

On-Campus  
Accommodation

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# KUCHING:

## the perfect place to live and study



The Sarawak State Legislative Assembly building (right) overlooks the Sarawak River towards Kuching Waterfront, a place to meet friends, watch a show or to just chill

Kuching is simply unique. It brings together a kaleidoscope of culture, crafts and cuisines that represents its more than 40 ethnic sub-groups. Getting around Kuching is quick, easy and traffic jams are rare. With a welcoming atmosphere, Kuching offers students a relaxed lifestyle with the convenience of city living.

Living among our vibrant Kuching community is one of the best experiences you can possibly have as a student.

Swinburne Sarawak's on-campus hostel provides a balanced academic and social life among a supportive environment you can't get anywhere else. Our on-campus hostel residents come from all over the world, creating a vibrant community where lifelong friendships are formed. This offers a unique study experience for our students.

### Reasons why Kuching is a great city to live and study

- A 'small' city – with excellent infrastructure and facilities and a population of just over half a million people, Kuching has been described as one of the most liveable cities in Southeast Asia. It lives up to its name when it was listed in Tripadvisor.com's 2016 Traveller's Choice Top Destinations on the Rise
- City campus – Swinburne's Sarawak campus is about 10 minutes by car from the city centre. The campus is located within a commercial and residential area, providing conveniences in terms of entertainment, recreation and commercial
- Culture – multicultural Sarawak is home to more than 40 sub-ethnic groups
- Food and drink – you will be spoilt for choice when it comes to food and beverages (including halal options) with cafes and restaurants aplenty as well as being affordable
- Attractions – there are no shortages of attractions in and around Kuching. National parks, nature treks and the outdoors are within an hour's drive away
- Accommodations – From budget to extravagant hotels and basic to over-the-top, Kuching offers accommodations that suit every budget
- Shopping – For all your crafts, arts, and souvenir needs, head to the Main Bazaar on Kuching's waterfront where you can practice your haggling skills to get the best deals around. For shopping centres, try Plaza Merdeka, The Spring or VIVACITY Megamall for your shopping, dining and entertainment needs.

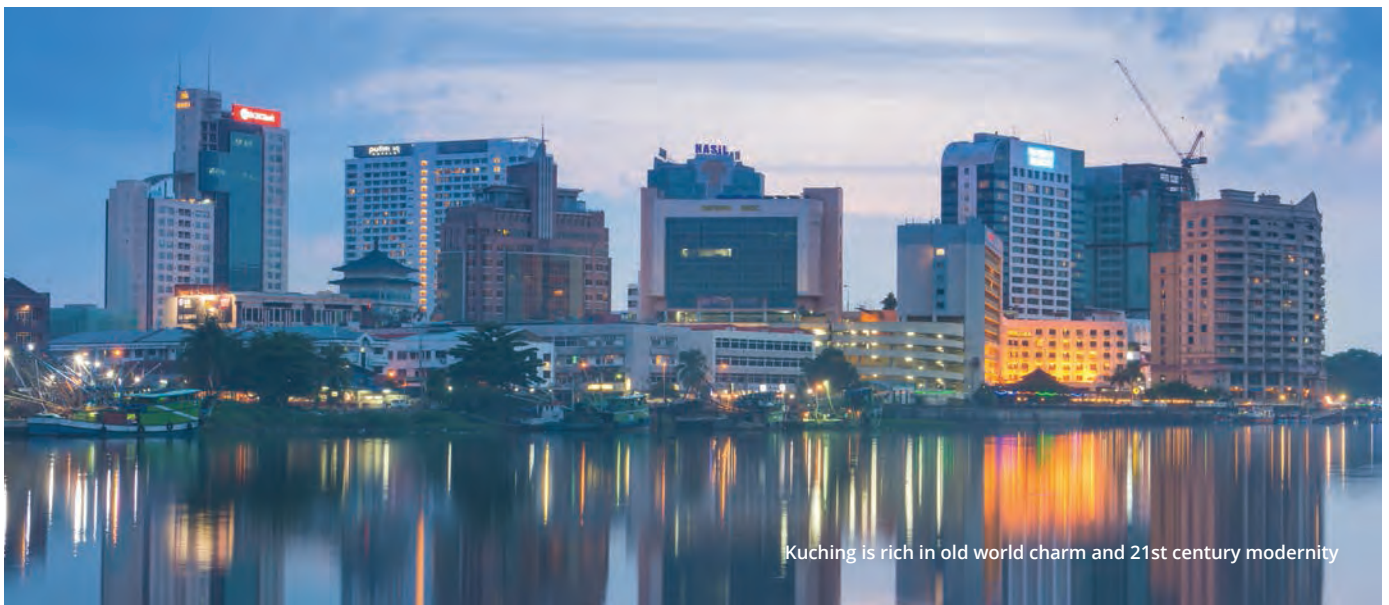




Kuching International Airport services direct flights from Kuala Lumpur, Kota Kinabalu, Penang, Johor Bahru and Kota Bharu



Sarakwak Laksa, a must try dish for every visitor to the city



Kuching is rich in old world charm and 21st century modernity



Carpenter Street is one of the oldest streets in the city



VIVACITY Megamall offers many leading international brands and a diverse dining experience to its patrons



# On-Campus HOSTEL

Starting your university life is an exciting time and it's important that you find somewhere to live that feels like home.

