

## **UKM PROFILE AND FACILITIES**

### **Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)**

Universiti Kebangsaan (National University of) Malaysia (UKM) was established on 18 May 1970. The first batch of 190 undergraduates and 1 postgraduate were registered at 3 faculties, i.e. Science, Arts and Islamic Studies. UKM has since seen tremendous growth in providing an increasing number of places of higher education learning as well undertaking research in various disciplines and fields of study. It now has 13 faculties and 13 research institutes of excellence.

The university's main campus in Bangi, Selangor Darul Ehsan spans an area of 1,096.29 hectares approximately 35 kilometres from Kuala Lumpur. The campus is situated in a valley surrounded by hills and greenery, providing a serene and conducive environment for learning and knowledge exploration. The faculties and institutes housed in the main campus are the Faculty of Economics and Management, Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment, Faculty of Islamic Studies, Faculty of Science and Technology, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Information Science and Technology, Graduate School of Business (GSB-UKM), Institute of Malay World and Civilisation (ATMA), Institute of Environment and Development (LESTARI), Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS), Institute of Space Science (ANGKASA), Institute of Microengineering and Nanoelectronics (IMEN), Institute of System Biology (INBIOSIS), Institute of Solar Energy Research (SERI), Fuel Cell Institute (SEL FUEL), Institute of Islam Hadhari (HADHARI), Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), Institute of Southeast Asia Disaster Prevention Research (SEADPRI), UKM Medical Molecular Biology (UMBI), Institute of Climate Change Studies (IKP), Institute of Visual Informatics (IVI), Centre of Graduate Management (PPS), Centre of General Studies (PPU), Students Development Centre and other centres of service. Faculty of Medicine (which hosts a university hospital) is located in the Cheras campus, whereas the Faculties of Allied Health Science, Dentistry, and Pharmacy are housed in the Kuala Lumpur campus.

UKM was identified as one of the research universities of Malaysia in 2006 based on its excellent record in research for 40 years. That recognition has gained further ground when the Malaysia Genome Institute (MGI) and the International Institute of Global Health, United Nations University were set up at the university. Its areas of research were further consolidated and enhanced with the identification of eight niche areas, namely: Challenges to Nation Building, Sustainable Territorial Development, Renewable Energy, Health and Medical Technology, Climate Change, Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials, Biological Diversity in Biotechnology Development and ICT: Content Informatics.

## Faculties and Centres



## Libraries

The Tun Seri Lanang Library (PTSL) is one of the biggest university libraries in Malaysia. It serves as the central library and main depository for reading and research materials. It has several branches, including the Institute of the Malay World and Civilisation Library (which is of special relevance to students of social sciences and

humanities), the Law Library, the Medical Center Library (Cheras), the Dr. Abdul Latiff Medical Library (Kuala Lumpur) and the Tan Sri Lim Goh Tong Virtual Medical Library. In addition, most faculties, schools, and institutes have their own mini libraries. The Tun Seri Lanang Library has a collection of over 1,468,519 volumes of books and subscribes to 109,274 scientific journals in all academic disciplines. Graduate students are entitled to borrow 15 books for one month. Please contact 03-8921 3446/ 011-324 3788 for FAQs about the Library.

### **Students' Health Centre**

UKM provides comprehensive health and dental care to all students and their families for a nominal fee. Male and female doctors are available for consultation and treatment. Consultations are made on a walk-in basis or by appointment. In most cases, patients are treated at the health centre for outpatient consultation. However, when necessary, referrals are made to the UKM Hospital located in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur for needed treatment. Please contact 03-8921 5087/5115 for further enquiry.

### **Sports and Recreation**

UKM's sports and recreational facilities offer students everything from football, sepak takraw, badminton and basketball, to running, swimming, tennis and indoor sports. In addition, the Danau Golf Club, which has an 18-hole international standard golf course, houses a clubhouse that consists of a gymnasium, snooker tables, karaoke lounge, TV room, seminar rooms, a Pro Shop, a restaurant, and an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

The Bangi main campus also features an array of extra-curricular activities. The award-winning UKM Cultural Centre (<https://www.facebook.com/UKMCulture>) and Dewan Canselor Tun Abdul Razak (DECTAR) stage a variety of prestigious national and international festivals every year, such as the Royal Concert, Arts Festival, Gamelan Festival, Pesta Ang Pao, Pesta Pongal, Pesta Tanglung, Theatre Village, Pantun Festival, International Drums Festival, International Dance Competition, and the ASEAN Universities Orchestra Concert.

### **Accommodation and Amenities**

The university has both on-campus and off-campus accommodation. The Bangi campus has 11 residential colleges and apartment blocks for about 11,000 students as well as a wealth of facilities and amenities such as cafes, shops, banks, a post office, and a university house Puri Pujangga Hotel (03-8922 2891).

## **How to reach UKM**

If you take the commuter train:

- You should take the commuter train heading towards Seremban at KL Sentral.
- If you exit at “Kajang” Station, you can continue your journey to UKM via the SUM Bus.
- If you exit at “UKM” Station, you can continue your journey to UKM via UKM’s coaster (operate only on working days).

If you travel by car/taxi:

- Traveling by car/taxi to UKM will take about 45 minutes from the centre of Kuala Lumpur.
- If you are driving, take the KL-Seremban Highway and exit at “Bangi” Toll Plaza.
- The taxi fare to UKM is approximately RM40-50.
- If you opt for a bus, you may go to the Metrojaya Sinar Kota and take the Sri Indah Shuttle Bus to reach UKM.

