

UNAP At a glance 2018

Government-initiated International Platform for Student Exchange in Asia and the Pacific

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1. What is UMAP?

UMAP stands for *"University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific"*.

It is a voluntary organization of government and non-government representatives of the higher education sector encouraging mobility among university students and staff.



Conference to Discuss Higher Education Co-operation in Asia/Pacific Region (Canberra, Australia, 17-19 September 1991)

i. Our Mission

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

ii. Member Countries and Eligibility

The following 15 countries/territories are *full members* of UMAP* (out of 35 eligible member countries/territories (as of March 2018)).

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







Member Countries/Territories & Eligible Countries/Territories

Note: Orange shows FULL members that pay the membership fees (\$500-\$4000/year). Blue shows members that do not pay the membership fees (\$500-\$4000/year).

- The UMAP Board, comprising the National Secretariats (NS) from all member countries/regions, meets twice a year to discuss UMAP business, review programs, and consider new initiatives.
- To fulfill the goals of reinforcing cultural and educational exchange, UMAP encourages more and more countries to join as members.
- Accredited public and private universities in full member countries/territories are eligible to participate in UMAP Exchange Programs.

1. What is UMAP?

iii. Programs

1. UMAP Student Exchange Programs

Eligibility:

Open to undergraduate and post-graduate students.

- Multilateral Student Exchange Program [UME]

 (One or two semesters long) Program A
 Tuition: Participating universities are expected to consider a tuition waiver policy for exchange students for Program A.
- Bilateral Student Exchange Program [UBE]

 (One or two semesters long) Program B
 Tuition: Conditions for the waiver/non-waiver of tuition fees will depend on the host universities
- Super Short-Term Programs [SSTP]

 (One to eight weeks long) Program C
 Tuition: Conditions for the waiver/non-waiver of tuition fees will depend on the host universities

2. UMAP Summer Program

Special program organized by UMAP member countries/territories

- UMAP Discovery Camp August 2016 in Philippines
- UMAP Summer Program August 2017 in Japan
- UMAP Discovery Camp July-August 2018 in Thailand
 - 2019 in Taiwan
 - 2020 in Malaysia

3. UMAP Research Net [URN]

Joint research projects implemented by groups of two or more researchers

2. Procedure to Join UMAP Student Exchange Programs

Step 1)

Contact the UMAP National Secretariat (NS) responsible for your country/territory and request their endorsement.

NS by country/territory can be found at this link: http://umap.org/about/membership/#nationalsecretariat

Note: Only accredited institutions of higher learning from UMAP member countries/regions are eligible to participate in UMAP Student Exchange Programs. If your country/territory is not a UMAP member, please contact the UMAP IS.

Step 2)

Sign the "Pledge of Agreement", and send it to UMAP IS.

*Universities are expected to sign the Pledge of Agreement with UMAP International Secretariat (IS) in advance, demonstrating that they accept the principles of the UMAP exchange program concerning obligations of home and host universities, etc.

The form can be downloaded on UMAP's website Home >For Prospective Members <*http://mjk.ac/tUsZxg*>

Once the "Pledge of Agreement" is confirmed by UMAP IS, your institution becomes a UMAP member!

Step 3)

Offer your program by sending "Outlines of Proposal" UMAP IS will issue a call for programs to member universities. Please fill in the form and send it to UMAP IS.

3. Responsibilities of UMAP Participating Universities for Student Exchange Programs

Home Universities

- 1. Select students to participate in exchange programs.
- 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/credits completed overseas.

Host Universities

- 1. Provide study programs.
- 2. Evaluate 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 in obtaining accommodations at a reasonable cost.
- 5. Ensure appropriate health and safety provisions
- Host and home universities need to ensure credit recognition with the aid of UCTS credit equivalence prior to student's exchange.



4. Application flow for UMAP's prospective exchange students

5. UCTS – UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme

The objective of UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme (UCTS) is to provide a credit conversion scale for grade equivalence between different higher education systems.

UCTS ensures that credits and grades can be transparently transferred and received by students on exchange, thus, reducing a significant hindrance to mobility.

The definition of UCTS is as follows:

1UCTS = 38-48 hours of student workload. This includes 13-16 academic hours of instruction.

The following table illustrates a recommended conversion of UCTS with various national and regional credit systems:

| Country/Region | UCTS | Asia | USA | Europe (ECTS)* | UK (CATS)** |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Credit Conversion | 1UCTS | 1credit | 1credit | 1.5ECTS | 3credits |
| Student Workload | 38- 48hrs. | 38- 48hrs. | 45hrs. | 37.5- 45hrs. | Converte d from ECTS |
| Teaching Hours | 13- 16hrs. | 13- 16hrs. | 15hrs. | | |

*ECTS - European Credit Transfer System

**These 3 British credits are based on the conversion principle of British credits with ECTS defined by the QAA (Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (2008). This principle is effective among all higher education institutions that use CATS (Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme) in the UK.

UCTS Guide can be downloaded on UMAP's Homepage Home >UCTS *http://umap.org/ucts/*



What are the advantages of UCTS?

