

A dynamic career in real estate



The iconic, state-of-the-art University of Reading Malaysia campus in EduCity Iskandar.

ACCORDING to Savills Impact Report 2018, real estate is the world's largest asset class worth an estimated US\$280.6 trillion. Contrary to popular belief, a career in real estate is much more than just transacting properties.

The real estate lifecycle starts with initial investment decisions, leading to valuations and transactions, planning and design work, followed by construction, property management, maintenance and asset management.

Consequently, the real estate industry offers many different opportunities and career pathways that include:

- > Real estate investment
- > Property and asset management
- > Capital markets
- > Commercial and retail property leasing
- > Project and development services
- > Valuation
- > Advisory and consulting
- > City and urban planning

Real estate professionals are employed by property developers, institutional investors, property services consultancies, financial institutions, asset management firms and government agencies. Experienced real estate professionals can consider establishing their own business.

Furthermore, the global nature of the real estate industry means that talented real estate professionals have excellent career prospects not only within Malaysia, but globally as well.

Established reputation

Real Estate and Planning at Henley Business School, which is part of the University of Reading in the UK, has a long and established reputation. The university is ranked No.1 for "Land & Property Management" according to the 2023 Complete University Guide Subject Ranking.

Students on the BSc Real Estate programme develop knowledge

and skills in areas such as finance, economics, planning, law, valuation and management, which is specific to the real estate industry.

Study at the Malaysia campus

As an alternative to studying in the UK, students in Malaysia have the opportunity to study Real Estate at the university's international branch campus in EduCity Iskandar. In doing so, students save an estimated 60% of the costs versus studying at the UK campus, and receive exactly the same University of Reading degree following the same curriculum and academic quality standards.

Students in Malaysia benefit from an excellent learning ecosystem. The modern, state-of-the-art campus located in EduCity, Iskandar Johor, has excellent facilities including IT-enabled classrooms, a large lecture theatre, computer labs, a Learning Resource Centre (LRC) and fast Wi-Fi. Students will find the campus a conducive environment not only for study but also for chilling out with friends.

Furthermore, students in Malaysia can also take advantage of the flexible options which allows them to spend the second, and even third and final year, at the university's Reading UK campus.

Excellent industry-preparedness and employability

The BSc Real Estate programme offered in Malaysia is closely aligned with the relevant industry and professional standards.

The programme carries the distinction of being one of the very few programmes with professional recognition in Malaysia (with the Board of Valuers, Appraisers, Estate Agents and Property Managers Malaysia), the UK (with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) and Singapore (with the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers).

These recognitions are particularly valuable given the global nature of the real estate industry



Former students on industry placement at Knight Frank, Indonesia.

and the opportunities to develop an international career.

Furthermore, the programme boasts an exceptional employability record, with graduates undertaking work placements and starting their careers in established firms such as Knight Frank, Savills, JLL, CBRE | WTW, Hartamas Real Estate Group and Sunway Group. In fact, the majority of students secure job offers even before graduation.

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Take flight with these courses

UNIVERSITI Kuala Lumpur is well known as one of the leading technical universities in Malaysia and the institution is mandated under Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) and Ministry of Rural Development (KPLB).

In providing a technical study in aviation subject matter whether academically or professionally, one of its UniKL campuses, Malaysian Institute of Aviation Technology, is one of the best institutions available in Malaysia and South-East Asia and also well known as the first university in Malaysia that was approved by international and local aviation authorities.

The campuses in Sepang and Subang airport are strategically located nearby two major Malaysian airports.

One of their main programmes are professional programmes on aircraft maintenance licences for European and Malaysian authorities.

These programmes are approved by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM). It is also accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) as one of the professional certificates under the Ministry of Higher Education (KPT).

The programme is divided into theoretical and practical segments that will enhance the understanding of the technical subject in aircraft maintenance and taught by an approved instructor based on their individual experience and continuous training provided by



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UniKL MIAT. Some of these training requires them to learn and re-learn the new technology of basic and type training by all means to ensure they stay updated on the current system of a new generation aircraft such as the 737NG and AW189.

This is an advantage to the student as in future, after completing the basic licence by EASA and CAAM, UniKL MIAT is preparing the type of training to be conducted in-house for its alumni that requires to be established as an aircraft type endorsed licence aircraft engineer for future career growth.

