



Curtin University

Malaysia

*Diploma studies
course guide*

2025

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1%**

Ranked in the top
1% globally

(ARWU 2024)



30 subjects highly
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(QSWUR 2024)



Highly ranked for
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Diploma studies

Curtin offers a range of diploma courses, designed to support your future aspirations, and may enable you to gain entry to degrees awarded by Curtin. Our Diploma programs are designed to provide you with the necessary skills that will make you more employable in the workplace and give you a head start in your career. If you're already employed, our courses will give you the know-how you need to progress in your profession and become eligible for more senior roles. Studying at Curtin will open up a whole new world of opportunities for you; you will not only gain a highly valued qualification but you will also build life-long friendships, and create lasting memories.

Diploma Courses

- Commerce
- Information Technology
- Media Studies
- Aquaculture.

Why study a diploma at Curtin?

- Curtin is the top 1% of universities worldwide in highly regarded academic ranking of world universities 2024.
- Acquire invaluable learning experiences with experts at one of the most beautiful campuses with state-of-the-art facilities.
- Our courses will equip you with the relevant skills, knowledge and understanding to make progress in your chosen career.
- Students who successfully complete the course will be eligible to join degree courses at Curtin Malaysia, with advanced standing.



Course essentials

Course duration	Study mode	Location	Intakes
2 years full-time (6 Trimesters)	On-campus	Malaysia	March July October

English competency

Qualification	IELTS	Test of English as a foreign language (TOEFL) (IBT)	SPM English	IGSCE/GCE O Level ^{#4}	UEC	MUET	Linguaskill general
Score	Overall 5.0 (all bands min 5.0)	42	C	D	B4	Band 3 (min aggregate 140)	Total scores of 154 (min 147)

Entry requirements

Qualification	Minimum Entry Requirements		
	Diploma of Commerce / Media Studies	Diploma of Information Technology	Diploma in Aquaculture
SPM	3 Credits including English competency	3 Credits including Mathematics and English competency	3 Credits including Mathematics, one Science subjects and one other subject, and English competency
GCE 'O' LEVEL	3 Credits and English competency	3 Credits including Mathematics, and English competency	3 Credits including Mathematics, one Science subject and one other subject, and English competency
UEC	Grade B4 in 3 relevant academic subjects including English competency	Grade B4 in 3 relevant academic subjects including Mathematics and English competency	Grade B4 in 3 relevant academic subjects including Mathematics, one Science subject and one other subject, and English competency
STPM	Minimum of Grade C (GP2.0) in any subject	Minimum of Grade C (GP2.0) in any subject and a credit in Mathematics	Minimum of Grade C (GP2.0) in any subject and possess SPM with three (3) credits in Mathematics, one science subject and one other subject

Fees

Diploma of Commerce / Media Studies	Diploma of Information Technology / Aquaculture
RM 39,800 (500 credits) (Local) RM 54,000 (500 credits) (International)	RM 39,800 (500 credits) (Local) RM 54,000 (500 credits) (International)

MPU units

All students	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to community service • Constitution and society • Introduction to digital entrepreneurship OR • Bahasa Kebangsaan A.* 	
Local students	International students
Philosophy and current issues	Bahasa Melayu komunikasi 1

*Bahasa Kebangsaan A is compulsory for students who did not achieve credit in SPM Bahasa Melayu. Students taking Bahasa Kebangsaan A do not need to take Introduction to Digital Entrepreneurship (exemption).



Commerce

The course aims to provide students with broad business knowledge, covering areas such as economics, accounting and finance, marketing, management and technology.

It equips students with a diverse range of skills including communication, critical thinking, cross-culture awareness, lifelong learning and decision-making skills. The course prepares students for employment in all sectors and industries, as well as pathway to a business degree program.

Students who successfully complete the Diploma of Commerce program will be eligible for admission to Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Business Administration at Curtin Malaysia, with advanced standing.