Students

1. Credit systems among countries/territories covered by UCTS can be compared easily, making it simple to determine the correct credit equivalencies between home universities and host universities.

2. The number of courses/credits taken abroad that can be transferred to home institutions can be calculated easily.

3. Knowing the correct number of credits that can be transferred to their home university through UCTS, students can be assured that they can complete their coursework requirements back home and graduate on time.

Faculty and staff members

1. Credit systems and equivalencies across regions and countries are easy to compare, making it simple to advise students on the number of courses they need to take abroad.

2. It is a simple, hassle-free method for calculating credits and faciliating transfer from host to home institution.

3. The time needed to understand and calculate credit equivalencies is reduced.

4. It increases institutions' chances of finding new student exchange partners around the globe by letting UCTS resolve difficulties in transferring credits.

6. List of National Secretariat (NS) & Participating universities during 2012-2018

Each member country/territory shall set up a **UMAP NS** to be the chief point of contact in that member country/territory.

For those who don't have their national contact (i.e. UMAP NS), please directly contact with the UMAP IS located at Toyo University in Japan.

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6. List of National Secretariat (NS) & Participating universities during 2012-2018

Participating Universities

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- Akita International University
- Hiroshima University
- Kansai University
- Kibi International University
- Nanzan University
- Niigata University •

- Osaka Jogakuin University
- Otaru University of Commerce Shibaura Institute of Technology

Osaka Institute of Technology

- Showa Women's University •
- Toyo University
- University of Fukui
- University of the Ryukyus

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Participating University

Karaganda State Medical University

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Participating Universities

- Chosun University
- Far East University
- Hallym University •
- Hanyang University
- Hongik University •

- Konkuk University
- Kookmin University
- Koreatech
- Kwangoon University •
- Kyungpook National University
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- Instituto Tecnológico de Sonora
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- Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez
- Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo
- Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí
- Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa

- Universidad de Colima
- Universidad de Guadalajara
- Universidad del Caribe
- Universidad de Monterrey
- Universidad de Quintana Roo
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- Bataan Peninsula State University Philippines
- Central Luzon State University
- De La Salle University
- De La Salle University Dasmarinas
- Filamer Christian University
- Ifugao State University
- Kalinga State University
- Lyceum Northwestern University

- Lyceum of the Philippines University -Batangas
- Mapua University (former; Institute of Technology)
- Mindanao University of Science and Technology
- St. Paul University Philippines
 - University of Antique
 - University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P)
- University of Mindanao

6. List of National Secretariat (NS) & Participating universities during 2012-2018

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Participating Universities

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- Chang Jung Christian University
- Cheng Shiu University
- Chia Nan University of Pharmacy and Science
- China Medical University
- Chung Yuan Christian University
- Chungyu University of Film and Arts
- CTBC Financial Management College
- Dayeh University
- Feng Chia University
- Fortune Institute of Technology
- Fu Jen Catholic University
- I-Shou University
- Kainan University
- Kun Shan University
- Lunghwa University of Science and Technology
- Ming Chuan University
- MingDao University
- Minghsin University of Science and Technology
- Nanhua University
- National Central University
- National Changhua University of Education
- National Chengchi University
- National Cheng Kung University
- National Chiao Tung University
- National Chi Nan University
- National Chin-Yi University of Technology
- National Chung Cheng University
- National Chung Hsing University
- National Dong Hwa University
- National Formosa University
- National Hsinchu University of Education
- National Taichung University of Education

- National Taipei University (College) of Business
- National Taiwan Normal University
- National Taiwan Ocean University
- National Taiwan University of Arts
- National Taiwan University of Science and Technology
- National Taiwan University of Sport
- National Tsing Hua University
- National University of Kaohsiung
- National Kaohsiung Marine University
- National Yang-Ming University
- National Yunlin University of Science and Technology
- Overseas Chinese University
- Providence University
- Shih Chien University
- Shu-Te University
- Soochow University
- Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology
- Taiwan Shoufu University (TSU)
- Tajen University
- Tamkang University
- Tatung University
- Tunghai University
- Tzu Chi University of Science and Technology
- University of Kang Ning
- University of Taipei
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Participating Universities

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- Bangkok University
- Chiang Mai University
- Christian University of Thailand
- Chulalongkorn University
- Dhurakij Pundit University (DPU)
- Dusit Thani College
- Eastern Asia University
- Hatyai University
- Kasetsart University
- Khon Kaen University
- King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMITL)
- King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT)
- Loei Rajabhat University
- Mae Fah Luang University

- Mahasarakham University
- Mahidol University
- Nakhon Ratchasima Rajabhat University
- Naresuan University
- Payap University
- Pibulsongkram Rajabhat University
- Rajamangala University of Technology Lanna
- Rajamangala University of Technology Rattanakosin (RMUTR)
- Rangsit University
- Roi-Et Rajabhat University
- Siam University
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Participating Universities