In general, the programme is conducted in modular sessions and its candidates are required to undergo a full training of 2,400 hours that revolve in different categories of licensing as enrolled. Its categories are Aeroplane Turbine (B1.1), Helicopter Turbine (B1.3) and also Avionics (B2).

The training is conducted in-house with two campuses that facilitate 40 approved workshops and a hangar that can fit in dimension of three narrow body commercial aircraft at Sepang campus and stores a variety of aircraft type for training such as Cessna 150, Cessna 182, Cessna 310, Hawker

Siddeley 125 and Falcon 20.

Meanwhile, operating since 2018, the new Subang campus practical training is conducted in 10 approved workshops with all approved training aids and a hangar that can fit in two narrow body and a single wide body aircraft.

In these campuses the training integration of an airworthy aircraft is engaged with the student in structured manners as approved by both aviation authorities.

With an expansion of networking in the aviation industries, UniKL MIAT and a few strategic partners have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be able to work together and to ensure the training are in full compliance, about 300-400 hours of training are conducted at the MRO or an approved Part-145 organisation for the student to be able to understand more on company policies and procedures, assisting task in an actual environment of a live and airworthy aircraft and most importantly to be able to perform these tasks from the initial training in-house under the supervision and surveillance of approved and dedicated trainers.

During these structured training sessions at the MRO, they will also be supervised by an established licence aircraft engineer that will teach and supervise these sessions closely.

■ For more information, call Abdullah Mohd Noor at 012-340 5259 or email abdullahmdnoor@unikl.edu.my

Pick up a second language

If you want a good career with a multinational, languages are key. In Malaysia we tend to speak our own language really well and can usually speak two or three others. However, that's not enough.

To be marketable overseas, you need to speak a lingua franca: a language that's commonly used in trading. There are many languages that qualify for the title so the key to picking the right one is to understand their applications and limitations.

First, English remains the world's most popular as it is the most commonly used language for business, science, technology and diplomacy.

If you see your business as focused on China and her neighbours, then Mandarin is a logical choice. It is spoken by 1.2 billion people around the world, and is the national language in Taiwan.

As China is a manufacturing powerhouse, you could learn this language, and live anywhere and be the Chinese connection for any multinational.

If you're interested in petro-chem, or any business that's focused on the Middle East, then Arabic is a great choice.

While most corporations there will use English as a house language, Arabic is also useful in Africa, especially Chad, Lebanon, and the Western Sahara. As this continent has several fast growing economies, learning this may pay off handsomely.



