



# Study Abroad And Exchange

Your adventure starts at  
Swinburne Sarawak







*For my semester abroad, I wanted a place where it is culturally different from Denmark, preferably a tropical country. So I chose Swinburne Sarawak as the application was comparatively easy. As it turns out, studying at Swinburne Sarawak was a perfect choice in more ways than one – with its cultural diversity, great food and beautiful national parks as the main highlight. It has been a good experience. I like my course and I've learnt a lot. My biggest surprise is how easy it is to connect with people – I didn't expect to find good friends in such a short period.*

### Timon Grove Sørensen

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Study Abroad student, University of Copenhagen, Denmark  
Studying Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science)



# Why Swinburne Sarawak?

Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus welcomes students from around the world to complete a semester or a year of study with us. You will be able to live in another culture, make new friends, gain international experience, build professional network, learn another language and break out of your comfort zone.

As one of the top ranked universities internationally\*, Swinburne University can give you the edge you need to be a successful, globally confident citizen.

Swinburne Sarawak is the ideal location for students from overseas as it is situated in Kuching city, in close proximity to the city centre while offering students a laid-back, small city environment in which to study. With a world-class reputation, you will be able to pursue study programs that are applicable to your academic needs.

Studying for a semester or a year at Swinburne Sarawak is an academic and cultural experience that you'll never forget!

ADOBE CREATIVE CAMPUS	AACSB ACCREDITED	TOP 1%
1 of only 20 universities worldwide, the ONLY University in Malaysia	Among the top 5% of Business schools worldwide	QS University World Rankings 2024





## Kuching and Sarawak

Sarawak is located on the island of Borneo and is separated from Peninsular Malaysia by the South China Sea.

Your first point of arrival in Malaysia will usually be Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) in Peninsular Malaysia. Some may enter the country via Kota Kinabalu International Airport in the northern Borneo state of Sabah. The peninsula and Sabah is linked to Sarawak by air. Kuching International Airport currently has direct international flights to/from Singapore and Pontianak in Kalimantan, Indonesia.

## Annual festivals and events

Annually, Kuching hosts several international festivals, the most notable being the Rainforest World Music Festival. Other annual festivals are Borneo Jazz Festival in the northern city of Miri and the Borneo Cultural Festival held in Sibu.

In recent years, local and international interest has seen major cities in Sarawak emerge as vibrant centres for arts, culture and food.

## The door into nature

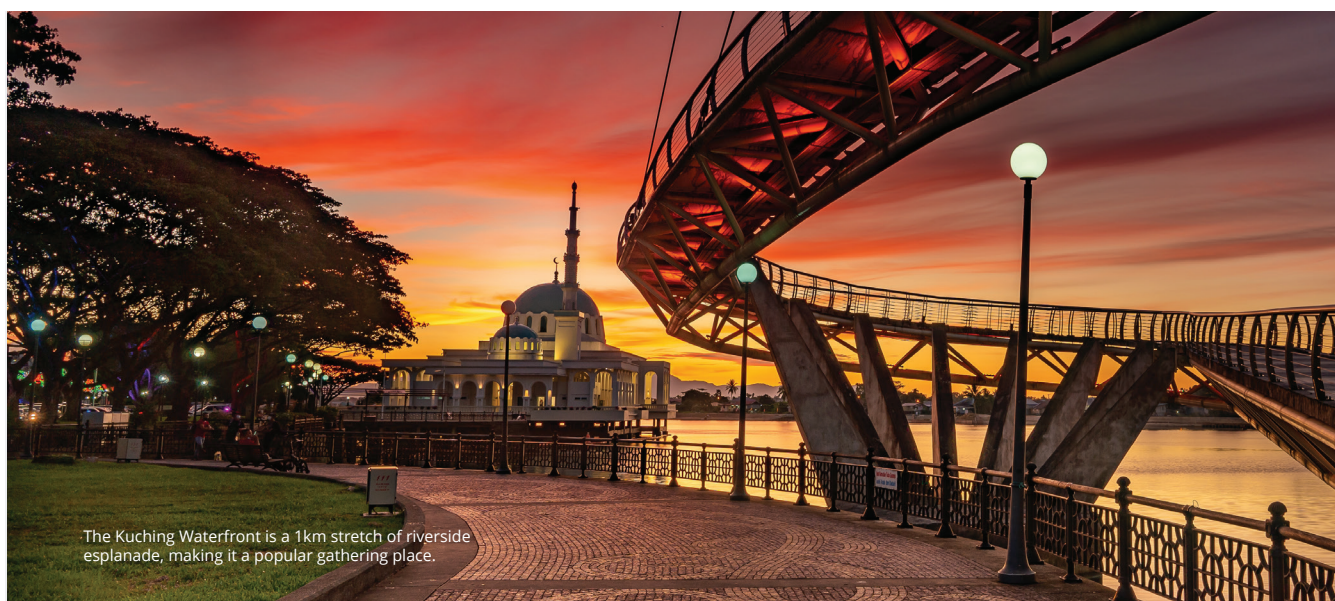
As one of the largest cities in the island of Borneo, Kuching offers a multitude of outdoor activities as well as untouched natural beauty across its vast land. For nature lovers, the city is a day trip to attractive beaches dotted with resorts. A number of national parks are also within easy reach of the city.