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7.UMAP Membership Fees

Scale of Contribution (US\$) by National Secretariat

| Country | Contribution Rate (%) | Amount as of 2017 (USD) |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cambodia, Laos, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, Reunion Island, Timor - Leste | 1% | 500 |
| Brunei, Ecuador, Fiji, Guam, Myanmar, Samoa | 1.5% | 750 |
| Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Macau, Peru, Vietnam | 2% | 1000 |
| Chile, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines Singapore, Thailand | 3% | 1500 |
| India, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Taiwan | 4% | 2000 |
| Australia, Canada, People's Republic of China | 6% | 3000 |
| Japan, USA | 8% | 4000 |

The above scale uses 80 percent of GDP and 20 percent of GDP per capita to arrive at a multiple for each member. The resulting list is then grouped into cohorts to arrive at an estimate of the percentage of the total UMAP General Fund to be borne by each member. As economic information is always changing, the scale will periodically be reviewed by the Board to see if adjustments are merited.

8. Organization of UMAP



The UMAP Board comprises all members and it shall determine the policies and the main lines of work for the smooth and effective operation of UMAP. The Secretariat of UMAP is called the UMAP International Secretariat. It is responsible for the management and administration of the day-to-day operations of UMAP and serves as the liaison for the member secretariats. Each member country/territory sets up a National Secretariat to be the chief point of contact in that country/territory and to be responsible for the promotion and development of the UMAP Exchange Programs.

9. Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. What are the advantages of becoming a UMAP member?

1) UMAP's broad variety of study abroad programs meet the diverse needs of students and future employers.

2) In the future, UMAP plans to make practical learning opportunities, including internships, available to students.

3) UMAP's interconnectedness allows for the increase in mutual trust and quality assurance among numerous universities.

4) The UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme (UCTS) enables students to confidently participate in a variety of quality student exchange programs.

5) UMAP has an open organization (membership) and an open platform: governments, associations of universities, consortium of universities, and/or an individual university.

6) Any country or territory in the Asia-Pacific region is eligible to become a full -member of UMAP and participate in UMAP exchange programs. This gives students and faculty members unparalleled access to an incredible diversity of cultures, peoples, histories, and opportunities.

Q2. Are there any scholarships offered by UMAP?

For students) There are scholarships offered by Taiwan's Ministry of Education, and Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT). Eligible students are both inbound and outbound exchange students of their country/territory through UMAP.

Participating universities may also make arrangements to fund bilateral exchanges, taking into account such matters as maintenance of scholarship benefits, eligibility for government funding assistance, and health care costs.

For Faculty members) UMAP has a grant called UMAP Research Net (URN), which provides funds to joint research conducted by researchers from UMAP affiliated universities. The next call for proposals will be spring 2018.

Q3. Do universities have to pay to participate in student exchange programs?

Depending on a country's National Secretariat (NS), which pays the membership fee, universities in certain countries/territories may be able to join without any additional payments.

THE PLEDGE OF AGREEMENT on UMAP MULTILATERAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM between

AND UMAP INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

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- 1. All participating exchange students should be currently enrolled students from participating universities.
- 2. The selection of exchange students will be subject to the authority and discretion of each host university. The maximum number of inbound and outbound exchange students for each university will not exceed two (2) per semester (Program A).
- 3. Regardless of Article 2 above, universities that accept more than two (2) exchange students in a given semester will be allocated an equal number of additional quotas for outbound exchange students. The quotas can be used from the following semester without expiration date.
- 4. The provisions of the preceding two paragraphs shall not preclude bilateral agreements made between any two (2) participating universities that hope to exchange more students (Program B: UMAP Bilateral Student Exchange Program (UBE)).
- 5. Exchange students shall be permitted to stay at the host university not longer than one year.
- 6. Exchange students will not be subject to fees for examinations, admission and tuition at the host university.
- 7. Exchange students will receive a letter of enrollment or note from the host university to apply for VISAs for a length of time equivalent to the exchange term in the country where the host university is located.
- 8.(University) shall host or participate in Program A. This shall not prevent its students from participating in Program B and/or Super Short-Term Programs (Program C) before the university hosts or participates in Program A.

- 9. Exchange students will comply not only with international exchange and other requirements of the host country, but also with the rules and regulations of the host institution.
- 10. Exchange students may enroll into any courses/classes offered by the host university, except courses with specific requirements determined by the university.
- 11. All participating universities agree to accept credits and to transfer credits earned by students from the exchange program via the UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme (UCTS), subject to the regulations and procedures of the respective universities.
- 12. All participating universities shall provide exchange students with accommodation or help them acquire their own accommodation.
- 13. Concerning the implementation of UME, open and widespread participation shall be encouraged; all details shall be discussed and agreed by host and home universities with UMAP IS whenever necessary.
- 14. As for the implementation of exchange students, notification is required at least one year earlier to the end date for the termination of this agreement.
- 15. This Agreement will/shall be valid from the date signed by each participating university with UMAP IS. The Agreement may be terminated by the university giving six (6) months' written notice to UMAP IS. In the event of termination, the respective parties will honor all commitments to students currently participating in the program.
- 16. The memorandum shall be concluded in English. Any revision or modification of the Agreement shall be made in writing through discussion in UMAP committee and board meetings.

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