

Academic Course and Credit Information
SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY - SARAWAK

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Choosing the Right Subjects:

*Courses = Majors in the U.S. and Units = classes

**You will first search by Courses, and then you will be able to individually view the units.

- Go to: <http://www.swinburne.edu.my/courses/>
- Click on the Course where you would like to search for units
- Scroll Down to the “Units of Study”
- Click on the Unit name for more details

NOTE: All classes are taught in English. **Students enrolled in classes within the Bachelors of Engineering, Science, or Design departments may be charged additional fees for tuition.**

Swinburne University of Technology – Sarawak (SUTS) Subject Load Information

You must enroll in at least 12 credits = 37.5 SUTS Credits

The maximum amount you can take is 16 credits = 50 SUTS credits

The typical SUTS subject is = 12.5 credits

Prerequisites and Course Approval

Globalinks requires that your classes are pre-approved by your home university. SUTS will review your class selections to confirm your eligibility for enrollment, as well as their availability during the term you plan to attend.

Course Scheduling and Enrollment

Timetables at most universities are not published until just before the semester begins. Therefore, you will not actually enroll in your subjects until after you arrive. You will choose your classes from the list of subjects you selected during pre-departure (and had approved by your home university), according to how they fit into your schedule. If you choose to enroll in any subjects that were not pre-approved by your Home University, you should contact your advisor in order to obtain the necessary approval. Be sure to bring your advisor's email address with you abroad to aid in communication. We will be sending you more information about approvals once we receive your subject choices.

Academic Differences between Malaysia and the U.S./Canada

A student's academic schedule fluctuates between lectures, tutorials (small group sessions), laboratory work, and library study. For your class grade, you may be expected to concentrate your academic efforts in library research and writing, and it is not uncommon to have a large percentage of your grade based upon 1 to 2 exams. The tutorials may require you to prepare material, present a paper, read articles or participate in group discussion/projects. Your attendance in class may also play a large role in your final grade.

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Additionally, you might notice that local students are quiet in class, as they are more accustomed to a lecture atmosphere than group discussions. In general, you should be prepared for some differences between the overseas and the U.S./Canadian academic systems and be aware that you may experience a period of adjustment.

**See Grading Conversion Guide below:*

SWINBURNE UNIV.OF TECHNOLOGY - SARAWAK: Grading Conversion Guide

Australian Grade	Qualification	Approx. US Grade
85-100	High Distinction	A
75-84	Distinction	A
65-74	Credit	B
50-64	Pass	C
0-49	Fail	Below C
-	NA-No Attempt	F

Minimum full time semester credit point load at SUTS = 37.5 credits equivalent to 12 US credit hours.

Maximum full time semester credit point load at SUT = 50 credits equivalent to 16 US credit hours

The majority of Swinburne subjects are each worth 12.5 Swinburne credits