

Dear International Exchange Partners,

Greetings from Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD)!

We are pleased to announce that nomination for the **Semester 1, 2022-2023** is now open.

Please find the information on the student exchange application process as follows:

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(A) Deadlines

Nomination Deadline	01 May 2022
Nomination (Online Only)	Click Here
Application Deadline (By Email Only)	01 June 2022

Application form (including supporting documents) can be <u>emailed</u> to the Director of Global Relations at <u>office.gr@ubd.edu.bn</u>

(B) Eligibility

- 1. Completed at least one year of full-time study at one of UBD's partner universities;
- 2. Nominated by the International Office (or equivalent) of home university;
- 3. Achieved a minimum of CGPA 2.5 (out of 4.0) or 3.0 (out of 5);
- 4. English proficiency of IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL 550 or equivalent.
- 5. Must have a passport with at least 6 months of validity from date of departure from Brunei after end of programme;
- 6. Must be fully vaccinated (2 doses or 1 dose for Johnson & Johnson) against COVID-19 by a WHO approved vaccine. Booster is encouraged.

(C) Application Process (3 Phases) *

Email the following documents to office.gr@ubd.edu.bn

Application Phase 1 (by 1 May 2022)

- 1. <u>Completed the application form (please click here);</u>
 - a. Modules here: <u>Click Here</u> for *tentative* Semester 1, 2022-2023 Modules.
- 2. Clear scanned copy of passport photo page;
- 3. Certified true copies of:
 - a. Latest academic transcript
 - b. Latest English proficiency test score
- 4. COVID-19 vaccination certificate;

Application Phase 2 (After Accepted by Faculty in UBD)

5. Copy of completed medical check (please click here);

Application Phase 3 (After Medical Check Passed)

- 6. Copy of medical insurance valid in Brunei for duration of study in UBD.
- 7. Copy of flight e-ticket.
- 8. Completed accommodation form.

*Application process and timeline will vary depending on COVID-19 travel restrictions in place at the time of application.

(D) Pre-Arrival

<u>Visa</u>

UBD will process a visa-on-arrival for all exchange students.

- 1. Email a clear scanned copy of passport photo page and copy of medical insurance **at least one month** in advance of arrival.
- Upon arrival, the International Students Coordinator will endorse the visa-on-arrival and convert it to a student visa within two weeks. Please make an appointment to see International Students Coordinator (<u>international.sas@ubd.edu.bn</u>) immediately after you have arrived in UBD.
- 3. Once their studies have ended in UBD, all exchange/non-graduating students <u>must cancel</u> <u>the student visa at least two (2) weeks</u> prior to leaving the university. Please make an appointment to see UBD's International Students Coordinator (<u>international.sas@ubd.edu.bn</u>) no less than two (2) weeks prior to planned departure date. Kindly note that you are not allowed to travel in and out of Brunei within the two weeks of your visa cancellation, prior to your final departure from Brunei. Please therefore plan your travels carefully.

Student Registration during Freshers' Week

Please bring the following on hand:

1. 2 x passport-size photos (with blue background).

(E) Arrival

Arrival and Term Dates

Recommended Arrival Date:	18 July 2022 (Monday)
Freshers' Week:	25 to 31 July 2022 (Monday to Sunday)
Term Dates:	1 August to 4 December 2022

<u>Airport Transfer – As of 26 February 2022, airport transfer to self-isolation hotel, and from self-isolation hotel to UBD should be arranged/ordered directly with the hotel.</u>

(F) Accommodation

UBD Global Relations Office will assist in booking on-campus accommodation for all exchange/nongraduating students, subject to availability, at the Core Residential College.

<u>The Core Residential College</u> consists of self-contained single-gender apartments. Each apartment is fully air-conditioned with 5 single-gender bedrooms with desk and wardrobe, shared kitchen, shared living space and shared bathroom as well as washing machine. Rental is BND250 per month (utilities included).

To apply for accommodation, please return the <u>accommodation form</u> at least one month prior to arrival in Brunei.

(G) Fees and Living Costs

<u>Visa Fees</u>

- 1. BND20 for the visa on arrival (to be paid at the Brunei International Airport or other international port of entry, at the Visa on Arrival counter or equivalent). For Singaporean and Malaysian citizens, this fee is waived.
- 2. The following student visa fees are to be paid in UBD to International Students Coordinator during endorsement of the visa on arrival IF students plan to travel in and out of Brunei during their period of study:
 - a. Single entry visa = BND20 or,
 - b. Multiple entry visa = BND30 (less than 3 months); BND50 (3 to 12 months).

Tuition Fees and Expenses

- 1. Tuition fees are waived during the exchange period, for students from partner universities.
- 2. All other expenses (including accommodation) will be borne by the student.

Estimated Living Cost

USD\$300 to USD\$600 per month for living expenses (excluding accommodation costs).

USD\$1 = BND\$1.35 (as of 26 February 2022, subject to change thereafter).

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(H) Academic Information

Important Dates

25 July 2022 to 31 July 2022

1 August 2022 to 4 December 2022

August 2022 to 18 September 2022
September to 25 September 2022
September 2022 to 13 November 2022
November 2022 to 20 November 2022
November 2022 to 4 December 2022

Freshers' Week

Semester 1, 2022-2023

Teaching Period (Week 1 to Week 7) Mid-Semester Break Teaching Period (Week 8 to Week 14) Revision Week Examination Weeks

Available Modules

- Please peruse through the individual academies/faculties at: <u>http://www.ubd.edu.bn/admission/undergraduate/gennext-degree-programme/degree-programmes/</u>
- 2. <u>Click Here</u> for *indication* of Semester 1, 2022-2023 Modules.

<u>Note</u>:

- All exchange/non-graduating students will not be allowed to enroll for any graduate modules, without approval of the faculty concerned;
- Non-Malay speaking exchange/non-graduating students are not encouraged to enroll in any Malay language or Malay-taught modules, without prior proven proficiency.

Average Course Load Per Semester

Minimum: 16 modular credits (4 modules) Maximum: 20 modular credits (5 modules)

Transcripts

Global Relations Office will email transcripts to students' home university International Offices upon availability of these (within 1 month of date of completion of exams). Transcripts can be sent via courier to the students' home university International Offices upon request.

Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you to Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD)!

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The information this factsheet is correct as at 26 February 2022.