Learning outcomes

A graduate of this course can:

- understand the principles underlying good business practices
- apply theories and concepts to solve problems in business

- demonstrate practical skills in the management of commercial enterprises
- communicate effectively, in written and oral forms, individually or in a team, with diverse stakeholders
- use of relevant technologies to interpret data for generation of innovative solutions
- demonstrate autonomy and leadership qualities in managing responsibilities
- pursue lifelong learning and develop entrepreneurial skills to adapt to evolving trends and challenges in business
- understand and adhere to the principles of professional ethics and sustainable development in local and international business environments.

Course organisation

Year 1 of the diploma program contains four English language and academic diligence enabling units which are aimed at developing a range of generic skills in students including writing and speaking skills, critical thinking and research skills. In addition, students also study foundation areas of accounting, economics,

management, marketing technology and statistics.

In Year 2, students will explore value creation in business, learn to use financial information to make informed and responsible decisions, and develop business intelligence and analytical capabilities to interpret data in a meaningful way.

Towards the end of the program, through the industrial training students will gain the practical skills and experience they need to be confident and industry-ready when they graduate.

Diploma of Commerce

JPT/BPP(N/340/4/0807)(05/27)(MQA/PSA15173)

Units offered

- Academic writing skills
- Effective communication skills
- Introduction to information technology
- Introduction to business management
- Introduction to research projects
- Critical thinking skills
- Introduction to statistics
- Introduction to accounting
- Principles of economics
- Fundamentals of business mathematics
- Market and legal frameworks
- Communication, culture and indigenous perspectives in business
- Strategic career design
- Financial decision making
- Analytics for decision making
- Industrial training
- Introduction to finance principles
- Organisational behaviour
- Consumer behaviour.

Career opportunities

- Accountant
- Administrator
- Advertising officer
- Business analyst
- Business manager
- Compliance officer
- Marketing specialist
- Human resource officer
- Media planner
- Recruitment consultant.





Information Technology

The course aims to provide students with computing knowledge, covering areas such as planning, implementation, configuration and maintenance of an organisation computing infrastructure. It equips students with skills including communication, critical thinking, cross-culture awareness, lifelong learning.

The course prepares students for employment in all sectors and industries, as well as pathway to a computing degree program. Students who successfully complete the Diploma of Information Technology program will be eligible for admission to Bachelor of computing and Bachelor of technology at Curtin Malaysia, with advanced standing.

Learning outcomes

A graduate of this course can:

- understand the principles of good information technology practices in the IT industry
- apply theories and concepts to solve problems in IT industry
- demonstrate practical skills in the management of IT industry
- communicate effectively, in written and oral forms, individually or in a team, with various stakeholders
- use of relevant technologies to interpret data for generation of innovative solutions
- demonstrate autonomy and leadership qualities in managing responsibilities
- pursue lifelong learning and develop entrepreneurial skills in IT related field
- understand and adhere to the principles of professional ethics and sustainable development in local and international environments.

Course organisation

Year 1 of the diploma program contains four English language and academic diligence enabling units which are aimed at developing a range of generic skills in students including writing and speaking skills, critical thinking and research skills. In addition, students also study foundational units in information technology, programming and engineering mathematics.

In Year 2, students will further develop their programming skills and study the fundamental theoretical knowledge of computing. Topics covered include C++, Java, Linux and object oriented programming.

Students have an optional unit to choose in the area which they plan to do specialised degree study at Curtin University.

Towards the end of the program, through the industrial training students will gain the practical skills and experience they need to be confident and industry-ready when they graduate.