At Swinburne Sarawak, we strive to create an atmosphere that our students will enjoy. With over 450 rooms between male and female hostels, you'll be making friends from all over the world in no time.

Restrictions are kept to a minimum, but for the health and safety of its residents, regulations are put in place to ensure good order, to preserve the building and to maintain standards.

## Our hostel rooms

Every hostel room comes equipped with a bed and mattress, study table with shelf and chair, wardrobe, blinds/curtain, mirror and fan. Air conditioning is available for those who opt for air-conditioned rooms. All the rooms have Wi-Fi access 24/7.

## Fees

We offer a range of hostel room types, so whatever your budget and preferences may be, there should be a room that suit you.

Room options	Type of Room	Rental per-month
Option A	Twin sharing with fan	RM 380.00
Option B	Single room with fan	RM 620.00
Option C	Twin sharing with air-conditioning	RM 610.00
Option D	Single room with air-conditioning	RM 930.00

Hostel fees need to be paid in advance for each semester. A RM500 booking fee is required and shall be considered as partial hostel rental. Tenureship of accommodation during the semester is based on the student's program duration.

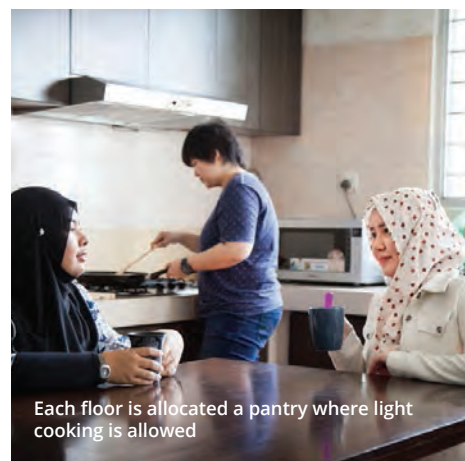


## Hostel facilities and services

- Separate blocks for male and female students
- Priority for students from outside Kuching and new students
- 24-hour security with CCTV in all blocks
- High-speed internet connection in every room
- A Residential Advisor selected from among the senior students
- Wardens for each gender and appointed by the University to help new students settle in
- Cleaning services for common areas



Chillin' Crib - a place to hang out and relax



Each floor is allocated a pantry where light cooking is allowed

## Campus facilities

- Chillin' Crib @ the Student Activity Centre – a great place to hang out and relax with your buddies
- Student Leisure Area @ Block A which is open 24/7
- Multi-purpose hall – big enough to house about 900 people, the hall is located just a hop, skip and jump away from the hostel
- Multi-purpose field – fancy a game of football or rugby? This will be the place to be
- An inner courtyard to rest and relax in-between classes
- Sports and recreational facilities including a fully-equipped gym, as well as badminton and basketball courts
- 24-hour computer labs
- A surau/Muslim prayer room that accommodates 80
- Cafeterias offering local, Chinese, Indian and Western halal food.
- A bookstore for all your reading and stationary needs.



A common living room is available for use by residents at each block

Students who accept the offer of on-campus accommodation is deemed to accept and abide by the accommodations' rules and regulations, and shall be required to comply with the general guidelines as stipulated in the agreement.





Our well-stocked library help you meet your studying needs



A popular F&B chain on campus serves freshly brewed coffee, pastries and sandwiches



Our gym boasts some of the finest fitness facilities



Student Leisure Area - the placeto rest and relax in-between classes



The lecture theatre can seat 350 people



# Shared and off-campus **RENTALS**

The University's Accommodation Office can assist you in finding accommodation through a database. This database offers private rental property and shared accommodation listings.

## **Apartment and house**

The rental cost of the house or apartment that you choose depends on its location, size and whether it is furnished or not.

Most off-campus accommodation such as these are partly furnished or unfurnished so you may need to buy or rent furniture and other household items.

Sharing a rented house or apartment with other tenants is generally the most economical and flexible form of renting.

As a private tenant, you are advised to visit and inspect the property first before making a down payment for the unit. You would also be required to sign a tenancy agreement with the landlord. Do try to fully understand what is expected of you as a tenant, as well as your rights and responsibilities as a tenant and that of your landlord.

## **Shared accommodation**

Shared accommodation are normally rooms that are available for rent in private houses or apartments. Usually already furnished by the house owner, these types of accommodation may also mean you will share living space with the home owner and his extended family.

You are advised to inspect the property, get to know the house owner and sign an agreement before making the down payment. Receipts for the monetary transaction should also be surrendered to you upon signing the agreement.

## **Temporary accommodation**

It can be difficult to make a decision about permanent housing before you arrive in Kuching, so we recommend booking temporary accommodation or pre-arrange an accommodation somewhere safe to go to when you first arrive.

We recommend that once you have identified properties you intend to make your home, you should inspect the properties in order to make an informed decision on the location, price, safety and proximity to the campus. It also reduces the risk of exposure to rental scams.

For that, we encourage you to seek short term accommodation at hotels or arrange for on-campus housing before your arrival. For any long term arrangements, it is vital that you see what your options are in person.

We also recommend that you arrive in Kuching well before the semester begins in order for you to look for a suitable accommodation prior to class commencement.



The hostel blocks are separated into male and female blocks

## ● FURTHER INFORMATION

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