List of Malaysian Public and Private Universities

Malaysian higher education consists of both public and private institutions. There are three types of state institutions: public universities, polytechnics, and community colleges in one group, and public colleges in the other. Malaysian public universities are well-known public institutions that deliver undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, as well as pre-university foundation studies and diploma programs. Certificate and diploma programs in engineering, commerce, information technology and communication, hospitality and services are available at polytechnics and community colleges. Via short-term part-time courses in engineering, commerce, information technology and communication, hospitality and services, community colleges offer training and expertise to the local community.

The Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia (MOHE) lists 20 public universities in Malaysia.

International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)

Islamic Science University of Malaysia (USIM)

MARA University of Technology (UiTM)

National Defence University of Malaysia (UPNM)

National University of Malaysia (UKM)

Northern University of Malaysia (UUM)

Putra University of Malaysia (UPM)

Sultan Idris Education University (UPSI)

Sultan Zainal Abidin University (UniSZA)

Technical University of Malaysia (UTEM)

Tun Hussein Onn University of Malaysia (UTHM)

University of Malaya (UM)

University of Malaysia, Kelantan (UMK)

University of Malaysia, Pahang (UMP)

University of Malaysia, Perlis (UNIMAP)

University of Malaysia, Sabah (UMS)

University of Malaysia, Sarawak (UNIMAS)

University of Malaysia, Terengganu (UMT)

University of Science Malaysia (USM)

University of Technology Malaysia (UTM)

Research Universities (RU), Focused Universities, and Comprehensive Universities are the three types of public universities. According to the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education, a Malaysian RU is a public university that has been recognized as a university that focuses more on academic activities and education centred on research and development (R&D) (MOHE). The establishment of RU is seen as a catalyst for Malaysia to become more competitive and lead a knowledge-based economy. RU also aspires to increase postgraduate and postdoctoral student intake, as well as the total number of PhD holders among lecturers, as well as the number of foreign students enrolled, and to achieve a high ranking among the world's existing universities (Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education).

The following are the five public universities that have been named as research institutions:

University of Malaya (UM)

Putra University of Malaysia (UPM)

National University of Malaysia (UKM)

University of Science Malaysia (USM), USM has also been awarded Apex university status.

University of Technology Malaysia (UTM)

A comprehensive university is a higher education institution with teaching and research facilities that usually includes a graduate school and technical schools that grant master's and doctorate degrees, as well as a bachelor's degree section. Various fields of research are available at the comprehensive university. Since these universities have quality lecturers and administrations, there could be a lot of competition for admission. The proportion of undergraduate students to postgraduate students is approximately 70:30.

The following are the four public universities that have been granted comprehensive university status:

MARA University of Technology (UiTM)
International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
University of Malaysia Sabah (UMS)
University of Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)

Universities that offer courses focused on a specific area, such as technical, education, management, or defence, are known as focused universities. The university places a heavy emphasis on scientific advancement in the field of study. Prospective students can discover that these universities have competitive admissions. These colleges also have excellent professors. The proportion of undergraduates to postgraduates is roughly 50:50.

The 11 public universities that have been designated as focused universities are as follows:

Northern University of Malaysia (UUM)

Sultan Idris Education University (UPSI)

Tun Hussein Onn University of Malaysia

Technical University of Malaysia (UTEM)

University of Malaysia, Perlis (UNIMAP)

University of Malaysia, Terengganu (UMT)

University of Malaysia, Pahang (UMP)

Islamic Science University of Malaysia (USIM)

Sultan Zainal Abidin University (UniSZA)

University of Malaysia, Kelantan (UMK)

National Defence University of Malaysia (UPNM)

Each university is very distinct from the others. Aside from the locations and designations of each university, the specialised courses offered by each university vary significantly.

The following are some of the programmes offered by Malaysian public universities:

Accounting and Finance

The accounting and Finance programme caters to the field of finances. The specialized courses offered are such as Accounting, Banking, Finance, Auditing and Taxation.

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery and Veterinary

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery and Veterinary programs offering courses such as Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery, Veterinary Medicine, Animals/Wildlife Health and Diseases.

Architecture and Building

Programs in Architecture and Building offers courses specialising in Architecture, Town planning and Building.

Arts and Design programme

Arts and Design programme offering courses specializing in Fine Arts, Fashion Design, Interior Design, Industrial Design, Music, Performing Arts.

Business Management and Administration

Business Management and Administration programme offer courses such as Business Management, Business Administration and operations.

Computing and IT

In the field of computer sciences, programs in Computing and IT offers courses such as Information Technology, Networking, Software Engineering, IT Security, ICT, Database. Most public universities are offering these courses.

Communication and Broadcasting

Communication and Broadcasting programs are specialized programs in the courses of Journalism, Broadcasting, Communication that are only offered by only a few public Malaysia universities.

Education

The education programme offers courses such as Teacher Training and Education Science, Special Education. Public universities offering these programmes are;

Engineering and Engineering Trades

Engineering and Engineering Trades offers courses such as Automotive, Electrical, Electronics, Mechatronics, Chemical, Civil, Materials Engineering.

Environmental Protection

Environmental Protection programme offers courses such as Environmental Technology, Environmental Science, Natural Environment.

Hospitality and Tourism

Hospitality and Tourism offer courses such as Hospitality, Hotel Management, Catering, Tourism, Travel Guide.

Humanities

Humanities programme offers courses such as Religion, Theology, History, Archaeology, Philosophy, Ethics.

Languages

Languages offer courses such as English, Mandarin, Japanese, Arabic, Literature, Linguistics.

Law

The law programme offers courses such as Legal Studies, Syariah Law, CLP.

Manufacturing and Processing

The manufacturing and Processing programme offers courses such as Food Technology, Printing Technology, Furniture Technology, Textiles, Mining and Extraction.

Marketing and Sales

Marketing and Sales programme offers courses such as Telemarketing, Retail, Wholesale, Real Estate.

Mathematics and Statistics

Mathematics and Statistics programme offers courses such as Actuarial Science, Applied Mathematics, Applied Statistics.

Medical Diagnostic and Treatment Technology

Medical Diagnostic and Treatment Technology offers courses such as Medical Lab Technology, Radiography, X-ray.

Medicine and Healthcare

The medicine and Healthcare programme offers courses such as Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Therapy and Rehabilitation, Pharmacy, Traditional Medicine, Optometry, Biomedical Science.

Occupational Health and Hygiene Services

Occupational Health and Hygiene Services programme offers courses such as Occupational Health and Safety.

Personal Services

Personal Services programme offers courses such as Domestic Services, Beauty Services and Sports.

Science

Science (Life Science/Physical Science/Applied Science) programme offers courses such as Biology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Biomolecular Science Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Physics.

Security Services

Security Services are programme for specialization in Military and Defence, Protection of Persons and Property.

Social Sciences

Social Sciences are programme focusing on the field of Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Geography.

Social Services

Social Services are programme focusing on the subject of Care of Elderly and Disabled Adults, Childcare, Youth Services, Social Work, Counselling.

Transport Services

Transport Services are programme accommodating the field of Road Vehicle Operation, Aviation, Ship, Maritime, Mall operation.

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