Diploma of Information Technology

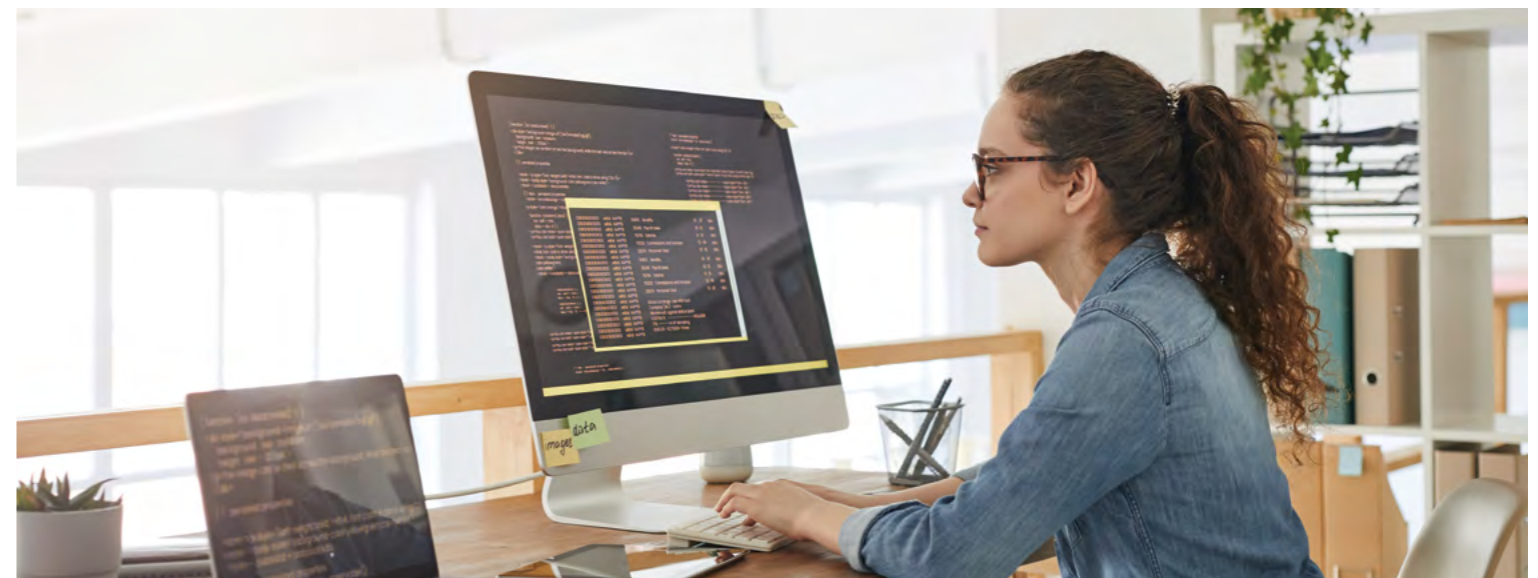
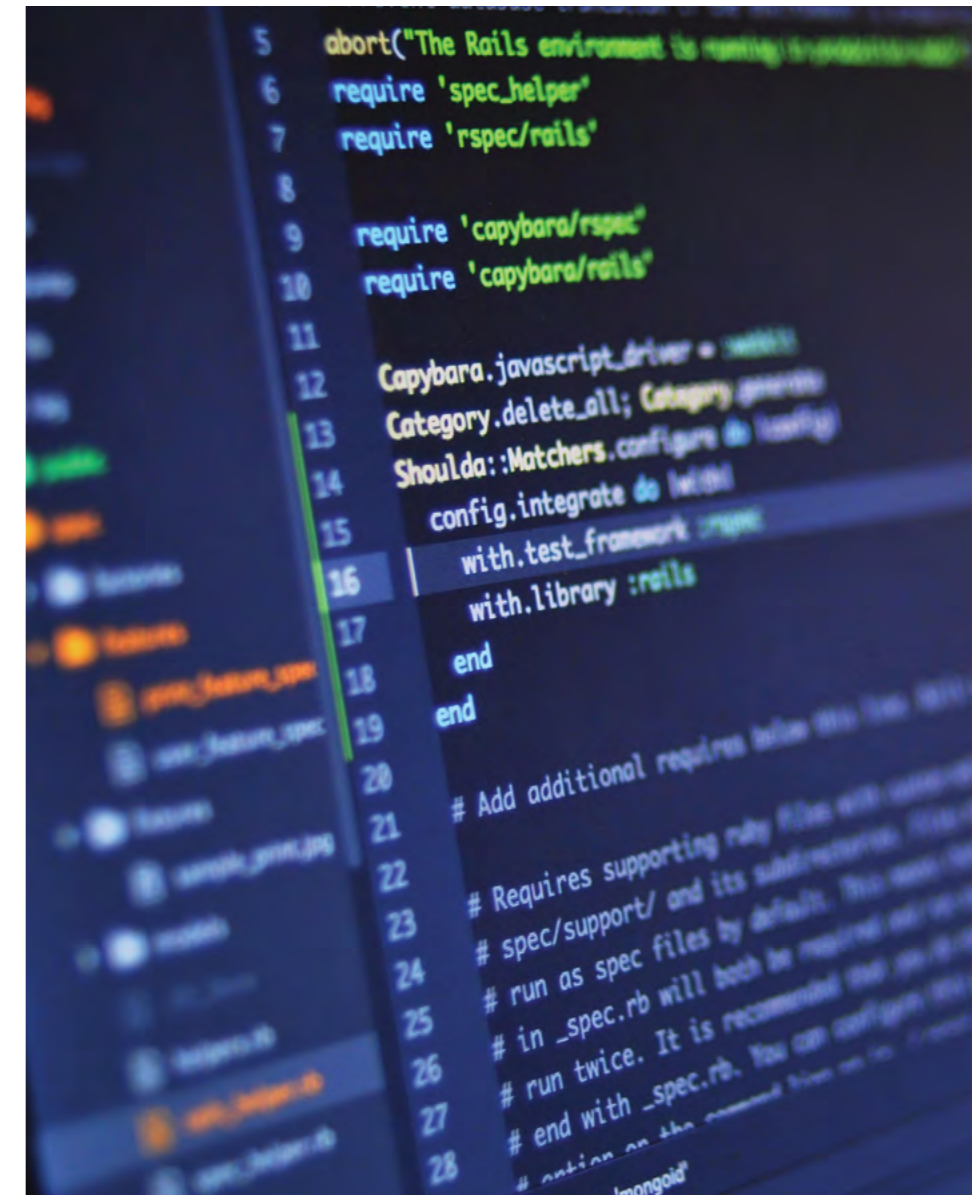
JPT/BPP(N/342/4/0229)(05/27)(MQA/PSA15172)

