



Curtin University

Malaysia

**Foundation  
studies  
course guide**

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# 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 degrees 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 Academic English concurrently with the foundation program.
- #2 Applicants with TOEFL less than 65 but achieved 60 (or above) are required to take Academic English concurrently with the foundation program.
- #3 Applicants with SPM English 'C' are required to take Academic English concurrently with the foundation program.
- #4 Applicants with GCE 'O' Level 'D' are required to take Academic English concurrently with the foundation program.
- #5 Applicants with PTE academic less than 51 but achieved 36 (or above) are required to take 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 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 and Science

JPT/BPP(R3/0011/3/00035)(04/30)(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 and English competency	5C and English competency
UEC	Grade B in three relevant academic subjects and English competency	Grade B in three relevant academic subjects and English competency

Foundation common core units	
	<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>

Engineering core		Science core
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	Bachelor of Computing/Technology*	Bachelor of Science (Health, Safety and Environment)
Mathematics 3	Mathematics 3	Chemistry
Chemistry	Economics	Human Biology

*\*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 and Commerce

JPT/BPP(R3/0011/3/0037)(04/30)(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 competency
GCE 'O' Level	5C and English competency
UEC	Grade B in three relevant academic subjects and English competency

Foundation common core units	
	<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 Communications	Bachelor of Science (Psychological Science)
Bachelor of Applied Science (Construction Management)		
Mathematics 2	Travel Writing and Photography	Mathematics 2
Introduction to Management	Introduction to Screen Production	Human Biology

## For more information

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