



LEARN . PLAY . GROW

*Experience a new kind of education*



At UCSI International School, we believe education is not about academics alone, but a holistic experience focused on developing one's intellectual, creative, social, civic and professional skills. As a multiethnic nation, Malaysia understands the meaning of globalisation and the importance of learning to work with and respect those of different backgrounds and ethnicities, especially to succeed in today's increasingly globalised world.

For this reason, we are developing Malaysia's first and only school to provide the complete International Baccalaureate programme with full boarding facilities.

## Philosophy

Unlike other international programmes which simply import the educational system of another country, the International Baccalaureate curriculum incorporates the best of all educational systems to create a world-class, world-recognised academic programme.

Starting from age 3, students are taught more than just what to learn but how to learn, including how to think critically, ask challenging questions and develop research skills. Furthermore, students are exposed to peers of a variety of ethnic backgrounds and cultures and are encouraged to not only develop their own sense of identity but accept and respect the differences in others.



In addition to a world-class education, UCSI International School offers full student accommodation with the belief that boarding is an education in and of itself. By studying and living on campus, students are removed from outside distractions to allow them to focus solely on their academic and emotional development.

Discipline is key when it comes to boarding, and the certified, friendly housing staff ensure that students develop strong study habits balanced with stimulating extracurricular activities and recreation to ensure students develop optimum, healthy lifestyles from an early age.



# Curriculum

With more than 900,000 students spread over more than 140 countries, the International Baccalaureate is a holistic education programme focused on providing students a world-class education with a world-class mindset. In addition to academic knowledge, emphasis is placed on developing students' social, emotional and creative skills as well as developing a positive attitude toward learning. Students are encouraged to ask questions, reflect critically and develop research skills to learn not only what to learn but how to learn.

As an international school, students are also encouraged to develop a global mindset by not only

developing their own national identity but learning about and embracing the different cultures and backgrounds of others, skills crucial to life in the 21st century. Though all classes are conducted in English, students are required to learn at least one second language and may choose among Mandarin, Spanish or Bahasa Malaysia.

The UCSI International School will be the only boarding school in Malaysia to offer the complete International Baccalaureate catering from age 3 to 19. The programme is divided into three parts: the Primary Years Programme, the Middle Years Programme and the Diploma Programme.

## Primary Years Programme

Ranging from ages 3 to 12, the Primary Years Programme (PYP) focuses on the development of the child as an inquirer, both inside and outside the classroom.

The curriculum focuses on six transdisciplinary themes that continue throughout the programme, including who we are, where we are in place and time, how we express ourselves, how the world works, how we organise ourselves and sharing the planet. These themes allow the students to engage with the material on a deeper level to ensure optimal understanding and knowledge retention.

## Middle Years Programme

The Middle Years Programme is directed for students from ages 11 to 16 and created to support and challenge them during this crucial stage of adolescent development by relating their academic knowledge to the outside world.

The curriculum consists of eight subjects, including English, a second language, humanities, sciences, mathematics, arts, physical education and technology, as well as a final year project where they must demonstrate the skills they have developed throughout the programme.

## Diploma Programme

Catering to students aged from 16 to 19, the Diploma Programme is an academically-challenging, two-year programme designed to prepare students for university. Students choose to study one subject from several fields, including languages, social studies, experimental sciences and mathematics, as well as an additional subject in the arts or from an additional field to ensure a wide breadth of academic experiences.

The programme also has three core requirements including the extended essay, theory of knowledge and creativity, action and service that further require them to demonstrate their understanding and retention of course material. The programme has gained recognition and respect from the world's leading universities.

# Student Life

## The Boarding Experience

At UCSI International School, we believe that boarding is an education in and of itself, which is why we encourage all of our students to live and study on campus.

Our purpose-built campus in Bandar Springhill contains state-of-the-art facilities to provide our students the most conducive atmosphere possible for learning as well as a safe, structured environment in which to mature and explore.