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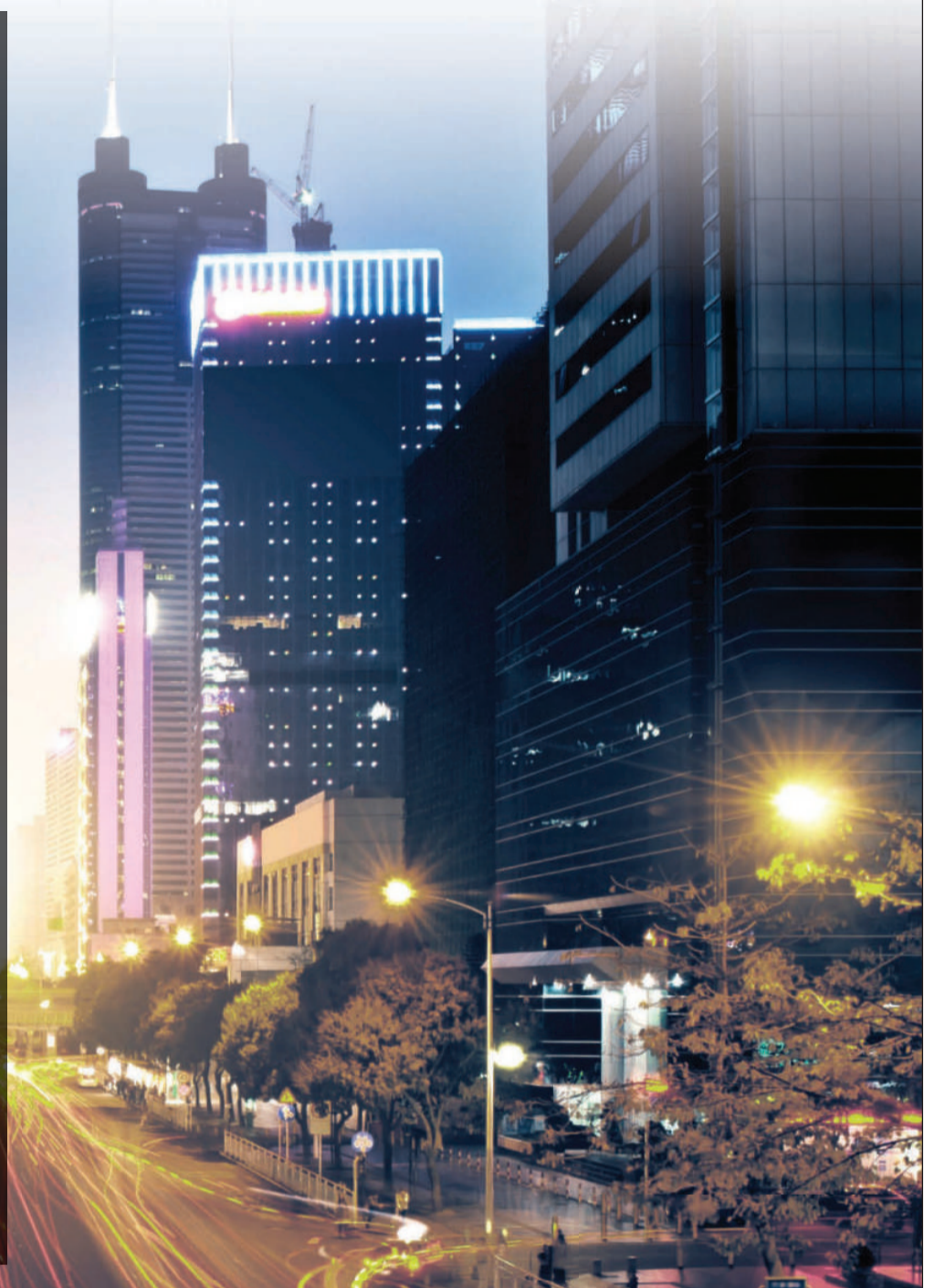
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How to read and understand better

DO you have trouble reading textbooks? If so, you're not alone. Luckily, it's also very easy to improve.

Don't be intimidated by size

Many people are frightened by the sheer size of textbooks. As a first step, adapt your mindset. Understand that a textbook is like a gourmet meal. It's big because it's going to be satisfying.

Reading is a skill

Like all skills, it's a matter of practising. Start reading newspaper sections and magazines that have full-length features. In college, understand that your first year is designed to get you up to speed on your

skills. Follow the directions for all the readings. Don't whine and ask to be excused. See the initial struggles as first steps on the path to superstardom.

Skim, focus and reread

Textbooks tend to have layers built into them. The title and the subheadings will tell you what the main points are. You may also have exercises that help you check for your learning. However, the best way to read better is to skim first. That gives you a big picture overview. Then ask yourself, "What is my goal in reading this?" The answer is not "To get an A"! See what information you need to get to grips with. Then reread and focus on that.



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Engineering graduate thrives abroad



Tan (centre), one of the three representatives of IET Singapore to attend the IET Malaysia Prestige Lecture & Awards Dinner.

WITH 50 years of expertise in engineering education, Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC) has a rich tradition of producing graduates with the knowledge, skills and attributes who meet the standards of the profession.

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FOET) in TAR UC began as the School of Technology in 1972 with programmes that prepared students to sit for internationally recognised professional examinations. With the qualification and training from TAR UC, many graduates have gone on to work not only locally but abroad in the field of engineering where their talent and ability is in demand.

Despite growing up in Kemaman, Terengganu, Tan Tau Wee left the picturesque village of Kemaman to pursue a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering with Honours at TAR UC after SPM.

His decision was based on the fact that his older brother took up a bachelor's degree in Accounting and that his seniors highly recommended TAR UC as a place of study as it is one of the highly rated institutions of higher learning in Malaysia.

As he recollected his time at TAR UC, he shared some of the lasting impressions he had as a Mechanical Engineering student.

"I learned a lot about engineering management. Engineering management honed my technical capabilities with leadership knowledge and skills, which prepared me for success in a highly technical organisation. It has enabled me to manage and lead a team of analysts and industrial engineers. I can help my company identify costs and budget needs for specific projects in their planning stage and delegate tasks and inspect processes and project results for accuracy and quality," he said.

