conscience, ignore the cry for help from those in need? Especially those in our community, we all know that our morals are screaming inside, telling us to do the right thing. All we need is a push, and the right platform. As a start, community service serves as the perfect platform for you to contribute to the community that you grow up in. It makes you more conscious about the struggles of others around you and urge you to see things from their point of view. Ultimately, from realizing that, you make a conscious and selfless decision to give for a good cause. What's more important is that you can finally make peace with your conscience knowing that you did something for the community you care about.

A chance to give back - As we grow older, it becomes more and more apparent that there are many less fortunate people in our community. Those that struggle for basic necessities on a daily basis. By giving back, you are providing these people with instant relief to their struggles. Regardless of how small it may be, you can contribute in a number of ways. Such as, by making donations, campaigning, joining a committee that organises charity events or volunteering. It helps alleviate poverty even in the short run.



Community Service

did
YOU?
know

There is a community service organisation that is led by students in Malaysia which calls themselves **The Charismatic Movement**. One of their volunteering projects include distributing basic hygiene kits to the homeless and free tutor to homeless kids.

Martial Arts

did
YOU?
know

Martial arts is such a popular sport that it is now **made into a course** on its own in some universities with the benefit of a scholarship.

The new trend - Joining martial arts such as taekwondo, silat, karate, judo, muay thai, or kickboxing is becoming a trend among the younger generation. It seems like all those kick-ass martial arts movies have finally paid off. They have made younger generations fall for their timeless furniture-breaking charm and students are no strangers to this trend.

Self-defence - The most obvious reason to join martial arts is definitely for the sake of self-defence. We can't really say that the world is a safe place for everyone now can we? We never know what danger lurks in a corner somewhere waiting for us to turn and catch us at our most vulnerable moment. When the situation arises, we should at least be equipped with one or two self-defence moves to assure our own safety.

Good for your health - Learning martial arts teaches you to be well-balanced in terms of speed, flexibility and strength. Aside from that, it also strengthens your mental and physical abilities. It is a well-rounded activity which keeps you fit at all times.

5 INSPIRING MALAYSIAN GRADUATES

by Syazwani Izzati

Over the past few years, Malaysia has been on a rollercoaster ride and just when we thought things have gone too quiet, some of our friends have graced international headlines with their incredible stories and successes. These amazing graduates have continued bringing forth the great Malaysian legacy by sheer belief of their self-worth, willpower and the confidence that they can achieve anything if they put their whole hearts and minds to it.

Now, there is no special event in commemorating this article but we believe that their stories can have an impact on our lives, firing our motivation on full blast to ace our own studies and discovering ourselves. Let's go through the list together and let us know if you are familiar with some of these names!



Dr. Nur Adlyka Ainul Annuar

Now acknowledged as Dr. Nur Adlyka and a prominent lecturer in physics and astrophysics, this PhD graduate from Durham University, United Kingdom, made a historical finding in 2017 that drove the astronomy community over the moon with her evidence of a supermassive black hole in our galaxy that is 38 million light years away from our planet by using Nasa's X-ray energy telescope, NuSTAR.

Since her ground-breaking presentation of her findings with her British colleagues at the American Astronomical Society, interest towards the area of astrophysics, a once less popular study field is given the recognition it deserves as done by the Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA). In several interviews asking about her background, Dr. Nur Adlyka humbly replied that her 13-years old self's deep fascination towards outer space and some of her favourite space-related movies made her realise what she wanted to do all along: pursuing her career in astrophysics.

Dr. Amalina Che Bakri

Once upon a time in 2004, SPM leaver Dr. Amalina Che Bakri "shooked" Malaysia with her academic results of 17 As and crowning her for achieving the most 1As in SPM that year. Her achievement did not go unnoticed and she was soon sent to the UK to further her studies, sponsored by the Central Bank of Malaysia. After completing her A-levels in Cheltenham Ladies College, she continued to leave a trail of her successes at her heels. She achieved an Intercalated Degree in Pharmacology with Industrial Experience (University of Edinburgh) and soon after, a Masters in Translational Medicine and Therapeutics (University of Cambridge) and her list of amazing accomplishments has been on-going till today. Now at 30 years of age, she is a proud Specialty Trainee Surgeon at the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust. She hopes to one day realise her dreams of becoming a specialist surgeon in breast cancer and oncoplasty.

