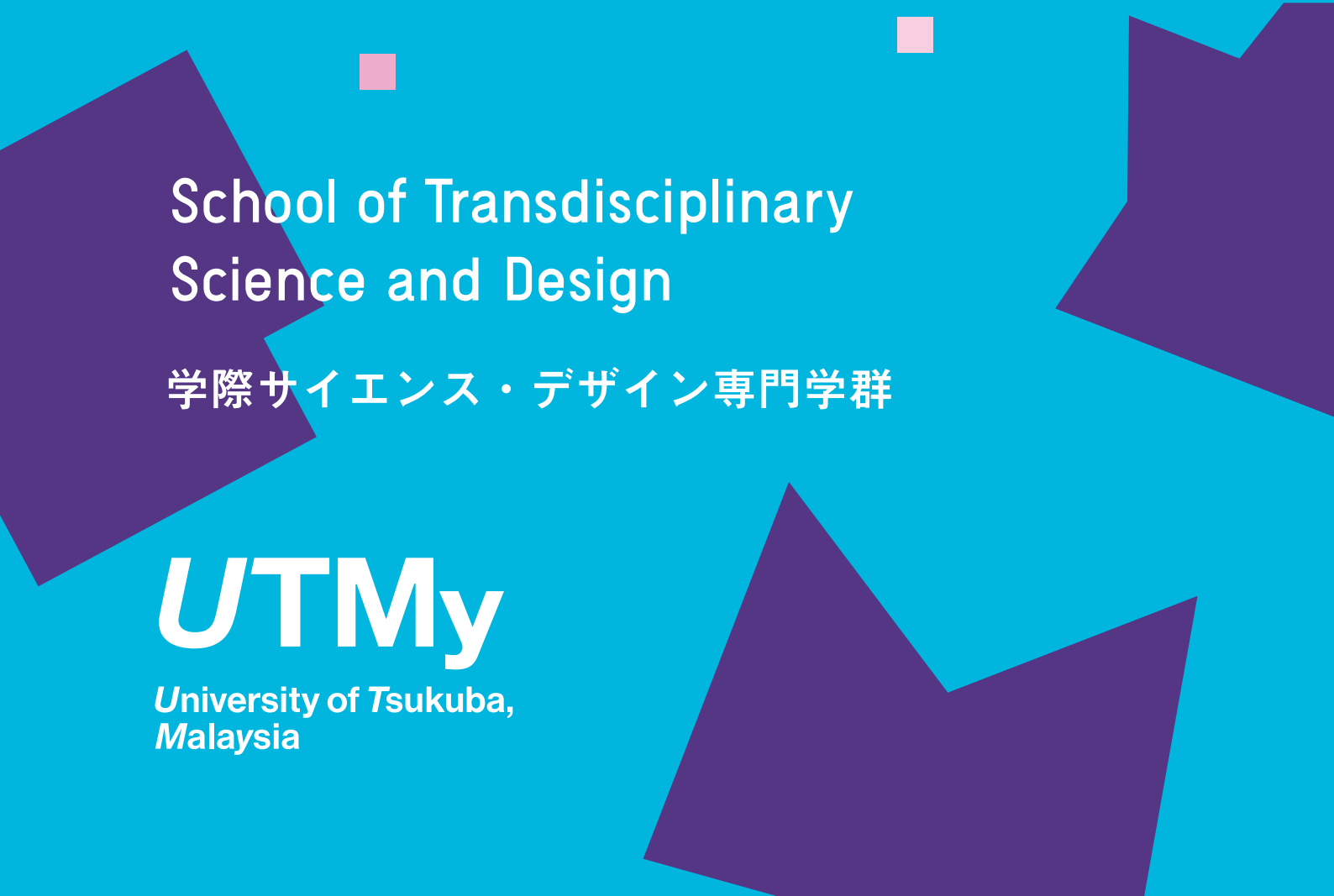


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Japan's TOP10 University Now in Malaysia

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School of Transdisciplinary
Science and Design

学際サイエンス・デザイン専門学群

UTMy

University of Tsukuba,
Malaysia

About UTMMy

Welcome to UTMMy,
Cutting-edge global
educational environment!