"I had the opportunity to learn Finite Element Analysis (FEA) which uses mathematical models to understand and quantify the effects of real-world conditions on a part or assembly. These simulations, which are conducted via specialised software, allow engineers to locate potential problems in a design, including areas of tension and weak spots. Using building material information and accurate 3D models of a part or assembly, FEA predicts structural or performance problems before they occur in the real world. This knowledge and skills that I had gained during my studies have been really useful in my line of work," Tan added.

In the FOET, students are encouraged to display their engineering knowledge, talent and sense of innovation in the course of their studies, and they get to do so every year at the Project Design Exhibition (ProDEX), organised by FOET.

Tan also took part in the event and his

project was to design and fabricate a Solar-Powered Car Ventilation.

He said: "The lesson that I learned from this project was the sequential steps that I had to go through to complete the project. It starts with the objective, methodology, design, test and commencement. All the steps are commonly practised in my job."

Tan obtained his bachelor's degree in 2017 and he now works in UTOC Engineering Private Limited as a Senior Project Engineer in Singapore.

At the company, his career highlights include the three major projects he has completed. The first is Evonik ME6, which is a second world-scale production plant for the amino acid DL-methionine in Jurong Island, Singapore, as Project Engineer. Secondly, as Project Engineer for ExxonMobil-Chemical and Refining Integrated Singapore Plant (CRISP) Project which is known as a world-scale refining complex across two sites – one on the mainland (Jurong) and another on Jurong Island (Pulau Ayer Chawan or PAC).

Together with the Singapore Chemical Plant, they form the largest integrated ExxonMobil manufacturing complex in the world. Thirdly, as Project Lead for CCD (Singapore) Pte Ltd – VAE/VAEP Expansion Project where Tan's company was the PCM (main contractor) for Equipment, Steel Structure, Architectural, Piping, Insulation and E & I Works.

Apart from his work, Tan is also an active member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) in Singapore. He finds it beneficial as a member as there are plenty of activities implemented such as workshops, lectures, courses and engineering talks.

"The community brings together engineers and technicians from around the world to network, learn and collaborate to build real industry connections, no matter where you are or what your area of expertise is. Besides that, having a support network of like-minded engineers who share your interests is priceless when it comes to building your career and expanding your knowledge," he said.

Engineers are highly in demand not only in Malaysia but globally. With the right knowledge and well-recognised qualification like Tan, one can be a sought-after engineer anywhere in the world and contribute to the community.

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Winning on the global stage

“TEAM Carbon” comprising five petroleum engineering students from Curtin University Malaysia (Curtin Malaysia), won a bronze medal in the recent PetroCup World Student Olympics 2022, having placed third in the South Asia Region.

Team Carbon comprised team leader Mahibul Islam Bappy, Eslam Samer Soliman Mohamed Talala, Eugene Jian Jun Chai, Danesh Anandan Naidu and Abdurrazzaq Amani Azli under the guidance of lecturers Dr Mahmood Bataee and Dr Ziad Bennour from Curtin Malaysia's Department of Chemical and Energy Engineering.

The PetroCup World Student Olympics, organised annually by Nafta College in Russia, is a one-of-a-kind online competition designed to simulate real-life activities that take place in an oilfield.

It is run on Polyplan – an interactive training and testing programme that tests teams on different upstream activities.

Polyplan creates a digital twin of synthetic petroleum assets so that the teams can see the production analysis over many years of virtual field exploration and development.

The competition consisted of five trials within a limited time frame. Following each trial, the teams' scores were tallied.

Universities including Curtin Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, PetroVietnam University, Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), University of Petroleum and Energy Studies India, and Chulalongkorn University Thailand



Mahibul Islam Bappy Eugene Chai Jian Jun Abdurrazzaq Amani bin Azli Eslam Samer Soliman Mohamed Talala Danesh Anandan Naidu

TEAM CARBON

Curtin Malaysia's Team Carbon.

participated this year.

Describing the competition as extremely challenging, Team Carbon worked together relentlessly on tackling the problems posed, discussing various options and novel approaches to issues.

This instilled a strong sense of confidence and teamwork, they said.

They also credited their success to the support and motivation of event host Vladimir Krichevsky and their team mentor, Alfiya Mustafina.

Assoc Prof Ir Stephanie Chan Yen San, Chemical and Energy Engineering Department head, said she was delighted to see the achievements of the students in the PetroCup.