The blend of different cultures, ethnic tribes and languages adds depth and appeal to this wondrous city. Kuching has plenty to offer, especially as a tertiary education destination.

## Make Sarawak your classroom!

With more than 29 indigenous and ethnic groups, Sarawak is the most culturally diverse state in Malaysia. Its communities are well-known for their friendliness and hospitality.

Immerse yourself in the colourful culture and festivities of the people, and savour exotic cuisine of the various communities. Explore the numerous national parks and natural wonders of Sarawak, and learn of its rich and diverse ecosystem.



The Kuching Waterfront is a 1km stretch of riverside esplanade, making it a popular gathering place.



# Living in Kuching

Swinburne Sarawak offers a range of accommodation options for your study abroad and exchange experience. Choose from on-campus hostels or find a place of your own that suits your budget and needs.



## Student Village

The Student Village is located on campus grounds. Separated into male and female hostels, it can accommodate more than 400 students. Rooms are available for single occupancy or twin-sharing.

Furnishings include a bed, study table, chair and wardrobe. Wall fans are a standard feature while selected units are equipped with air-conditioning. Besides Wi-Fi access, amenities include common reading/visitor areas, kitchen and dining rooms as well as laundry and drying areas. Security is provided 24 hours a day.

## Renting a house or apartment

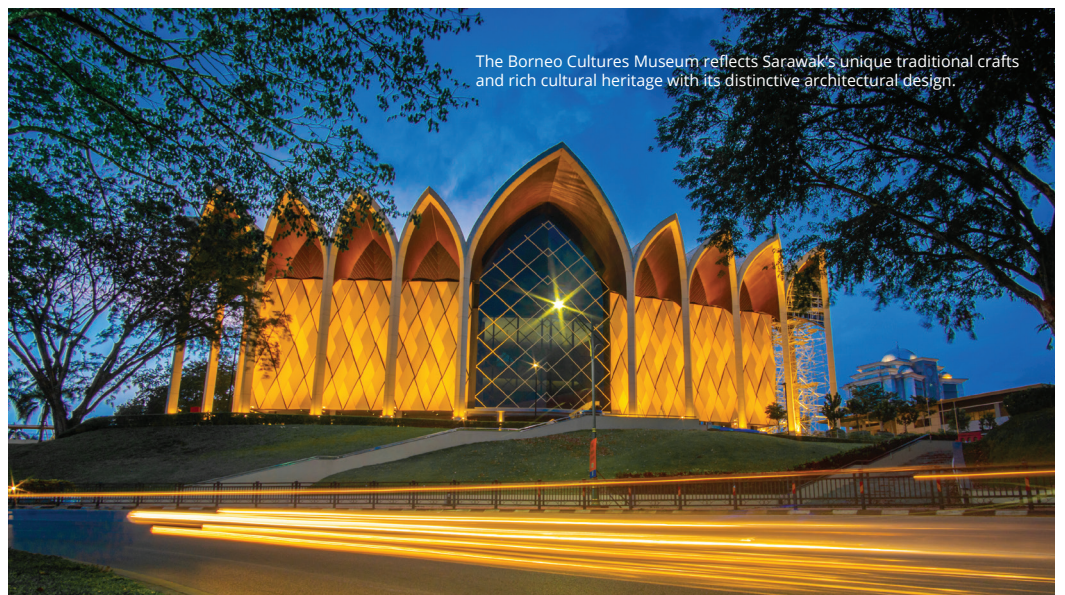
You may choose to rent an apartment or house of your own, or share it with other students. If you prefer such accommodation you may contact the Student Engagement Division via [accommodation@swinburne.edu.my](mailto:accommodation@swinburne.edu.my) for assistance. For private rentals, you will be required to sign a tenancy agreement with the landlord.