Second Lieutenant Suhanraj Rajasegaran

Graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Human Computer Interaction from perhaps one of the most demanding and competitive military academies in the world such as the United States Military Academy (USMA) was no small feat for this young Malaysian by the name of Suhanraj Rajasegaran. Two years ago, he was one of the 11 international students who managed to graduate in the graduation and commissioning ceremony for the class of 2016. What makes his story so spectacular is that he is only one of the few 20 Malaysian students who have ever completed their studies in some of the various US military schools since 1991.

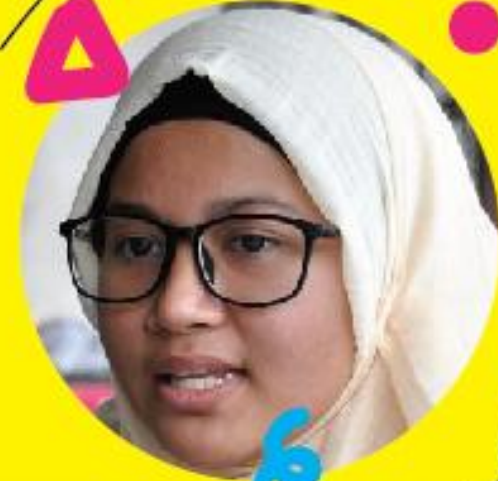
Other than that, getting enrolment into USMA is extremely difficult with demands for excellence from its applicants' academics, leadership skills, and capability to be physically and mentally adept. To make it extra bizarre, USMA only accepts just 60 international cadets at a time but somehow or other, Suhanraj was accepted in consideration of all his credibilities together. He is currently back in Malaysia and holding a well-deserved position as 2nd Lieutenant in the Malaysian Armed Forces.



Dr. Lam Shu Jie

In 2016, during her studies in PhD at the University of Melbourne, Dr. Lam Shu Jie conquered international media with her groundbreaking scientific discovery with Malaysia, Australia, Singapore and China competing to first congratulate her for her success. She had effectively found a superbug solution through star-shaped polymers that are capable of destroying stubborn antibiotic-resistant bacteria and possibly become alternatives to the antibiotics that patients consume today.

Of course, her background is of a humble one. Dr. Lam Shu Jie was born in Scotland when her own father was conducting his specialist training there. After completing her school here, in Batu Pahat, Malaysia, she continued her education in the University of Melbourne where she excelled and was provided with a full scholarship by the institution to further her studies in degree. Her passion for understanding and solving problems motivated her to complete her PhD. At present, she is recognised as a research chemist who specialises in biomolecular engineering.



Wan Nur Mafudah

She was told to drop her dreams and venture into a field she wasn't interested in. However, she persevered and in February 2018, Wan Nur Mafudah could sit back and proudly beam at her success as she was announced the world prize winner for the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Financial Reporting paper. This graduate from the Intec Education College, Kuala Lumpur was just 21 years old when she became the first Malay individual to break through as the top winner in the world ranking with a score of 95 percent in her paper.

Fueled to realise her dreams of becoming an accounting lecturer, she created a pathway to her goal by acing her SPM with 8A1 and 1B from MRSM Besut, she pursued her studies in accountancy at the PolyTech Mara College, Kuala Lumpur and later on at Intec Education College on a scholarship sponsored by Permodalan Nasional Berhad. Wan Mafudah believed that her generosity in sharing knowledge with others had helped to improve her own understanding and thus, reaching her success that we know of today.

Reaching our dream is never easy and these five individuals have proven that it comes with great sacrifices and 100% commitment. What distinguishes between you and everybody else is your ability to dare to take the risks and work hard for what you believe in. It is never too late to achieve your goals!

Unspoken Rule

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Rules of Group Assignments

by Samantha Yap Choy Wan

Imagine

It is 9.00am. You quickly check through the Powerpoint presentation that your group put together the night before (11.58pm still counts as yesterday right?). You spot a ton of typos. What's worse is that your group members don't show up.

