



Dear International Exchange Partners,

Greetings from Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD)!

We are pleased to announce that nomination for the **Semester 1, 2026-2027** is now open.

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

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(A) Deadlines

Nomination Closing Date	31 March 2026
Nomination (Online Only)	Click Here
Application Closing Date (By Email Only)	30 April 2026

Any supporting documents to the nomination can be emailed to the Director of Office of Global Engagement at office.gr@ubd.edu.bn

Please kindly note that we DO NOT require hard copies.

(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 TOEFL iBT above 79 or equivalent.
5. Must have a passport with at least 6 months of validity from date of departure from Brunei after end of programme at UBD.

(C) Application Process (3 Phases) *

Application Phase 1 (30 April 2026) – Upload to unique google folder and email to office.gr@ubd.edu.bn

(Applying student will be emailed by UBD to initiate their application process and a link to their unique google folder will be shared. Students are required to upload on the google folder the requested application documents and notify UBD via email)

1. Submit the tentative module choices (4 modules) you would like to take in UBD. Modules here: [Click Here](#) for indication (from Semester 1, 2024-2025) of Semester 2, 2024-2025 modules.
2. Kindly download ensure to clearly list down the complete module codes and titles in this form ([click here](#)).
3. Submit a clear scanned copy of **passport photo page**;
4. Submit certified true copies of:
 - a. Latest **academic transcript**
 - b. Latest **English proficiency test score**

Once the module choices are accepted, we will email the applicant to complete an online form. Please wait to hear.

Application Phase 2 (After Accepted by Faculty in UBD, please wait to hear)

5. Email a copy of [completed medical check \(please click here\)](#);

Application Phase 3 (After Medical Check is Passed, please wait to hear)

6. Submit a copy of comprehensive travel medical insurance valid in Brunei for duration of study in UBD. Please ensure it is a comprehensive insurance that covers the whole period of student stay at UBD, medical treatment including COVID-19 care and repatriation.

7. Submit a copy of flight booking itinerary with your name clearly stated in the booking. Kindly confirm your travel dates with us **prior** to purchasing your tickets. **No tickets should be purchased before receiving the visa on arrival letter (VOA)** from our office.
8. Submit completed [**accommodation reservation form**](#).

(D) Pre-Arrival

Visa

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

1. Submit a clear scanned copy of passport photo page and copy of medical insurance **at least one month** in advance of arrival.
2. Upon arrival, the International Students Unit (ISU) will endorse the visa-on-arrival and convert it to a student visa within two weeks. Please make an appointment to see the International Students Unit (ISU) by emailing office.isu@ubd.edu.bn immediately after you have arrived in UBD.
3. Once their studies have ended in UBD, all exchange/non-graduating students **must cancel the student visa at least two (2) weeks** prior to leaving the university. Please make an appointment to see International Students Unit (ISU) (office.isu@ubd.edu.bn) **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.

E-Arrival Card

All inbound students to UBD are required to register and complete the E-Arrival Card prior to their travel to Brunei Darussalam. To complete the E-Arrival Card please do the below:

1. Read the guideline on how to register and complete the E-Arrival Card [**here**](#).
2. The E-Arrival Card can be completed at this link [**https://www.imm.gov.bn**](https://www.imm.gov.bn)
3. **Keep a screenshot of the E-Arrival Card registration confirmation page that should have your unique Reference Number.**

Student Registration during Freshers' Week

Please bring the following **printed** documents on hand:

1. A copy of UBD acceptance letter
2. A copy of passport photo page
3. 2 x passport-size photos (with blue background)
4. A copy of medical insurance
5. A copy of medical fitness report

(E) Arrival

Arrival and Term Dates

Recommended Arrival Date:	19 August 2026 to 23 August 2026
Freshers' Week:	24 August 2026 to 30 August 2026 (Monday to Sunday)
Term Dates:	31 August 2026 to 17 January 2027

Airport Transfer

All exchange and non-graduating students can arrange airport transfer when completing their UBD accommodation reservation form. The student will pay the fee indicated for the airport transfer in the accommodation reservation form to the airport pick-up company.

(F) Accommodation

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

[The Core Residential College](#) 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 excluding Wi-Fi fee of BND10 per month), and deposit of one month's rent (paid in BND cash) is required upon check in.

To apply for accommodation, please return the [accommodation reservation form](#) at least one month prior to arrival in Brunei.

(G) Fees and Living Costs

Visa Fees

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 Unit during endorsement of the visa on arrival:

- a. Single entry visa = BND20 or,
- b. Multiple entry visa = BND30 (less than 3 months); BND50 (3 to 12 months).*

* We highly encourage students to get the multiple entry visa if they plan to travel across Brunei border to Malaysian states of Sarawak and Sabah.

Tuition Fees and Expenses

1. Tuition fees are waived during the exchange period (for partner university students).
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\$1.29 (as of 17 December 2025, subject to change thereafter).

(H) Academic Information

Important Dates

24 August 2026 to 30 August 2026

Freshers' Week

31 August 2026 to 17 January 2027

Semester 1, 2026-2027

31 August 2026 to 18 October 2026

Teaching Period (Week 1 to Week 7)

19 October 2026 to 25 October 2026

Mid-Semester Break

26 October 2026 to 13 December 2026

Teaching Period (Week 8 to Week 14)

14 December 2026 to 20 December 2026

Revision Weeks

21 December 2026 to 03 January 2026

Inter Semester Break 1

04 January 2027 – 17 January 2027

Examination Weeks

27 January 2027 – 28 January 2027

Supplementary Examination

18 January 2027 – 31 January 2027

Inter Semester Break 2

Available Modules

1. Please peruse through the individual academies/faculties at:
<https://ubd.edu.bn/level/undergraduate/?course-keywords&faculties>
2. [Click Here](#) for indication of Semester 1, 2026-2027 modules.

Note:

- 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

Maximum 16 modular credits (4 modules)

Transcripts

Exchange/ Non-graduating students are encouraged to collect their transcripts prior to leaving UBD (if transcripts are already available). However, if students leave prior to the availability of their transcripts, then UBD Global Engagement Office will courier the documents to the International Office of the student's home university (scanned copies will also be emailed).

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

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