## Budget accommodation

Students seeking off-campus housing are advised to lodge temporarily at budget hotels while looking for suitable accommodation. The average rate for a budget hotel in Kuching is about RM200 per night, while rental of apartments is between RM900 to RM1,200 a month, depending on location, facilities and furnishing.

## Living costs

Living costs vary depending on your lifestyle and the type of accommodation you choose. As a guide, the monthly expenditure starts from about RM1,500 to RM2,200.



The Borneo Cultures Museum reflects Sarawak's unique traditional crafts and rich cultural heritage with its distinctive architectural design.



# The Swinburne Sarawak Experience

With 3,500 students representing 50 countries, the University has more than 20 years experience welcoming and providing tuition to students on its study abroad and student exchange program.

## Location

Swinburne's Sarawak campus is located in Kuching, one of Southeast Asia's most liveable cities. A multicultural city, the locals are welcoming and friendly while the many international festivals held annually, and the city's proximity to nature offers more than just a globally recognised education.

Kuching has great connectivity to major cities in the region via flight – Kuala Lumpur, Kota Kinabalu and even Singapore is less than two hours away.

## Safe and small

Kuching is a small and safe city with a vibrant community. It has a city vibe without being overwhelming so getting around via public transportation is very easy. If you are attracted to the lifestyle offered by a small city, mixed with a multicultural and diverse community, Kuching could be just what you're looking for.

## Modern facilities

You'll enjoy access to our modern and fully-equipped on-campus facilities including a well-stocked library, lecture theatre and even a multi-purpose hall. Kuching itself offers residents venues that meets the needs for shopping, eating and entertainment. At Swinburne, we have great facilities for indoor and outdoor sports including basketball, squash, badminton and many more.

## Cost of living

While Kuching is the capital city for Sarawak, it is also known to be one of the most affordable city in which to live. Offering residents a modern city vibe, this is an unbeatable lifestyle for study and work.



# Study Abroad And Exchange at Swinburne Sarawak

When you do study abroad or exchange at Swinburne, you not only study away from your home institution but will have many opportunities to soak up new culture and environment, while still earning credit towards your current degree.

# Study Abroad Program

Study Abroad is for students currently studying with a Swinburne partner institution or at other approved universities. Open to non-graduating students at the undergraduate and Masters level of study, you can join the program for one semester or for one year. Tuition fees are payable to Swinburne Sarawak and include insurance and student visa.

Study Abroad students may begin their studies in either Semester 1 or 2, and are required to take 3 to 4 units per semester as a full-time study load. At Swinburne Sarawak, you can study courses or modules from across all courses that are offered.

## Exchange Program

In partnership with universities worldwide, Swinburne Sarawak offers the International Exchange Program. If you're a student at one of our international partner universities, you may be eligible to apply for exchange to Swinburne Sarawak. When you come as an exchange student, your tuition fees are paid to your home university while you study at Swinburne Sarawak.