Units offered

- Academic writing skills
- Effective communication skills
- Mathematics
- Introduction to information technology
- Introduction to research projects
- Critical thinking skills
- Programming design and implementation
- Introduction to statistics
- Computer organisation and architecture
- Fundamentals of database systems
- Unix and C programming
- Introduction to software engineering
- Fundamental concepts of data security
- Linear algebra and statistics for engineers
- Introduction to programming
- Data structures and algorithms
- Integrated indigenous science and STEM
- Cyber security concepts
- Requirements engineering
- Industrial training.

Career opportunities

- Analyst (Information technology)
- IT support technician
- IT support specialist
- IT administrator
- Network & system administrator
- Programmer
- System design
- Telecommunications manager.



Media studies

The course aims to train students for media and communication roles, develop their critical thinking skills and practical work which models industry practices. It introduces students to the areas of web media, journalism and screen production. The course also provides students a pathway to continue their studies.

Students who successfully complete the Diploma of media studies program will be eligible for admission to the Bachelor of Communications at Curtin Malaysia, with advanced standing.

Learning outcomes

A graduate of this course can:

- understand the principles of effective media practices in the media industry
- apply theories and concepts to solve problems in media industry
- demonstrate practical skills in the management of media production and distribution

- communicate effectively, in written and oral forms, individually or in a team, with diverse stakeholders
- use of relevant technologies to interpret data for generation of innovative solutions
- demonstrate autonomy and leadership qualities in managing responsibilities
- pursue lifelong learning and develop entrepreneurial skills to adapt to the evolving landscape of the media industry
- understand and adhere to the principles of professional ethics and sustainable development in local and international environments.

Course organisation

Year 1 of the Diploma program contains four English language enabling units and foundation areas of media and communication, journalism, visual culture and screen production.

In Year 2, students will expand skills and knowledge in the area web and screen communication, media and journalism.

Towards the end of the program, through the industrial training students will gain the practical skills and experience they need to be confident and industry-ready when they graduate.



Diploma of Media Studies

JPT/BPP(N/213/4/0374)(05/27)(MQA/PSA15171)

Units offered

- Academic writing skills
- Effective communication skills
- Introduction to digital technologies and design
- Introduction to media and communication studies
- Introduction to research projects
- Critical thinking skills
- Introduction to visual culture
- Introduction to screen production
- Introduction to journalism
- Travel writing and photography
- Academic and professional communications
- Engaging media
- Introduction to screen industries
- Introduction to journalism - broadcast
- Introduction of journalism - writing
- Culture to cultures
- Web communications
- Introduction to screen creativity
- Industrial training.