“Being able to simulate real petroleum industry conditions and tackle real-world problems in the

competition demonstrates the capabilities of our students and their readiness for work in the industry,” she said.

Meanwhile, Faculty of Engineering and Science dean Prof Tuong-Thuy Vu, in conveying his congratulations to the students, said it was heartening to see Curtin Malaysia's engineering and science students continuing to excel in national and international competitions, citing the PetroCup as one of the engineering world's most anticipated and hotly-contested competitions.

Prof Vu also commended Dr Mahmood and Dr Ziad for being excellent advisors, saying that the team's outstanding performance was largely due to their guidance and motivation.

Curtin Malaysia offers Curtin's four-year Bachelor of Engineering

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(Hons) in Petroleum Engineering, which involves chemical engineering, drilling, fluid flow through reservoirs, formation evaluation, geology, hydrocarbon phase behaviour, oil and gas field development, petroleum production technology, thermodynamics and well completions engineering.

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Information on Curtin Malaysia can be found on its website at www.curtin.edu.my, or look for Curtin Malaysia on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn or TikTok.

Studying essentials

YOU have books, an assignment and a deadline, now what else do you need to get an A? The answer may surprise you.

Comfortable study area

Firstly, a nice roomy empty desk. Or a table. The thing that's important is that it's at a comfortable height and that you have plenty of space for your books, pens, laptop, cup of coffee – and possibly the supervising cat.

If you don't have space to work, you'll be breaking off to pick things up and that ruins your concentration.

Good lighting

You need to be able to see clearly so you don't end up squinting and getting a thumping headache. Lots of sunshine is good, because it's natural light which is energising and cheerful. However, if you're in a place where it moves about and casts shadows, it's distracting. A good compromise is sunshine and to switch the lights on.

Proper support

A good chair and support for your feet, arms, wrists and fingers. If you're all hunched up, you'll restrict your breathing and you'll end up with muscle aches and strains. Worse, a few years of repetitive strain can mess up your hands for life.

So make sure you're comfortable by adjusting everything to suit your height and shape. While you're at it, get your eyes checked to see if you need a new pair of glasses.

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An enriching learning experience

INTERNATIONAL Medical University (IMU) alumna (PC218) Ong Yee Swen had an enriching experience during her IMU days.

She shares her education journey and experience:

"From being awarded the Tun Zahir Merit Award to the Institut Kimia Malaysia Award for undergraduate students, I was certainly able to do it only with the immense support provided by the institution, peers and family.

The multi-faceted and well-structured programme has allowed me to grasp the learning materials – both theoretical and practical, with the conviction that I am in safe hands. The learning curve was structured in a way that has been a steady one, which helped me ease into the more in-depth and advanced material without dramatic hiccups.

Being chemistry-focused, the Pharmaceutical Chemistry programme unequivocally did not neglect the other aspects related to this field through the offering of a comprehensive and diverse module.

My lecturers also played an immense part in helping me in my achievements. They readily offered their utmost attention and expertise, both on and off-campus, in furthering my understanding of

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Ong Yee Swen

the syllabi. Any difficulty or obstacles in my learning experience during my undergraduate years were quickly resolved and clarified.

The deadlines set for assignments were also strategically thought out where I could find good work-life balance for further exploration in other things.

The learning environment has been synergised through like-minded friends who kept me on my feet and in the loop of our studies constantly.

The collaborative space provided makes it easy to share ideas and learn from each other, as one could not be the master of everything. Through working together, I was able to see my weak points and work on them.

Excellent support from my friends and family allowed me to break down the walls of tunnel vision that is prone to diminishing returns.

I was not looking to win any award when I started my studies, nor do I emphasise on it now.

However, I am definitely honoured and would like to pay tribute to all the guidance and opportunities I have received along the way."

The Pharmaceutical Chemistry degree from IMU is accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), UK. The course is undertaken entirely at IMU and completed in three years (six semesters).

Upon completion of the degree, graduates can enter the workforce and begin their career in pharmaceutical and other chemical industries. The programme also offers credit transfer options to University of Dundee.

After obtaining the IMU BSc (Hons) Pharmaceutical Chemistry degree, those who meet the academic criteria can also continue to pursue the Master of Pharmacy programme at the University of Sydney with credit exemptions in the Master of Pharmacy programmes.