If you travel by air:

- If you arrive in Malaysia through the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), take the airport taxi. The journey will take about 30-40 minutes to UKM. The fare is approximately RM50-60.
- Please purchase tickets from registered taxi booths only.

## **About the Faculty (FSSK)**

The Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities (FSSK in its Malay acronym) is a centre of excellence that fosters critical thinking and creativity among students. Home to some of Malaysia’s foremost scholars, the faculty offers students with an innovative, supportive and intellectually challenging environment that stimulates them to succeed in their chosen field of study and nurtures them as tomorrow’s leaders. FSSK puts a premium on high quality teaching by experienced and dedicated academics, whose commitment to excellence ensures that students have access to a world-class education as well as the opportunity to involve in original research. The faculty embraces a wide range of interrelated disciplines, with a variety of programmes designed to equip students with professional knowledge, analytical skills, independent thinking, and other educational elements of career relevance.

The six schools under FSSK are:

- School of History, Politics and Strategic Studies (PPSPS)
- School of Language Studies and Linguistics
- School of Malay Language, Literature and Culture Studies
- School of Media and Communication Studies
- School of Psychology and Human Development
- School of Social, Development and Environmental Studies

The FSSK Schools incorporate specialised laboratories, galleries and documentation centres to help you hone your practical, professional and soft skills. These facilities, which aim at supporting specific programmes of study, are as follows:

- Lithography, Caricature and Manuscript Gallery
- Oral History Lab
- Language and Linguistics Lab
- Counseling Clinic
- Cognition and Stress Lab
- Virtual Lab
- Geomorphology/Hydrology Lab
- Cartography Lab
- Climate Study Lab
- Development Analysis Lab
- Audio-Visual Media Production Lab
- Radio Midas Continuity Suite
- Malay Traditional Costume and Fashion Gallery

FSSK academics publish their work in high-impact journals both internationally and locally. The faculty itself publishes numerous journals in social sciences and humanities, as follows:

- *3L The Southeast Asian Journal of English Language Studies*
- *Akademika*
- *e-Bangi Journal*
- *GEMA Online Journal of Language Studies*
- *Geografia: Malaysian Journal of Society and Space*
- *Jebat: Malaysian Journal of History, Politics and Strategy*
- *Jurnal Komunikasi: The Malaysian Journal of Communication*
- *Jurnal Malayu: Journal of the Malay World*
- *Jurnal Psikologi dan Pembangunan Manusia: Journal of Psychology and Human Development*

## **About the School (PPSPS)**

The School of History, Politics and Strategic Studies (PPSPS in its Malay acronym) is a leading teaching and research institution in the fields of history, political science, and international relations in Malaysia. Its academic members have won prestigious awards and substantial grants from national and international agencies, producing widely-cited research outputs on subjects ranging from Malaysian history, politics, and foreign policy to ASEAN community-building, Asian multilateralism and state alignment behavior. The School's Political Science and International Relations Programmes were ranked within the Top 100 in the world by the QS World University Ranking (by Subject) in 2014. PPSPS is a member institution of the Community of East Asian Scholars (CEAS), a network of universities aimed at promoting ASEAN and East Asian Studies in all ASEAN Plus Three countries. Building on its ever-expanding regional network and global outlook, the School launched the East Asia and International Relations (EAIR) Forum and the Strategic Studies and International Relations (SSIR) Roundtable Series in August 2014 as the platform to host world renowned scholars and experts to share their knowledge and research findings with PPSPS students and Malaysia-based academics, analysts, and practitioners on contemporary strategic and international issues.

### **• Strategic Studies and International Relations (SSIR) Programme**

UKM pioneered strategic studies and international relations in Malaysia when the then Strategic and Security Studies Unit (UPSK in its Malay acronym) offered diploma and advanced diploma programs in the 1980s. Under its founding director Professor Zakaria Haji Ahmad, UPSK embarked on another milestone in 1994 when it started its first taught postgraduate program Master of Social Sciences (M.Soc.Sc.) in Strategic and Security Analysis. In 1999, UPSK collaborated with the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR) to initiate a 2-month M.Soc.Sc. in Strategy and Diplomacy. The joint program has attracted Malaysian and foreign participants from different governmental departments as well as professional and private sectors. In 2001, as part of the FSSK's restructuring exercise, UPSK was renamed the Strategic Studies and International Relations (SSIR) Programme and merged with the History Department and the Political Science Department to form the School of History, Politics, and Strategic Studies (PPSPS). In 2002, the SSIR Programme collaborated with the Malaysian Armed Forces Defense College (MPAT), the Ministry of Defense, to offer another 12-month postgraduate programme – M.Soc.Sc. in Defence Studies – for military and security officers from Malaysia and foreign countries. In 2013, the SSIR Programme launched its fourth taught postgraduate program, M.Soc.Sc. in East Asian Studies, the first English-medium, IR-oriented East Asian Studies program in Malaysia that focuses on the strategic and political economic links between Northeast and Southeast Asia. Over the years, the SSIR's four Master's-level degrees and its dynamic PhD program have trained hundreds of graduates across the region and

beyond, many of whom serving in government and international agencies ranging from foreign and defence ministries, to security agencies and non- governmental organisations, and to think-tanks and universities. Along with its newly established EAIR Forum and SSIR Roundtable, the SSIR Programme's academic degrees are a driving force shaping the international studies landscape in Malaysia.