

International Deposit

An international deposit is required for the issuance of a student visa as required under Regulation 18 of the Immigration Regulations 1963.

Visa Renewal/extension

For the purpose of visa renewal or extension, you need to submit your passport and payment of RM60.00 (depending on your country) to the officer in charge of international students support services. You need to submit your passport at least two weeks before the visa expires. If you fail to demonstrate your academic capability, you may not be able to have your visa renewed or extended.

Visa Cancellation

You are required to cancel your Malaysia student visa if: You withdraw from the course

- You transfer to another institution
- You have completed the course

Refund of the international deposit is allowed ONLY after the student visa cancellation is processed.

Passport Renewal

Passport renewal is the responsibility of the passport holder (student). The University will not bear the cost of passport renewal incurred in the procedure.

You are advised to renew your passport before your student visa expires. Passport renewal can be done at your Consulate or Embassy in Malaysia.

Documents needed for passport renewal:

- Student Confirmation Letter from University
- Current passport
- Passport renewal fee

Banking Arrangement

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

Documents needed for opening a savings account:

- Student Confirmation Letter from the University
- Passport
- Minimum amount of RM250.00

Employment

Under the new immigration rules and regulations, international students are allowed to work part-time. Part-time jobs are only allowed during the semester break. A student can work up to a maximum of 20 hours per week.

Requirements to work part-time:

- Excellent attendance
- Pass all subjects enrolled in the last semester.
- Offer Letter by the employer
- You are a second year student

Description of job/ work allowed by the Immigration:

- Fuel/ petrol attendant
- Waiter / Waitress
- Sales assistant
- Shop assistant

Homestay Program

Swinburne Sarawak also provides a Homestay Program for international students.

Information Resources for International Students



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Useful Telephone Numbers

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The following telephone numbers may come in handy:

Air Asia	283222
Central Police Station	241222
Emergency (Ambulance/Police)	999
Fire	994
Kuching International Airport	454242
Kuching Specialist Hospital	365777
Malaysia Airline System Office	246622 / 1300883000
Mobile Police Patrol Vehicle	244444
Sarawak Cultural Village	846411
Taxi Station	341818 / 012-8808557
Visitors' Information Centre Kuching	410944 / 450944

Illicit Drugs

Malaysia imposes a mandatory death sentence for convicted drug traffickers.

Leisure

Students can go to the Star Cineplex and The Riverside Cineplex for movies. There are a number of places for young people in the city where they can dine, drink, and have a good time. Places like Grappa, SOHO, Mojo, Tom's and Tao are a favourite but prices are rather high.

Student Orientation

This program is to enable new students to get to know other students and staff as well as their new learning environment. The program includes a city tour where new students are taken to see places of interests and facilities such as banks and hospitals.

Academic Orientation

This program is to enable new students to have a better understanding of the course that they are going to undertake.

Clubs and Societies

There are many clubs and societies for students to choose from depending on their interests and what they want to do in their leisure time. During the orientation program, the various clubs and societies will showcase their activities to attract new members. During this time, new students are encouraged to register to join clubs of their choice.

Cultural Induction

This is a session on getting to know the local culture and that of International students. Through information and knowledge sharing, new students learn to understand and respect the feelings and culture of others. Communal living in an international environment requires understanding, respect and tolerance. Students need to feel safe and respected. The University organizes various social activities for all students so that they can interact and have fun in or outside the campus.

Shopping

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

Food

Malaysian cuisines are delicious and tasty. You can find Chinese, Malay or Indian food very easily. If you prefer spicy food, you can go for Indian food. Food outlets around the University are only within walking distance. You can have your choice of various local varieties of food in the University canteen, too. Muslim students can find *halal* food in food stalls or outlets operated by Malays or Indian muslims while most Chinese food stalls sell *non halal* food. All food sold in food courts in shopping malls are *halal*. Western and Asian food are also available at *The Spring* and at other places in town.