Graduates of the Master of Pharmacy degrees from these universities can register as practising



Ong had an enriching experience during her IMU days.

pharmacists in Australia and Singapore, but not in Malaysia currently.

The commencement of this programme is in February, April, July and September each year. If you are interested to join this programme, make an online application via IMU's website (www.imu.edu.my).

If you have just completed your

SPM and do not have pre-university qualification, the one-year IMU Foundation in Science (FiS) is the direct route for entry into any of the university's degree programmes.

■ For more information, refer to www.imu.edu.my or email start@imu.edu.my or call IMU at 03-2731 7272.



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Course for creative minds

GRAPHIC design can be defined as the art and practice of planning and projecting ideas and experiences with visual and textual content. In other terms, graphic design communicates certain ideas or messages in a visual way.

These visuals can be the artistic advertisements, eye-grabbing graphics on websites or stunningly arranged spreads in magazines.

As the most wide-ranging of creative disciplines, graphic design is one of the fastest growing sections and always in high demand.

Realising the potential, MSU College through its School of Sciences and Technology (SST), offers Diploma in Graphic Design for students to develop creative skills in graphic design and becoming the new generation of highly skilled creative innovative workforce in the future.

The programme is a comprehensive course designed towards providing the relevant skills in acquiring knowledge and research and applying them to design solutions for industry-related projects.

The course offers various subjects that have been chosen thoroughly to prepare students to be an industry-ready graduate.

This includes visual communication, typography, communication skills, advertising design and



interactive multimedia.

Those who complete the course will have the opportunity to become technical illustrators, layout artists, creative directors or graphic designers in numerous commercial positions across both print and digital media.

Their daily tasks may include or have links to areas such as advertising and promotion, art direction, branding, corporate identity,

instructional design, packaging, signage, mobile apps, software interfaces and website layouts.

This two-and-a-half-year diploma programme requires a pass in Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) or its equivalent, with three credits in any subject, or an MSU College certificate in a relevant field with passes in all subjects.

Upon completion of diploma, credit transfer is also available to

those who choose to pursue a second-year Bachelor programme at Management and Science University (MSU) through the Faculty of Information Sciences and Engineering (FISE).

■ Look out for more information on programmes offered by visiting www.msucollege.edu.my, email enquiry@msucollege.my or call 03-5521 6868.

How to be the best in your field

WHEN you choose a career path, do you look to becoming the best in your field? If so, here are some ideas to help you on your journey.

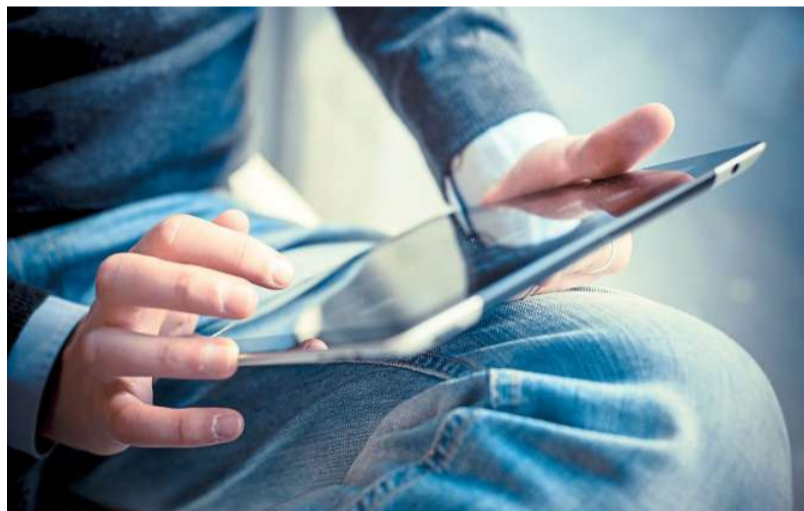
First, read a book by an expert on what it takes to be super successful. There are tonnes of self-help and biographies about so if you want to become a pilot, lawyer or photographer, pick up a book by a professional that discusses how she did it.

Second, be prepared to do an awful lot of work. If it were simple to be fantastic at something, everyone would be a genius. As the American inventor Edison pointed out, "Genius is one percent inspiration, ninety nine percent perspiration." This means that your education should come first. Plan to study between lectures, and don't expect a constant stream of holidays and long weekends. Those come when you've hit the top.