## What are the benefits of living on campus?

Set away from the distractions of home and city life, students who choose to board are often more independent and have stronger work and study habits than their non-boarding counterparts. From day one, students are expected to make academics their number one priority while also remaining active in the campus community and quickly learn how to manage their time.

In addition to academics, peer to peer learning is an important aspect of the boarding experience. While studying, living and playing together, students learn both how to live independently as well as interdependently, learning to rely on themselves while also assisting each other. Students who board at UCSI International School are also exposed to students from a range of different ethnicities, nationalities and backgrounds and will learn to understand, appreciate and embrace multiculturalism, essential skills for life in the 21st century. Finally, boarding is fun! The friendships developed at boarding school are friendships that last a lifetime.

## Facilities

At UCSI International School, we believe sharing, camaraderie and teamwork are necessary values to succeed in life, and accordingly, have developed our student hostel to support communal living. Students sleep six to a room, with each student receiving his own single bed and sharing a common area and bathroom. Boys and girls have separate housing but share easy access to a book store, a convenience shop, a TV lounge, laundry services, multiple cafeterias, and other facilities.

In addition to full accommodation facilities, the UCSI International School contains specialised classrooms for science, technology, music and art as well as a multi-purpose hall and a two-storey library, separated to accommodate the unique needs of older and younger students. Additionally, the school has full recreational facilities, including outdoor courts for basketball, volleyball, futsal and tennis, a gymnasium for gymnastics, dancing and other indoor activities and an Olympic-sized pool to promote sport and physical fitness.



## Security

The protection and safety of our students is of utmost priority at UCSI International School, and we take every measure necessary to ensure students are secure on each part of campus. Upon arrival, each student is equipped with a radio frequency identification (RFID) card, a multipurpose card that serves as a cash and attendance card, as well as a tracker to monitor the movement and security of all students.

UCSI International School also provides full-time security personnel who monitor campus 24-hours a day and ensure only authorised students, staff and guests are allowed on campus. Additionally, each floor of the student hostels has a live-in nurse caretaker who not only tends to students' health ailments but ensures their emotional, academic and overall wellness needs are taken care of.



## Values

Just because students are away from their families does not mean they are away from family values. At UCSI International School, we pride ourselves on developing students with the care, discipline and moral values they would receive at home, as well as exposing them to the thought processes and values of different cultures.

Being set in Malaysia, however, UCSI International School places a specific emphasis on instilling Asian culture and values into each of its students. Customs such as Chinese dining etiquette and overall Asian manners are instilled into all students while unique Asian traditions such as Japanese tea ceremonies, Malaysian traditional games and Javanese arts and crafts are frequent occurrences on campus.



## Bandar Springhill

Away from the hustle and bustle of city life, Bandar Springhill offers students a safe, peaceful place to live, study and play. The 2000-acre township in Negeri Sembilan is surrounded by nature and provides students endless opportunities to learn about the environment, including field trips to mangroves, the jungle, or the famed beaches of Port Dickson. Bandar Springhill is also only an hour's drive from both Kuala Lumpur and Malacca, providing easy opportunities for day trips to learn about Malaysian culture and history.

UCSI International School is part of larger education, health and tourism complex developed by the UCSI Group that will provide students both expert health care as well as additional opportunities for academic growth. In addition to the school, the 160-acre township will include the state-of-the-art UCSI University Hospital, as well as an additional campus for UCSI University, providing UIS students endless opportunities to attend academic lectures, musical performances and cultural exhibits. The five star UCSI Hotel, Springhill, also located within the township, provides parents a luxury resort at which to stay and relax when visiting their children.

## Technology

As the world moves toward digitalisation, so does UCSI International School. Upon arrival, each student will receive an electronic tablet or laptop computer that will serve as that student's tool for class assignments and homework, as well as a resource with which he can communicate directly with his teachers and access additional materials online.

Additionally, UCSI International School's online information management system allows both students and parents instant access to check assignments, marks and schedules to monitor students' academic progress.





UCSI International School at Bandar Springhill, Negeri Sembilan

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