To the Challengers Forging the Future



MAKI TSUJIMURA
Dean

Welcome to UTMMy. As the first faculty-level organisation established overseas by a Japanese university, we offer you a new learning environment distinct from traditional university education. UTMMy cultivates individuals capable of contributing to solving global challenges by applying knowledge and techniques from natural sciences, humanities and social sciences, and environmental sciences, all grounded in data science. In Malaysia, a land where diverse peoples, cultures, and religions coexist and various challenges are becoming apparent, we too will learn alongside you.

UTMMy seeks individuals such as those who wish to solve everyday problems and difficulties, those who want to help people in need but don't know how, and those who aspire to contribute to resolving international issues in the future.

We offer a curriculum centred on PBL (Problem-Based Learning). In PBL, you begin by defining the problems you wish to solve. To acquire the necessary knowledge and skills for resolution, you will research and deliberate independently, supported in diverse ways by our faculty and a wide range of local corporate and organisational partners. UTMMy is a university embedded within society.

You are the first generation to create a sustainable and spiritually rich future society alongside us at UTMMy. We sincerely look forward to learning with you at UTMMy.

Japan's First Overseas Campus!

UTMMy came into being following talks between former Japanese Prime Minister Abe and former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir in 2018. This marked Japan's first overseas branch campus of a national university, enabling Japanese degrees to be awarded abroad for the first time. Therefore, UTMMy has attracted significant attention in both Japan and Malaysia.

More than just a new campus, UTMMy utilizes an innovative approach to education: one that integrates Japanese principles with Malaysia's dynamic academic and cultural landscape. The School of Transdisciplinary Science and Design offers an educational experience designed to tackle the global challenges through an approach that isn't like any other.



Professors

Truly Transdisciplinary Faculty:
from humanities to sciences

Hydrology



MAKI TSUJIMURA
PROFESSOR
PhD (Natural Science)

Biomechanics



SHIGETADA KUDO
PROFESSOR
PhD (Biomechanics)

Bioscience



IWANE SUZUKI
PROFESSOR
PhD (Agricultural
Chemistry)

Data Sciences



TARŌ TEZUKA
PROFESSOR
PhD (Informatics)

Medical Sciences



KEN NISHIMURA
PROFESSOR
PhD (Medicine)

Comparative Literature



NORIKO HIRAISHI
PROFESSOR
PhD (Comparative
Literature)

Robotics



HIROMI MOCHIYAMA
PROFESSOR
PhD
(Information Science)

Politics



LESLIE TKACH-KAWASAKI
PROFESSOR
PhD (International Political
Economy)

Nanotechnology



YOICHI YAMADA
PROFESSOR
PhD (Engineering)

Pedagogy



TAKANORI UEDA
ASSOCIATE
PROFESSOR
PhD (Education)

Human-Computer Interaction



KEIICHI ZEMPO
ASSOCIATE
PROFESSOR
PhD (Acoustics)

Japanese Language



NATSUE HIEDA
ASSOCIATE
PROFESSOR
PhD (Linguistics)

Sports Business



EBBE DAIGO
ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR
PhD (Sports Sciences)

Pop Culture



KOHKI WATABE
ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR
PhD (Cinema and Media Studies)

Japanese Literature



**DAMASO
FERREIRO POSSE**
ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR
PhD (Literature)

Hydrology



Zhang Yupang
ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR
PhD (Geoscience)

Curriculum

Design Thinking

At UTM, what we mean by “design” is “design thinking”. It is a problem-solving approach used to tackle complex and evolving challenges, such as global issues. UTM's curriculum includes many carefully designed elements to cultivate students who can solve global challenges through design thinking, no matter what subject would be.

Transdisciplinarity

UTM offers a distinctive education characterized by strong transdisciplinarity. Within a single faculty, students can receive a broad education spanning from the humanities and sciences. Transdisciplinarity will serve as a crucial tool to address the complex global challenges. Also, our “late specialization” approach allows flexibility in tackling rapidly evolving global challenges.

