

WHAT IS UMAP?

UMAP stands for “University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific”. It is a voluntary organization of government and non-government organizations that administers student mobility in order to enhance international understanding among university students in 35 eligible member countries / territories, with over 570 participating universities.

WHAT IS OUR AIM?

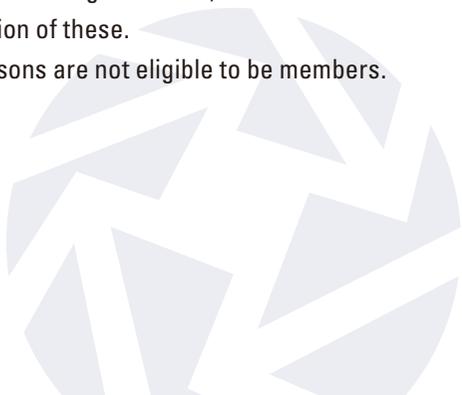
UMAP aims to enhance international understanding through increased mobility of university students and staff among the countries and territories of the region.

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

UMAP membership is open to countries / territories in the Asia-Pacific region.

Members can be represented by government higher education departments or ministries, individual universities, university umbrella organizations, or a combination of these.

Individual persons are not eligible to be members.



UMAP CONTACTS

EXCHANGE RELATED

Through UMAP Participating Universities:

A list of UMAP university participants can be accessed through www.umap.org
Each university will have an administrator handling UMAP related matters.

Contact information for administrators are also available at the website above.

Through UMAP National Contact:

An organization, known as UMAP Member Secretariat, have a contact person, whose contact details, name, and title could be accessed through the website.

The organization represents the university of the country that has full UMAP membership status.

INT’L SECRETARIAT

UMAP International Secretariat (IS) serves the participating countries/territories and universities, under the direction of UMAP Board and Chairman.

The UMAP IS now located at Toyo University in Tokyo, Japan.

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UMAP WEBSITE

Details of UMAP programs, projects and related activities are accessible through our website: www.umap.org



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University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific



**International Secretariat
at TOYO UNIVERSITY
(Tokyo, Japan)**

UMAP MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES

**Australia / Bangladesh / Brunei / Cambodia / Canada
Chile / People's Republic of China / Ecuador / Fiji
Guam / Hong Kong / India / Indonesia / Japan
Republic of Korea / Kazakhstan / Laos / Macao
Malaysia / Mexico / Mongolia / Myanmar / New Zealand
Papua New Guinea / Peru / Philippines / Reunion Island
Russia / Samoa / Singapore / Taiwan / Thailand
Timor – Leste / USA / Vietnam**

Other countries can also join, with the approval of higher governing authorization of UMAP-- the UMAP Board. Every year, UMAP holds two Committee and Board Meeting, which are only accessible to participating member universities and institutions.

Accredited public and private universities with recognition in standard of quality in full membership countries can then join in UMAP Exchange Programs.

PRINCIPLES OF EXCHANGE

1. Students have the responsibilities to the formal study during exchange, which last at least one semester to two semesters (except for Super Short Term Programs).
2. Hosting universities are expected to consider the waiving of tuition fees for exchange students.
3. Credits acquired on exchange are to be accepted by Home Universities.
4. Exchange is open to undergraduates and master's students.

CREDIT TRANSFER ASSURANCE

UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme (UCTS), is on the process to acting as a standard arrangement for recognition of study undertaken during exchange.

The objective of UCTS is to provide a credit conversion scale and an explanatory scale for grade equivalence between different higher education systems, ensuring that credits and grades can be transparently transferred and received by students on exchange, thus, reducing the hindrance to mobility. To participate in UMAP student exchange, the student's home university and the designated host university need to complete a "Study Plan" UCTS-credit equivalence in advance, using the "UCTS User Guide", which is available on the UMAP website.

STUDENTS APPLICATION

Students are able to reach the contact office responsible for international (and related) offices in their universities.

UMAP FUNDING POLICIES

UMAP currently does not have a funding policy to assist individual exchange. In several member countries, the government fund national UMAP programs.

Member countries agree to the general principle to waive tuition fees for 1-2 semesters for exchanges accepted into their universities.

Further funding arrangements could be agreed between home and host universities.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES

HOME UNIVERSITIES

1. Select students to participate as exchanges.
2. Approve study programs, including any necessary training.
3. Determine the level of financial support to be provided.
4. Provide appropriate preparation for students.
5. Recognize work/credit completed overseas.

HOST UNIVERSITIES

1. Provide confirmed study programs.
2. Evaluate the performances of participants and report to their home universities and UMAP IS.
3. Provide appropriate counseling and other support services for students.
4. Assist participants to obtain accommodation at reasonable cost.
5. Ensure appropriate health care arrangements and safety.

Host and home universities need to ensure credit recognition with the aid of UCTS credit equivalence prior to student's exchange.

Selection of universities and courses depends on the students and the home universities.

There may also be arrangements concerning maintenance of scholarship benefits, eligibility for government funding, and additional health care costs.