

Duration

A four week programme which comprises:

- 50 hours of lectures and discussions on campus;
- 80 hours of fieldwork in Kuala Tahan, Pulau Carey, Semenggoh Wildlife Centre, Bako National Park, and Sarawak Longhouses;
- 30 hours of presentation and discussion of mini projects on campus.

The programme will be conducted bi-annually in June/July.

Credit Transfer

This course has a value of four credit units (subject to approval by respective home universities).

Why Participate in UKM-Global Student Mobility Partnerships?

Learn about other cultures and languages and appreciate your own.

Be part of an international network of friends.

Impress your future employers with an outstanding CV with evidence of initiative, confidence, independence and cross-cultural exposure, which become valuable asset in the job market.

Cost of the Programme

USD 2500.00

* Inclusive of accomodation, food, course material, field trips, air and ground transportation in Malaysia

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

UKM - Global Student Mobility Partnerships

Indigenous Communities



"Building bridges for international understanding and friendship"

27 June - 23 July 2011



**Application Deadline:
31 May 2011**

For more information and application forms :

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Indigenous Communities

Introduction

Live and learn in multicultural Malaysia for a month under Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's inaugural UKM-Global Student Mobility Partnerships on Indigenous Communities. It allows you to visit an ancient land mass with its amazing ecology, unique flora and fauna, not seen in other parts of the world. Studying at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) under the UKM-Global Student Mobility Partnerships combines experiencing university life at one of Malaysia's leading universities while experiencing Malaysia truly Asia.

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

The main campus of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) is situated in Bangi, near administrative capital Putrajaya and about 35 km south of Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia. The campus has its own forest reserve with the campus buildings complementing the natural landscape. Established in 1970, UKM offers a comprehensive range of degree programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Course Structure

The course on Indigenous Communities is spearheaded by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, UKM. The course introduces and provides you with selected topics based on continuity and change of cultures of the indigenous communities in Malaysia.

Core Content – You will learn about the unique culture, recent marginalisation, the process of cultural transformation and the future of indigenous communities in Malaysia.

Language Proficiency – You will learn basic conversational Malay language.

General Knowledge – You will learn about Malaysia's socio-economic and cultural background.

Enrichment Activities – You will have a chance to interact and live with the Orang Asli community of Cameron Highland or Tasik Chini, Pahang. In the state of Sabah, you will have the opportunity to climb Mount Kinabalu and experience snorkelling at Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park. In Sarawak, you will visit Sarawak Cultural Village, Southeast Asia's finest living museum. In Kedah, you will visit Langkawi GeoPark the first UNESCO Global GeoPark in Southeast Asian region.

Course Objectives

To build bridges of cultural understanding, promote international friendship and open doors to new experiences. Specifically it will:

- Introduce you to the study of the unique cultures of the indigenous communities in Malaysia and related issues;
- Enable you to understand the communities' history and recent marginalisation and the process of cultural transformation;
- Allow you to experience at first hand and document visually various cultural elements of a specific indigenous community; and
- Enhance your understanding of the various forces that confront the traditions and culture of the indigenous communities.

Cultural Knowledge and Enrichment

In the course, you will acquire knowledge of Malaysia's indigenous people, also known as Orang Asli who represent 0.7% of the total population. Yet the Orang Asli is not a homogeneous grouping as the group have their own languages and culture and perceive themselves to be different. You will get the chance to interact with the Orang Asli community and experience at first hand traditional culture largely untouched by modernisation. The Orang Asli are mostly farmers and hunter-gatherers who also trade forest produce and handicraft for modern consumer goods. They are determined to preserve, develop and transmit to future generations their ancestral territories and identity as the basis of their continued existence as peoples.

For Whom

Undergraduate students who shall remain registered at their respective home universities.

By Whom

Respected academics and resource personnel, with combined working and research experience on sustainable tropical heritage, will conduct the programme to provide the utmost learning experience.

Key Components

- Interact and live with the Orang Asli community of Carey Island and Kuala Tahan, Pahang;
- Participate in field trips to Sarawak Long Houses, Bako National Park, Semenggoh Wildlife Centre and Sarawak Cultural Village (Sarawak)
- Learn conversational Malay; and
- Build international friendships through 'buddy system' in which you (as a visiting student) are partnered with students from UKM.

