



Curtin University

Malaysia

COURSE GUIDE

# *Foundation Studies*

Make tomorrow better.

[courses.curtin.edu.my](https://courses.curtin.edu.my)

# Build A Strong Foundation

Curtin Malaysia's Foundation courses are intensive, focused courses which guarantee entry to the University upon successful completion. Students achieving the necessary results and any additional requirements in their Foundation Year will receive offers of places in the undergraduate programmes of their choice.



## Why Foundation Studies?

- Provides a solid foundation for students to adapt to university studies and the undergraduate courses of their choice
- Academic support in the form of additional workshops, tutorials and mentorship with lecturers
- Modern, diversified teaching methods including workshops, introduction to research methods, modern laboratory projects, group projects, oral and multimedia presentations
- Advanced technological support facilities such as a modern library, well-equipped laboratories, distributed learning spaces using the latest teaching technologies, online learning resources
- Low student-lecturer ratio in classrooms
- Highly qualified and experienced academic staff

## Minimum English Entry Requirements

Results for IELTS and TOEFL are valid for two years.

Qualification	IELTS <sup>#1</sup> IELTS Indicator	Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (IBT) <sup>#2</sup>	SPM English <sup>#3</sup>	GCE 'O' Level <sup>#4</sup>	PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English Academic) <sup>#5</sup>	MUET	*Linguaskill General Test <sup>#6</sup>
Score	Overall 5.5 (no individual band below 5.0)	65	B	C	Overall 51	Band 3 and no less than 140 in aggregate score	Total scores of 162 or more with no individual scores below 154

\*Please note we only accept results of Linguaskill booked through Curtin University.

#1 Applicants with IELTS/ IELTS Indicator 5.0 (no individual band below 4.5) are required to take the Academic English concurrently with the Foundation programme.

#2 Applicants with TOEFL less than 65 but achieved 60 (or above) are required to take the Academic English concurrently with the Foundation programme.

#3 Applicants with SPM English 'C' are required to take the Academic English concurrently with the Foundation programme.

#4 Foundation: Applicants with GCE 'O' Level 'D' are required to take the Academic English concurrently with the Foundation programme.

#5 Applicants with PTE Academic less than 51 but achieved 36 (or above) are required to take the Academic English concurrently with the Foundation program.

#6 Applicants with total scores of Linguaskill equal or less than 154 (no individual scores below 147) are required to take the Academic English concurrently with the Foundation program. Please note we only accept results of Linguaskill booked through Curtin University. Email, [cm.space@curtin.edu.my](mailto:cm.space@curtin.edu.my) for more details.

## FOUNDATION IN ENGINEERING & SCIENCE

JPT/BPP(R2/010/3/0344) 04/25 (A5812)

This course prepares students for undergraduate studies in Engineering and Science (Computing; Technology; Applied Geology and Health, Safety and Environment).

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Qualification	Minimum Entry Requirements	
	Engineering Stream	Science Stream
SPM	5 Credits including English and Mathematics and passes in Add. Mathematics and one of the Science subjects (Physics or Chemistry or Biology)	5 Credits including English and Mathematics and pass in one of the Science subjects
GCE 'O' LEVEL	5C including English or 5C and English competence.	5C including English or 5C and English competence.
UEC	Grade B in three relevant academic subjects and English competence.	Grade B in three relevant academic subjects and English competence.

### COURSE STRUCTURE

FOUNDATION COMMON CORE UNITS	Minimum Entry Requirements	
	Engineering Stream	Science Stream
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing and Research Skills</li> <li>• Critical Thinking</li> <li>• Effective Communication Skills</li> <li>• Information and Communication Technology</li> </ul>	<b>Engineering Core</b>	<b>Science Core</b>
	Mathematics 2	Mathematics 1
	Physics 1	Mathematics 2
	Physics 2	Programming
	Programming	Introduction to Management
PATHWAYS TO FIELD OF STUDY IN DEGREE		
Bachelor Of Engineering	#1 Bachelor Of Computing/Technology	Bachelor of Science (Health, Safety and Environment)
Mathematics 3	Mathematics 3	Chemistry
Chemistry	Economics OR Introduction to Business Studies	Human Biology

#1 If a student does not have a minimum of credit in SPM Additional Mathematics or its equivalent, the student is required, upon completion of Foundation, to score an average of 60% in Mathematics 2 and Mathematics 3 to be eligible for admission into Bachelor of Computing.