Third, when you're learning, you might focus just on the goal but with most complex tasks, it's a process.

If you learn to analyse the process, and recognise the separate parts, then you can find ways to improve speed and quality. This will make learning more efficient – and less of a strain.

How to avoid missing deadlines



For good time management you need a calendar, like the one that comes with your iPad, Android tablet or smartphone.

THE start of a brand new semester is when you have plenty of time stretching ahead of you. You're on top of things, and exams are a shadowy memory belonging to last term. Then suddenly it's 24 hours till your first essay has to be in and you haven't even cracked the textbook.

Here's how you can plan like a pro and keep everything straight.

First, forget pen and paper. For good time management you need a calendar, like the one that comes with your iPad, Android tablet or smartphone. If you don't have a device that's got a nice large screen, set up a Google or Yahoo account and use their free calendar.

Why do you need to go digital? Because you can drag and drop items, have yourself pinged with urgent tasks, and make automatic To Do lists.

Second, put in your classes. If you have to travel huge distances, block the period to and from in a different colour so you know when you have reading time.

Third, put in every deadline for this semester. Make these all day events so they're easy to spot. Put in an alert that tells you a few days before that these are creeping up on you.

Deconstruct what needs to be done for each deadline. If you're like me, you may want to do your reading a week or two before, and then devote three days straight to nothing else but the assignment.

Or, you may go for the "salami" approach where you do it piece by piece. For example, you may want to divide a paper into research (during your travel time), writing the introduction, writing the literature review, writing your argument, writing your conclusion, organising your references and printing.

However, you approach it, put each task into your calendar, blocking the appropriate amount of time.

Now take a moment to breathe because it will be looking like chaos. It's okay, you can do it.

Next, the trick is to know how to poke yourself to keep to the schedule. Decide if you want to just go day by day or if you need timely reminders.

If you need reminders, you have to set these carefully so that you're not jolted out of a class by a notice that says you have to do something the next day. This bit is something you have to learn as you go along.

Tip: give yourself study reminders 10 minutes before you're supposed to sit down. That gives you time to excuse yourself from whatever you're up to and to get down to the books. Turn off all class reminders – you'll remember those anyway.

Finally, get into the habit of reading when you're in a bus, in a queue or having a coffee by yourself. You'll be amazed how much you can get read in just 15 minutes three times a week.



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New MSUrians take the pledge



Prof Dr Mohd Shukri and Prof Dr Junainah (centre) with new MSUrians.

MANAGEMENT and Science University (MSU) welcomed 1,712 new students including 48 from 19 countries at the oath-taking ceremony of the 2022/2023 academic session recently at the main campus of Shah Alam.

Four hundred and fifty-seven are from the Faculty of Information Science and Engineering (FISE), 373 from the Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies (FBMP), 264 from the School of Education and Social Sciences (SESS), 196 from the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences (FHLS), 172 from the School of Hospitality and Creative Arts (SHCA), 152 from the International Medical School (IMS), and 98 from the School of Pharmacy (SPH).

Addressing the congregation in MSU Chancellor Hall was MSU President, Prof Tan Sri Datuk Wira

Dr Mohd Shukri Ab Yajid.

Also in attendance were MSU vice chancellor, Prof Puan Sri Datuk Dr Junainah Abd Hamid and senior management.

“Be the future you want to be. Look into and beyond you. Be engaged and be kind.

“Broaden your perspective; through the Global Mobility Programme (GMP), Global Internship (GIP) and the Global Leadership Programme (GLP), community engagement, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Adapt and care for your emotional health.”

Receiving the oath booklet from the MSU president and leading the September 2022 oath-taking ceremony was Yayasan MSU scholar Mariam Jasmeen Ahmad Fuad of IMS.

Management and Science

University (MSU) is a Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) and multi-global-ranked institution focused on building holistic human capital.

Envisioning a better, more sustainable future for all, it champions equality by providing a level playing field across extensive efforts in transforming lives, enriching future through compelling learning experiences.

The university's award-winning academic programmes meet stringent standards of local and international bodies.

MSU accreditors include the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), the United Kingdom's Accreditation Services for International Schools, Colleges & Universities (ASIC), the Japan's Alliance on Business Education and Scholarship for Tomorrow (ABEST21), the Netherlands'



The oath-taking ceremony of the 2022/2023 academic session involved 1,712 new students, including 48 from 19 countries.

