

# Study overseas



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**S**TUDYING overseas not only broadens a person's world view, it also enables one to acquire a wider perspective of different cultures. For this reason, those who wish to study overseas should complete their foundation, diploma or A-levels education locally first.

UCSI University offers programmes that provide students with the crucial foundation needed. Its foundation, diploma and A-Levels programmes are accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education and the university has also continually produced students with excellent academic results.

During the recent A-Levels examinations, 55 of UCSI University students received straight As in all four subjects that they sat for. A total of 87 students were listed as top-scorers for the June 2009 GCE A-Levels examinations. Among them was Ong Sin Yee, who scored a perfect Mathematics score of 500/500. She has also been named the Top in the World for Edexcel's A-Levels Student Award. She has since enrolled in the University of Bath in Britain, one of the universities that UCSI University is closely affiliated with.

The recent A-levels examination included the first batch of students who were sponsored by JPA (Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam). These students entered the university in 2007, following the Government's approval for UCSI University to provide the foundation course through its A-Levels programme.

Nurul Aliaa Ahmad Fauzi, one of the students who received straight As in the exam, says: "I have learned to be independent while studying here. The lecturers at UCSI University have been really encouraging, and friendly. I've made really close friends, too, and without a doubt, they have helped me overcome a lot of the problems I faced in my studies," she says. Nurul Aliaa is already in Cardiff University, Wales, to further her studies.

In early 2009, 15 students who completed their degree and foundation studies at UCSI University are now in University of Queensland in Australia. Among

them are Chien Weai Ho and Yien Tiang Cheng.

The University of Queensland has released a statement that UCSI University students "have taken the different cultural expectations and challenges of studying at a foreign university in their strides" to achieve outstanding academic progress.

According to Roland Chan, senior manager of the Collaborative Affairs Department at UCSI University's International Office, all UCSI University students who wish to further their studies overseas are given support services to prepare them before they leave. Chan said: "UCSI University has over 200 credit transfer pathways to choose from, and that all UCSI University partners are reputable institutions, recognised for education excellence".

The university's International University Placement Centre (IUPC) provides not only personalised and detailed counselling on a student's choice of institution, but also assists students with their application processes and follow-up reports.

Apart from providing advice on their application processes and assisting in decision-making, the IUPC also acts as the intermediary between students and partner universities. In addition, the centre liaises with partner universities abroad to help students with accommodation arrangements, visa applications, flight bookings, as well as, airport pick-ups upon arrival there.

"We also facilitate students to discuss details directly with representatives from UCSI University's partner institutions, through our International Guest Lecture series and in-house educational fairs participated by partner universities. In addition, we organise general presentations by representatives from partner universities, and arrange student interview sessions with them," Chan said.

To talk to counsellors at UCSI University's International University Placement Centre, drop by the institution from 9am to 6pm on weekdays, or call 03-9101 8880 (ext: 3003). You can also visit the UCSI University website at [www.ucsi.edu.my](http://www.ucsi.edu.my).