Humanities & Social Sciences

1st

Society/Culture Basics

Fundamental Research Japanese

Basic Physical Education

Society and Career

2nd

Basic Studies

Fundamentals of Humanities and Social Sciences

Philosophy and Current Issues

Japanese Language and Studies

Problem Finding

Problem Defining

Natural Sciences

Data Science Basics

Information Literacy

Basic Statistics

Data Science

Basic Sciences

Applied Statistics

Fundamentals of Natural Sciences II

Fundamentals of Natural Sciences I

Mathematical Readiness



Problem Based Learning ^(PBL)

UTMy' s PBL

UTMy's curriculum is centered on Problem-Based Learning (PBL). Unlike traditional teaching methods that focus solely on theory, the PBL approach emphasises practical solutions to tangible issues. A key feature of UTMy's PBL is that, through collaboration with faculty from other disciplines and with industry partners, students can tackle more practical, real-world problems.

Multilingual Environment

UTMy's campus is home to a multinational student body, with students from various backgrounds contributing to a rich, multilingual environment.

The ample opportunities that UTMy provides for students to collaborate also help develop interpersonal skills to build a tolerant and accepting community.

3rd

Specialized Studies

General Introduction to Humanities and Social Sciences

Japanese Cultural Communication

Integrity and Anti-Corruption

4th

Graduation Research

Solution Finding

Solution Defining

Up-to-Date Data Sciences

Linear Algebra For Data Sciences

System Theory For Data Sciences

General Introduction to Natural Sciences

Graduation Research

Global Humanities

Japanese Literature

Comparative Literature

Fan Studies

Linguistics

Social Studies

Political Science

Pedagogy

Sports Business

Social Education

Global Humanities

Biotechnology

Medi Sciences

Biomechanics

Sports Sciences

Environmental Sciences

Micro Biology

Water Resources

Algae

Hydrology

Engineering Sciences

AI-Robotics

Nanotechnology

Information Sciences

Human Informatics



Admission

Desired Students

1. Strongly interested in and motivated to study global issues and their resolutions in Malaysia and South-East Asia
2. Clearly enthusiastic about using interesting knowledge from the natural sciences, humanities and social sciences to solve complex global issues
3. Keenly determined in judging information applicability based on objective data and materials, and who can logically communicate their ideas
4. Genuinely interested in the Japanese language and culture, and who can respect different values and ways of thinking

Screening Method

	School Recommendation Scheme	Aptitude-based Scheme
Admission Policy	Applicants will be comprehensively evaluated based on their excellent academic performance in secondary or post-secondary education, ability to learn in Japanese, and high interest and motivation to learn and solve global issues.	Applicants will be comprehensively evaluated based on their basic academic competence, advanced comprehension skills required for learning data science, critical thinking skills, and interest and expressiveness to global issues.
Quota	10	30
Screening	Document screening Individual interview (Mainly conducted in English, with some simple Japanese.)	Document screening Group interview (Conducted in English)
Japanese	Have a basic knowledge of Japanese	Not compulsory

Entry Requirements

Qualification (Must include Mathematics)

STPM	UEC	A Levels	IB Diploma	EJU	Foundation Matriculation Diploma	Japanese High School
3C+s	5Bs	3Cs	27 points with EE, TOK HL or SL	Above average	CGPA 2.3/4.0	6/10 (3/5)

English

PASUM (UM) is recognised by both institutions as a pathway to UTM.

MUET	IELTS (Academic)	TOEFL iBT	PTE Academic
Band 3	5.0	Band 3.5 (61)	41

Annual Tuition

Malaysian students RM 35,000	International students RM 38,000
* A 6% service tax will be added for international students.	

The admission information above is current as of August 2026.

Please check the latest application guide when considering your application.

Application Guidelines



Voices from UTMyl



Asyraf Kazuki Bin
Abdul Zaki
(2nd Year Student)

At the University of Tsukuba Malaysia (UTMy), every learning experience is an opportunity to grow. Through its transdisciplinary approach and Problem-Based Learning (PBL), students are encouraged to explore their interests beyond the boundaries of a single discipline and discover connections across different fields. Whether through research, projects, or collaboration with peers and professors, we are given the freedom to pursue what we are passionate about while developing practical solutions to real-world challenges. This flexible and supportive learning environment has allowed me to broaden my perspective, strengthen my problem-solving skills, and build the confidence to adapt to an increasingly interconnected world. For me, this unique combination of academic freedom and interdisciplinary learning is what makes the UTMyl experience truly special.