As with the Study Abroad Program, you can spend one semester or one year at Swinburne Sarawak.

## Teaching methods

You will study alongside degree students and will be provided with the same teaching support and arrangements.  
At Swinburne, you can expect to participate in:

- Lectures
- Tutorials
- Seminars or lab work (depending on the modules you're enrolled in)
- One-to-one discussion, and
- Unsupervised independent study.





## Credits and classes

Most units at Swinburne Sarawak carry 12.5 Credit Points, which are equivalent to 7.5 ECTS.

Semester 1: March to May

Semester 2: September to December

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

## Assessment at Swinburne

Just as there are many teaching methods used at Swinburne, there are also many ways your work may be assessed. These include:

- assignments
- reports
- examinations
- journal keeping
- class participation
- group projects.
- class presentations

Most subjects will use a combination of assessment methods. At the end of the semester you will be awarded a result for each subject.

## Staying for an extra semester

The maximum Study Abroad or Exchange duration at Swinburne is two semesters. If you are only enrolled for one semester and are considering staying on for another, do contact Marketing and Student Recruitment as soon as possible to see if it is possible for you to continue.



# Main Subject Areas

Swinburne Sarawak's study abroad and exchange programme offers you modules appropriate to your study needs.



## Arts

- Media and Communication



## Computing

- Computer Science
- Software Engineering
- Information & Communication Technology



## Business

- Accounting
- Accounting and Finance
- Finance
- Human Resource Management
- International Business
- Management
- Management and Digital Media
- Marketing



## Engineering

- Chemical
- Civil
- Electrical and Electronics
- Mechanical
- Robotics and Mechatronics



## Built Environment

- Quantity Surveying



## Science

- Biotechnology
- Environmental Science



## Design

- Graphic Design
- Multimedia Design



## Postgraduate by Coursework

- Master of Business Administration (International)
- Master of Construction Management Practice
- Master of Information Technology

## Swinburne's Credit Points

12.5 Credit Points = 7.5 ECTS



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We want you to graduate with digital literacy knowledge. That's why all Swinburne students have free access to the full Adobe Creative Cloud suite. That's over 20 Adobe applications. Build your portfolios, personal websites, presentations and so much more!





## Student Support

**Arrival services:** you may request for a pickup service prior to arriving at Kuching International Airport. To book this service, the Arrival Services Booking Form must be submitted to the University beforehand. This complimentary service will take you to your pre-arranged accommodation.

**Orientation:** all students are required to undergo orientation as this will equip you with all the information you'll need for a successful Study Abroad or Exchange experience. The orientation program is designed to provide you with an academic, social and cultural introduction to life at Swinburne and in Sarawak.

**Buddy Program:** to help you make a smooth transition into studying and living in Malaysia, Swinburne Sarawak has a program that connects Study Abroad or Exchange students with local students. Available upon request, we will pair you with a student currently studying at Swinburne prior to your departure to Kuching. This student will help answer any questions you may have before your arrival and will also show you around campus.

**International student insurance cover:** International students enrolled at Swinburne Sarawak are covered by a medical and health insurance policy throughout their period of study in Malaysia. This is a requirement of the Malaysian Ministry of Education. The insurance policy is undertaken by the University on behalf of the student, and the cost is included in your letter of offer.

**Other services:** Student Engagement provides a range of support and services to help students gain as much as possible from their time at Swinburne Sarawak.

For more information, go to  
[swinburne.edu.my/successful-students-guidelines](https://swinburne.edu.my/successful-students-guidelines).



# Campus Life



## Campus

Swinburne University of Technology  
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93350 Kuching,  
Sarawak, Malaysia

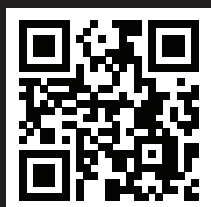
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## DOWNLOADABLE RESOURCES



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