Accreditation Council for Entrepreneurial & Engaged Universities (ACEEU), the United Kingdom's Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) as well as the Sri Lanka's University Grant Commission (UGC).

MSU currently ranks in the Top 100 among the world's top young universities, Top 150 among Asia's best universities, Top 30 among South-East Asia's best universities and Top 301+ for Graduate Employability Ranking.

Ranked by both QS and Times Higher Education (THE), MSU's world rankings place it in the Top 601+ of the world's best universities in the QS World University Rankings (WUR) 2023 and Top 401+ in THE University Impact Rankings 2022.

MSU houses the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, the

Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies, the Faculty of Information Sciences and Engineering, the International Medical School, the School of Pharmacy, the School of Education and Social Sciences, the School of Hospitality and Creative Arts, the School of Graduate Studies, the Graduate School of Management, and the Centre for Fundamental Studies.

As an applied, enterprise, holistic and international university, MSU offers foundation, undergraduate, postgraduate and flexible programmes through an entry system that facilitates admission of students from all walks of life, aimed at “Transforming Lives and Enriching Future”.

■ For more details, look out for the advertisement in this *StarSpecial*.

A good study-life balance

A HOLISTIC tertiary education experience entails not just world-class academics but also a vibrant campus community that allows the student to garner knowledge and grow academically and personally.

With medical studies, which is one of the most intense educational routes, it becomes even more important for students to be provided with a proper environment that encourages and supports their growth.

Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia (NUMed), a wholly owned international campus of Newcastle University, UK, is committed to offering both aspects to its students.

World-class education

The programmes offered at NUMed are internationally recognised. These include its Foundation in Biological and Biomedical Sciences; Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) and 2+1 BSc (Hons) in Biomedical Sciences (BMS).

All three programmes mirror those offered at the parent campus. Additionally, MBBS students have the option of studying in the UK for part of their studies, while BMS students will spend their third academic year there.

Furthermore, the scrolls awarded to NUMed graduates are

the same as those obtained by their UK counterparts and are widely recognised in the world.

Students also stand to gain from the university's international collaborations and outlook. At NUMed, they can obtain a truly global perspective as they work with leading researchers around the world on a wide range of research projects. This also allows them to forge a solid professional network right from the start.

Thriving student community

NUMed is dedicated to cultivating a conducive environment to enable its students to have a balanced life whilst learning vital lifelong skills.

As the well-being of students is of utmost importance, the university has a Student Support Team, which provides welfare support for students who may be experiencing personal or academic-related issues.

According to Dr Sarah Nufable, Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs (MBBS) at the university, NUMed believes that greatness is achieved with support, inspiration, and empowerment.

“Medical school, like other university courses and life in general, is challenging. With time, the challenge will get increasingly tough. However, help is available, and

students must seek it when necessary,” Dr Nufable said.

Among others, the university has strong mentor-mentee and tutoring programmes to help students gain confidence and get back on track with their academics when needed.

“We also have a Student Support Plan (SSP) to assist students with chronic or long-term issues, so that the proper arrangements can be made for various occasions, such as the provision of extension or break times during assessments or final exams,” shared Dr Madihah Rushaidhi, Associate Professor and Dean of Biomedical Sciences at NUMed.

In ensuring that NUMed's students can experience a good study-life balance, the university also offers a wide range of activities, including sports clubs, cultural clubs, medical-related societies, and more.

This is to encourage them to explore their interests beyond academics and hone valuable life skills such as communication, creativity, critical thinking, and leadership skills with spaces for reflective thinking and recreation.

Location is another great thing about NUMed. As it is strategically placed within the proximity of the thriving city of Johor Bahru, students can easily access leisurely pursuits outside the campus. These

Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia provides a holistic tertiary education experience encompassing world-class academics and a vibrant campus community.

include numerous F&B and shopping opportunities.

Positioned at the southern tip of the Malaysian peninsula, the campus also offers easy access to Singapore. Get the best of both worlds as you head down a seamless path towards a rewarding career in health sciences.

NUMed is now accepting applications for the 2023 intake of its

Foundation in Biological and Biomedical Sciences; Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS); and 2+1 BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences (BMS) programmes.

■ For details, email admissions@newcastle.edu.my, call 07-555 3800, WhatsApp 011-1231 5411/012-784 9456 or visit www.ncl.ac.uk/numed