

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

The University of Wollongong in Southeast Asia



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Partnership built over two decades

The University of Wollongong is truly an international institution, with links to leading educational institutions around the world. The University has long-standing formal agreements with 272 institutions in over 40 countries and delivers transnational education programs in a number of offshore locations.

For over two decades the University of Wollongong has been partnering with leading Southeast Asian education provider INTI International University and Colleges to deliver University of Wollongong courses and degrees in Malaysia.

The relationship started with fly-in, fly-out programs where University of Wollongong academics would travel to INTI colleges in Malaysia to deliver courses. Following the success of these initial programs, the University of Wollongong and INTI entered into a new kind of partnership in 2011 for full degree programs, where the University supplies the curriculum and Quality Assurance, and INTI supplies the resources, space and their campuses, marketing, management and academic staff.

The University of Wollongong now offers a Master's degree in International Business and Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Computing Science, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Media and Communications degrees at Subang Jaya in Kuala Lumpur and on the island of Penang.

Student mobility

The University of Wollongong courses offered at INTI Malaysia have the same entry requirements as the University of Wollongong and follow the University's curriculum under the guidance of excellent academic staff. This means that Malaysian students can get a high-quality, internationally-recognised degree without the expense of having to travel overseas. This also means that they can choose to combine part-time work with part-time study should they want to.

Importantly the Malaysian courses mirror the Australian version so that students have the option to complete the whole degree in Malaysia or choose to move to study at the University of Wollongong in Australia at any stage of their degree. This versatile Study Abroad and transfer program gives Malaysian students the option to come to Australia for one or more sessions – giving them an international study experience at reduced cost.

Wollongong students study tour to INTI Malaysia

In 2015 the University of Wollongong initiated a successful study tour to INTI International College Subang Jaya in Kuala Lumpur. The study tour saw 20 students from both the Faculty of Engineering and Information Sciences and the Faculty of Business travel to Malaysia under the New Colombo Plan.

The study tour gave students the opportunity to work on integrated projects with numerous local and international companies, including IBM, General Electric (GE) and MIMOS (Malaysia's national R&D centre in ICT under the purview of the Malaysian Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation).

The program included roundtable discussions with senior executives from IBM, GE and MIMOS, as well as employer site visits and presentations by the students to senior executives. The Study tour also included an INTI Leadership series with leading executives as well as numerous recreational and cultural activities.

All three organisations GE, IBM and MIMOS were impressed with the employer projects completed by the students, and are eager to host further cohorts from the University of Wollongong.

The University of Wollongong in Singapore

The University of Wollongong graduates in Singapore have established a reputation with employers, recruiters and government as skilled, industry-ready workers.

Singapore courses hit the mark

The University of Wollongong has long-standing partnerships with two of Singapore's leading private higher education colleges, the Singapore Institute of Management (SIM) and the PSB Academy.

The University of Wollongong works with these two long-established Singapore education and training institutions to deliver internationally-recognised academic programs in business, information technology and, more recently, psychology.

The University of Wollongong has been offering UOW-SIM specialised information technology bachelor degree programs since 2005 while the University has been offering business programs at PSB since 2008.

PSB Academy was formerly part of the Productivity and Standards Board of Singapore, and has been instrumental in stimulating productivity improvement and innovation within the country's workforce. The University of Wollongong offers full-time and part-time business programs through PSB in select undergraduate majors, with graduates progressing into some of Singapore's leading national and international corporations.

Singapore's Economic Development Board established SIM in 1964 to fulfil a national mission to train and build a pool of highly skilled managers to support Singapore's economic goals. Today, SIM is the largest private education institution in Singapore.

Since the University of Wollongong established its alliances with SIM in 2005, graduates have established a reputation with employers, recruiters and government as skilled, industry-ready workers with the flexibility and confidence to adapt to the ever-changing technological and business landscape.

A number of government agencies support the courses through internships and scholarships, including the Centre for Strategic Infocomm Technologies within the Ministry of Defence, which supports students undertaking the digital systems security major within the University of Wollongong Bachelor of Computer Science degree.

Psychology program thriving at SIM

The University of Wollongong has expanded its course offering at SIM and introduced a Bachelor of Science (Psychology) degree at the Singapore campus. The program is in its fifth year and enrolments have grown steadily since the program began. This means that Singaporean students can get a high-quality, accredited and internationally-recognised degree without the expense of having to travel overseas.

The program also offers students the opportunity to travel to Australia to complete their degree at the University of Wollongong in Australia. In 2015 the first cohort of SIM honour students came to complete their honours year at the Wollongong Campus, with one of the eight honour students staying on at the Wollongong Campus to complete a PHD in Psychology. This year the student mobility program will continue with another five Singapore students expected to come to the University of Wollongong to complete their honours year.

The University of Wollongong is now extending the international experience to Psychology students studying at the Wollongong Campus. In 2015 the University of Wollongong took a group of third year Social Psychology students to spend a week working with their SIM Singapore counterparts. The group worked on joint projects with their SIM Psychology peers and undertook site visits at mental health and other relevant facilities. This enables the Australia students to study alongside their Singaporean counterparts and also get a feel for the culture. The University of Wollongong will be repeating the study tour again in 2016.

Industry engagement

The University of Wollongong has strong links with a number of private and government organisations in Singapore, including:

- A close collaboration with the Centre for Strategic Infocomm Technologies (CSIT) which is an agency in the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) that focuses on R&D and solutions development in information and communications technologies to fulfil the strategic needs of Singapore. CSIT sponsors scholarships for SIM students, making the University of Wollongong the only overseas university to receive CSIT scholarships.
- A strong relationship with the Infocomm Development Authority (IDA) which is a statutory board of the Singapore Government under the Ministry of Communications and Information responsible for the development and growth of the infocomm sector in Singapore. IDA provide SIM-UOW students with a book prize each year for the top graduate.
- A new collaboration with Samsung Singapore to begin in 2016. Samsung will provide projects for SIM-UOW students in the development of applications for their Samsung Gear S2 platform.

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