## FOUNDATION IN ARTS & COMMERCE

JPT/BPP(R2/010/3/0343) 04/25 (MQA/SWA0757)

This course prepares students for undergraduate study in Commerce, Business Administration, Communications, Psychological Science and Construction Management. It provides two pathways of studies – Business and Humanities core.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Qualification	Minimum Entry Requirements
SPM	5 Credits including English or 5 Credits and English competence.
GCE 'O' Level	5C including English or 5C and English competence.
UEC	Grade B in three relevant academic subjects and English competence

FOUNDATION COMMON CORE UNITS	Minimum Entry Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing and Research Skills</li> <li>• Critical Thinking</li> <li>• Effective Communication Skills</li> <li>• Information and Communication Technology</li> </ul>	

### COURSE STRUCTURE

Business Core	Humanities Core
Economics	Economics
Mathematics 1	Mathematics 1
Accounting	Introduction to Media and Communication Studies
Introduction to Business Studies	General Psychology

PATHWAYS TO FIELD OF STUDY IN DEGREE		
Bachelor of Commerce/ Bachelor of Business Administration/ Bachelor of Applied Science (Construction Management)	Bachelor of Communications	Bachelor Science (Psychological Science)
Mathematics 2	Travel Writing and Photography	Mathematics 2
Introduction to Management	Introduction to Screen Production	Human Biology

## For more information

### Curtin University, Malaysia

CDT 250, 98009 Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia.

Tel : +60 85 63 0100 (General Line)

: +60 85 63 0000 (Student enquiries)

Fax : +60 85 63 0288

Email : [enquiries@curtin.edu.my](mailto:enquiries@curtin.edu.my)



All courses at Curtin Malaysia are recognised by the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education through the Malaysian Qualifications Agency. Curtin Malaysia is one of eight institutions granted self-accreditation status by the MQA.



## Join the conversation!



[facebook.com/curtinmalaysia](https://facebook.com/curtinmalaysia)



[@curtinmalaysia](https://tiktok.com/@curtinmalaysia)



[@CurtinMalaysia](https://twitter.com/CurtinMalaysia)



[youtube.com/curtinmalaysia](https://youtube.com/curtinmalaysia)



[@curtinmalaysia](https://instagram.com/curtinmalaysia)

### Disclaimer and Copyright Information

Information in this publication is correct at the time of printing and valid for 2023, but may be subject to change. In particular, the University reserves the right to change the content and/or method of assessment, to change or alter tuition fees or any unit of study, to withdraw any unit of study or programme that it offers, to impose limitations on enrolment in any unit or programme, and/or to vary arrangements for any unit of study programme, including switching from face-to-face to online teaching. This material does not consist of legal or professional advice. Curtin University Malaysia accepts no responsibility for and makes no representations, whether expressed or implied, as to the accuracy or reliability in any respect of any material in this publication. Except to the extent mandated otherwise by legislation, Curtin University Malaysia does not accept responsibility for the consequences of any reliance which may be placed on this material by any person. Curtin University Malaysia will not be liable to you or any other person for any loss or damage (including direct, consequential or economic loss or damage) however caused and whether by negligence or otherwise that may result directly or indirectly from the use of this publication.

For important updates to the information in this publication, please visit [courses.curtin.edu.my](https://courses.curtin.edu.my)

Published by Curtin University, Malaysia 2023.

CRICOS Provider Code 00301J

Curtin University, Malaysia is owned and managed by Curtin (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. 199801008086 (464213-M)

Ministry of Education Registration Number KPT/JPT/DFT/US/Y02 DULN003(Q)

MAPCU Membership No. C/038