Career opportunities

- Artist
- Curator
- Editor
- Film maker
- Journalist
- Marketing manager
- Web developer
- Publisher
- Photographer.





Aquaculture

The two-year diploma focuses on aquaculture in farming and management. It equips students with scientific knowledge in aquaculture and specialised skills in aquaculture farming and practice. The structure of this course integrates the scientific aspects of aquaculture in breeding, production, processing, design of aquaculture system and farming management to ensure development of food security.

The learning activities in the course will be based primarily at the Curtin Malaysia which allows for engaging and practical on-farm experiences. At the completion of the course, graduates are qualified to become aquaculture entrepreneurs, aquaculture technicians, researchers, research assistants, aquafeed production officers.

Why Diploma in aquaculture at Curtin Malaysia?

- Learn in the new industry standard Curtin Aquaculture Research Laboratory (CARL)

- Gain practical skills on campus and through on-farm learning experiences
- Learn from Curtin's highly qualified aquaculture experts.

Learning outcomes

A graduate of this course can:

- understand the principles of good aquaculture practices and system
- apply theories and concepts to solve problems in aquaculture system management
- demonstrate practical skills in the management of aquaculture farming
- communicate effectively, in written and oral forms, individually or in a team, with various stakeholders
- use of relevant technologies to interpret data for generation of innovative solutions
- demonstrate autonomy and leadership qualities in managing responsibilities
- pursue lifelong learning and entrepreneurial skills
- understand and comply to the principles of professional ethics and sustainable development in local and international environments.

Course organisation

Year 1 of the Diploma program contains two English language and academic diligence enabling units which are aimed at developing a range of generic skills in students including writing, speaking, thinking, numeracy and information technology. In addition, students also study scientific knowledge in aquaculture and fisheries, biology in fish and water quality monitoring.

In Year 2, students will explore knowledge in aquaculture farming and practice, including learning to breed fish with a focus on nutrition, fish feed and pond construction. Towards the end of the program, students will gain practical skills and experiences through industrial training, ensuring they are industry-ready.