What Happens When Groups Fail?

In such cases, the lecturer might postpone the presentation to another day. Worst case scenario: the whole group fails. Since it is a group assignment after all.

Group Work - More Than a Necessary Evil?

Yes, group projects can be difficult. That doesn't mean you should stay away from group works though! Besides being an expected task in most courses, group assignments are actually very beneficial. For example, students get to practise what they've learned in class and further develop their skills.

So, make the best of your group assignments, because you can really learn a lot from them. The following are 5 rules to keep in mind for a successful group assignment.





Rule 1 : Set Ground Rules

The first thing you should do when your group is put together is to decide on the rules that your group will follow. Some items you might want to include in your ground rules are a timeline with deadlines, guidelines concerning behaviour during meetings, as well as roles and responsibilities of each member.

Rule 2 : Speak Up

Contribute to the group by sharing your opinions, even if it contradicts what another team member said. This will actually be good for the team because there will be multiple ideas to consider. Having every member of the group to speak up will also help to keep one person from dominating the group.



Rule 3 : Listen

Keep in mind that, others have their own way of thinking and thus have different perspectives to offer. That being said, keep an open mind and acknowledge everyone's views. When a group member is speaking, no one should interrupt and everyone should be listening attentively (i.e. not just nod your head while looking at your phone). Yes, what we learn in kindergarten still applies!





Rule 4 : Split the Work Effectively

A good rule of thumb to follow is to assign tasks based on the group members' strengths. Of course, this varies from group to group: depending on the nature of the assignment. So be sure to talk it out and find out what works best for your team.

Rule 5: Meet The Deadlines

Easy to say, but not so easy to execute. To meet the deadlines that your group has set, you have to keep track of each other's progress. Remind each other (gently!) about the upcoming deadlines. If you need help, ask! That's what the team is for.



TIPS:

Ask these 3 questions to get closer to your group members:

- ★ What is the nerdiest thing you do in your spare time?
- ★ Which way does your toilet paper hang on the wall – over or under?
- ★ What are three things still left on your bucket list?

FUN FACT

Research shows that **bonding with your team** members releases **oxytocin**, which is a hormone that **makes people feel happy!** In other words, the closer you are with your group members, the more you will enjoy your work.

did YOU know?

The **top 5** teamwork **skills** that employers look for in their employees are **communication, conflict management, listening, reliability** and **respectfulness.**

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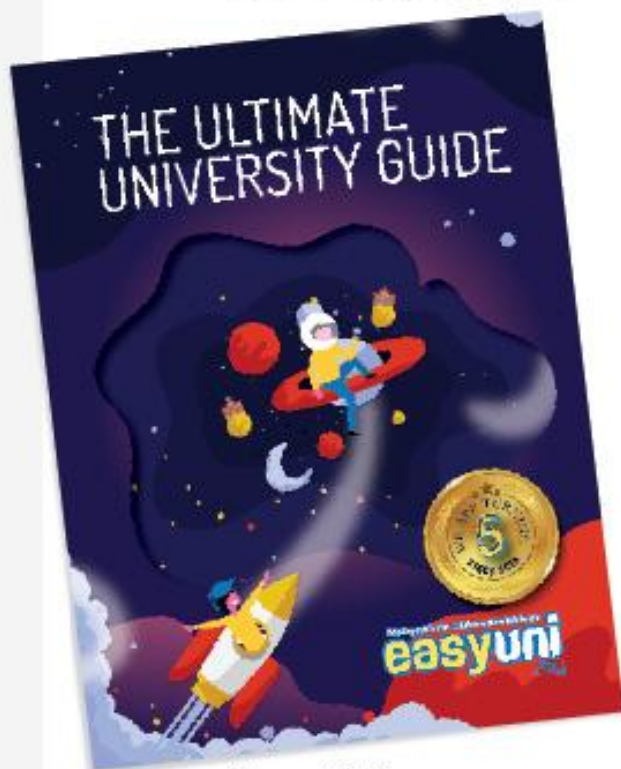
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