Yeoh Zhe
(2nd Year Student)

As a student in the first batch of the University of Tsukuba, Malaysia, I have had the opportunity to grow in a truly international learning environment. Studying here has not only allowed me to improve my Japanese language skills but also broadened my knowledge by learning alongside classmates and lecturers from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds. By volunteering at various university events, I have developed teamwork, communication, and leadership skills while contributing to our campus community. These experiences have expanded my perspective and inspired me to continue growing both academically and personally. I believe this unique environment has prepared me to become a confident, globally minded individual.



Honoka Saita
(1st Year Student)

UTMy provides many opportunities to grow beyond the classroom. Through its strong partnerships with a wide range of companies, I have been able to explore fields I had never considered before and discover new interests. Another aspect I appreciate is the close relationship between students and professors, which creates a supportive environment where learning feels engaging and personal. Although UTMyl is a small university, that has become one of its greatest strengths. Its strong sense of community has allowed me to connect with students from different year levels and build lasting friendships. These experiences have made my university life both meaningful and inspiring.



Noriko Hiraishi
Institute of Humanities
and Social Sciences

In Malaysia, a multi-ethnic society, diverse religions, languages, and cultures coexist, mutually respecting each other while cherishing their own values. This is why the country is called Rojak (a Malaysian fruit and vegetable salad) rather than a Melting Pot. It's only natural that the papaya in the salad is different from the cucumber. What truly matters is not "reading the air," but continuing dialogue while acknowledging differences—a place where you can experience this firsthand. At UTMyl, students pursue their individual interests and passions. University life in an environment where diversity is the norm will broaden your horizons and provide an opportunity to reexamine the cultures and societies you grew up in. We look forward to seeing what new worlds you discover at UTMyl.

Student supports



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Scholarship
Deferment / Monthly Pay



WELL-BEING SUPPORT

Free Counselling
Annual Health Check-up
Group Insurance
Support finding off-campus accommodation



CONNECTION TO JAPAN

Snow sports practice
Graduation Researches
Intensive Courses

* No on-campus accommodation

BACHELOR OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

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What is Arts and Science?

The Bachelor of Arts and Science is an internationally recognized degree that certifies a broad education spanning the humanities, social sciences, and the natural sciences. This degree is awarded by the University of Tsukuba in Japan and guarantees the same level of quality as graduating from the University of Tsukuba in Japan.

Educational Purpose

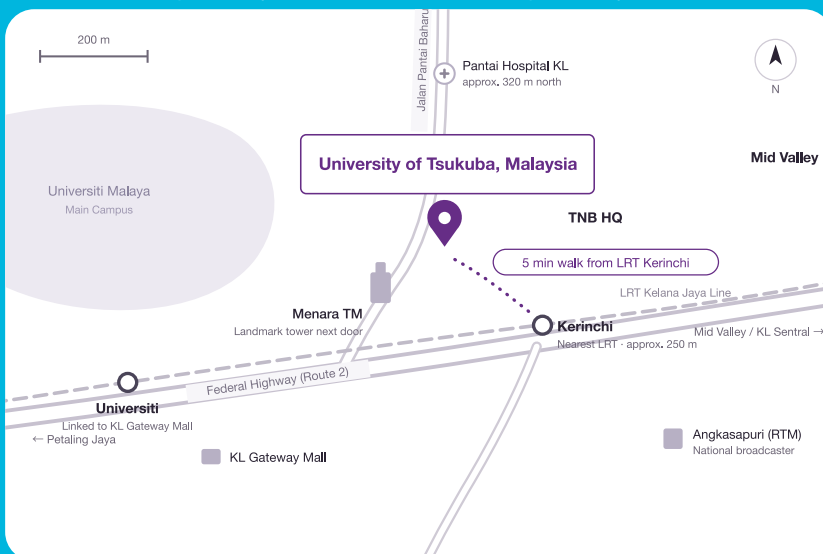
We cultivate talent who, grounded in data science, broadly apply the concepts and techniques of natural sciences and humanities and social sciences to environmental and social issues, and creatively contribute to solving global challenges while incorporating design thinking.



Access

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