Diploma in Aquaculture

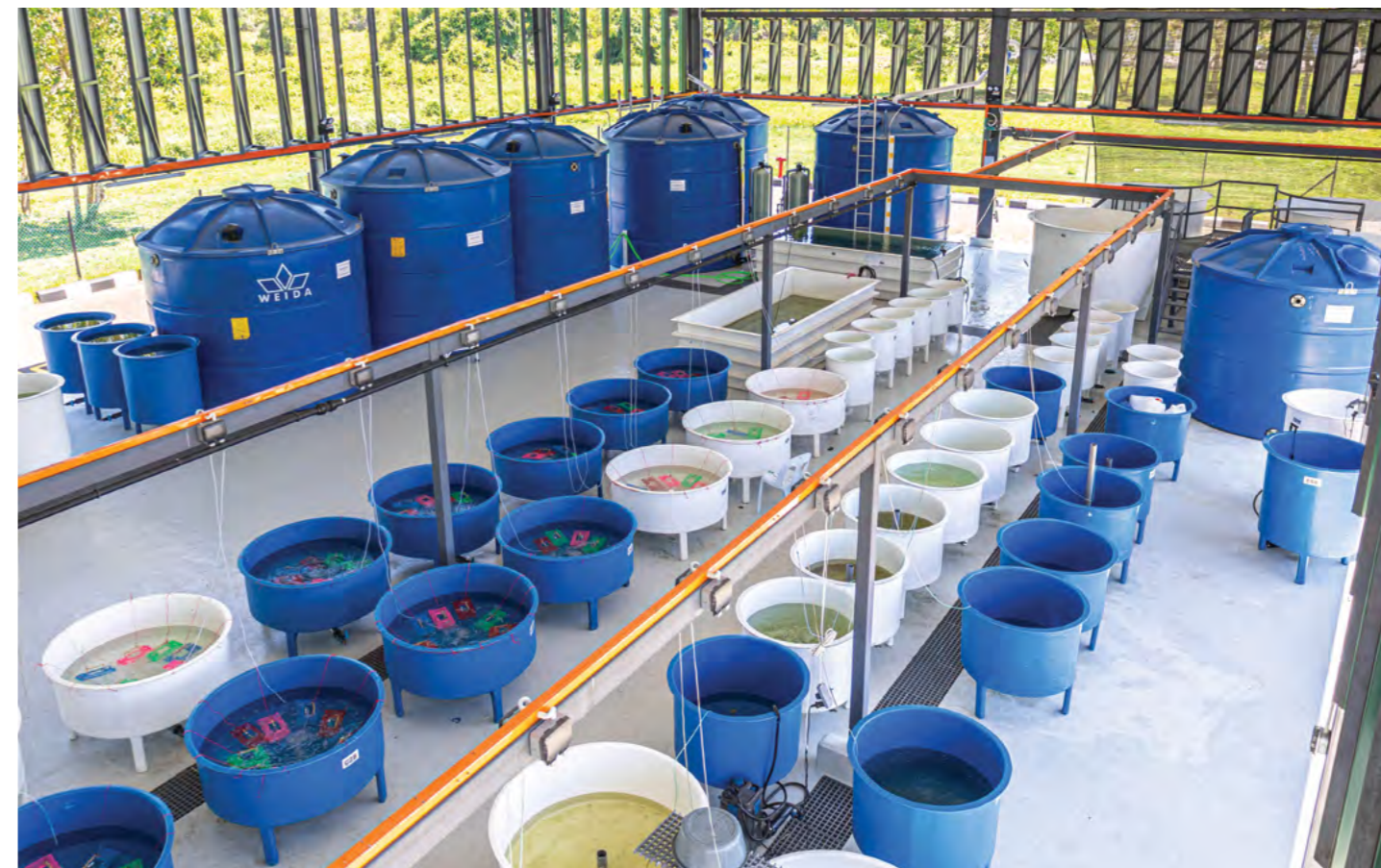
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Units offered

- Academic writing skills
- Critical thinking skills
- Introduction to aquaculture and fisheries
- Biology in fishes
- Introduction to statistics
- Fish and shellfish nutrition
- Fish breeding and larviculture
- Coastal and marine aquaculture
- Effective communication skills
- Introduction to information technology
- Fish health management
- Fish feed technology
- Water quality and aquatic toxicology
- Live feed culture
- Fish and fishery product
- Pond construction and management
- Fundamentals of geographic information systems
- Introduction to business management
- Industrial training.

Career opportunities

- Aquaculture entrepreneurs
- Aquaculture technicians
- Researchers
- Research assistants
- Aquafeed production officers.



How to apply

The easiest way to apply is through our online application process.

1. Visit curtin.edu.my
2. Click on "Apply"
3. Scroll down and click "Apply Now"
4. Click "Register and Apply"
5. Fill in all the required details from **step 1 to step 5** and click submit.

1. Select your course

Find your course at curtin.edu.my/study

2. Check the admission criteria

Academic criteria

Ensure you meet the specific entry requirements for your course (including prerequisites for undergraduate degrees) at curtin.edu.my/study/admission-requirements/

English

Check your country's equivalent English competency criteria at curtin.edu.my/study/admission-requirements/english-language-entry-requirements

3. Apply

First, **get electronic copies of your qualifications and English language proficiency documents.** The following documents will be needed during your application:

- a. Qualification documents (transcript and award)
- b. English qualification documents
- c. Identification document (IC/ Passport).

Applying through an agent:

You may submit an application through a registered Curtin agent. To find an agent in your country, see curtin.edu.my/study/representatives.

