

Malaysia

In 2012-2013, 237 U.S. students studied abroad for academic credit in Malaysia.

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Education System Overview

Academic year:

- Public and Independent Chinese: January – November
- Private: August – May/June (varies)
- Universities: September – May

Major school holidays/break:

- Public:
 - March (1 week)
 - May – June (2 weeks)
 - August (1 week)
 - November – December (7-8 weeks)
 - Universities: May – August
- Private: June – August/September (varies)

Major exam period: May, November/December, and June for public secondary schools

Structure of the university system:

- **Years of study required to earn a bachelor's degree:** 3 – 4 years
- **The language of instruction in universities:** Malay and English
- **Degrees offered:** Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate
- **Non-degree tertiary education for which transfer credit may be granted:**
American Degree Transfer Program in local private universities
- **Notes/Comments/Special Circumstances:** The government focuses on improving rankings and sending many lecturers for graduate education overseas.



Resources:

- Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE)
Website: www.mohe.gov.my
- Malaysian Qualifications Agency
Website: www.mqa.gov.my
- Ministry of Education
Website: www.moe.gov.my

Know Before You Go

- [How to Apply for Your U.S. Passport](#)
- [Malaysia Travel Information](#)

U.S. Government-Sponsored Study and Exchange Programs

- [American Council of Young Political Leaders \(ACYPL\)](#)
- [Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange & Study \(YES\) Abroad](#)
- [Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program](#)
- [Fulbright U.S. Student Program](#)
- [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program](#)
- [Gilman Scholarship Program](#)