Applying online:

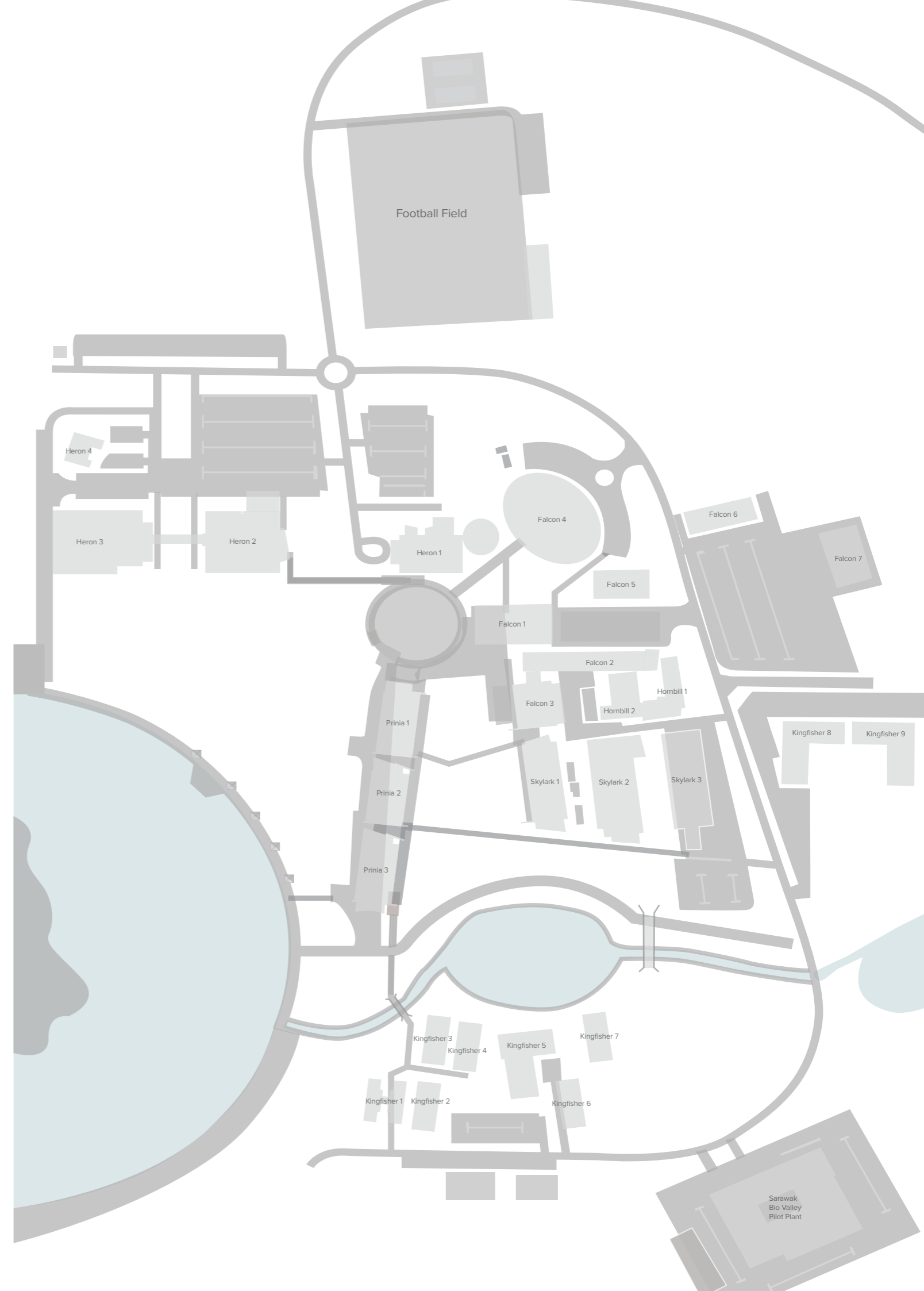
If you'd rather not apply through an agent, find your course at curtin.edu.my/study and **click APPLY NOW.** From here, you can begin the online application process. Make sure your documents are ready to upload.

Successful applicants will receive an offer package, which explains how to accept Curtin's offer and enrol. Once your enrolment is complete, you'll receive your Confirmation of Enrolment.

4. We're here to help

For International student: internationalstudentrecruitment@curtin.edu.my

For Domestic student: domesticstudentrecruitment@curtin.edu.my



For more information

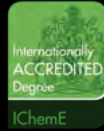
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