



INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
MALAYSIA

ACUPUNCTURE

(MSc)

**CENTRE FOR
COMPLEMENTARY
& ALTERNATIVE
MEDICINE**

2019



What is IMU's Acupuncture Programme About?

Overview

Acupuncture is a form of traditional Chinese Medicine treatment originated 2,500 years ago. World Health Organization (WHO) recognised it from 1970s and regarded it as part of Complementary and Alternative Medicine in the world.

In collaboration with Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SHUTCM), IMU is launching the Master of Science in Acupuncture (MSc Acupuncture) programme which is approved by Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) and Malaysia Qualifications Agency (MQA). The programme will be taught in English.

The MSc Acupuncture programme is a part-time programme designed for working professionals. The programme incorporates both online and face-to-face (mainly planned for weekends) learning activities to engage students, with the aim to train competent acupuncturists who are knowledgeable and skilful in acupuncture practices including needling and moxibustion techniques, Chinese medicine theory, diagnostics and many more.

Students can opt to complete the programme locally, or transfer to Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SHUTCM) as part of their studies to obtain an additional Master of Acupuncture from the partner university.

DEGREE / DURATION

MSc in Acupuncture (IMU)
- 2½ - 5 years (part-time)

**MSc in Acupuncture (IMU) and
Master of Acupuncture (SHUTCM)**
- 3 - 5 years (part-time)

COMMENCEMENT

September

PARTNER UNIVERSITY

CHINA



A Word from the Programme Director

“IMU MSc in Acupuncture is the first and only postgraduate Acupuncture programme available in Malaysia. The programme curriculum is aligned with the international standards and it caters to students from various backgrounds. It will meet the needs of people who are keen towards the development and standardised application of acupuncture.”

DR ONG SIEW SIEW — Programme Director
PhD (Acupuncture), MBA, BMed (TCM)

How Does the Programme Work?

Acupuncture Programme Structure

SEMESTER

1

Non-Chinese Medicine Practitioners

Chinese Medicine
Theory

Diagnosis in Chinese
Medicine

Chinese Medicine Practitioners

Fundamentals of
Allopathic Medicine

Radiology

SEMESTER

2

Basic Acupuncture
Acupoint Anatomy

SEMESTER

3

Acupuncture Clinical
Practice

SEMESTER

4

Modern Acupuncture
Science and Clinical
Development

Advanced
Acupuncture
Techniques

Selected Readings in
Classic Literature

SEMESTER

5

Advanced
Acupuncture Clinical
Practice

SEMESTER

6

Research
Methodology and
Scientific Writing

Biostatistics

SEMESTER

7

Research Project

Assessment

- Students will be assessed through assignment, OSCE, Logbook cases, discussion, research dissertations and presentations.

Entry Requirements

1. A Bachelor Degree in Chinese Medicine, Medicine, Medical Sciences or its equivalent with a minimum cGPA 2.50 and above as accepted by University's Senate; or
2. A Bachelor Degree in Chinese Medicine, Medicine, Medical Sciences or its equivalent not meeting cGPA 2.50, will be subjected to a minimum of 5 years of relevant working experience.

Note

- Double degree students must take an additional module, i.e. China Overview (online) and pass HSK Level 5.
- The curriculum is reviewed periodically and is subject to change.



Top: Combined needling and moxibustion is one of the traditional methods in acupuncture.

Left: Locating acupoint accurately before puncturing the needle.

Bottom: Filiform needling is the most commonly used acupuncture technique.



Why Study Acupuncture at IMU?

1

Flexibility for Working Professionals

Teaching and learning activities will be a mixture of face-to-face sessions, as well as online lectures.

2

Highly Qualified and Experienced Lecturers

The course is delivered and supervised by lecturers from Malaysia and Shanghai who have experience in teaching and clinical practice.

3

Research Partnerships

Students will benefit from the conduct of acupuncture-related research in collaboration with Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SHUTCM), one of the World Health Organization (WHO) Traditional Chinese Medicine Centre in the frontiers of integrative medical studies.

4

International Benchmark

Develop acupuncture competencies which are aligned to international standards for safe and effective clinical practice.

5

Integrative Curriculum

Design treatment strategies by recognising acupuncture boundary and understanding of human body in a more integrative, holistic and non-judgemental way.

How Much Does It Cost?

Acupuncture Programme Fees

All fees quoted are in Ringgit Malaysia unless stated otherwise.

All IMU alumni who are self-funding their postgraduate studies and meet the eligibility criteria will be eligible for a reduction in tuition fees.

FEES OVERVIEW

Fees	Amount (RM)
	Malaysian Student
Application Fee	150
Registration Fee	1,100
Refundable Caution Deposit	2,000
Student Association Fee per Semester	40

- Application fee is payable upon submission of application.
- Registration fee and refundable caution deposit are payable upon acceptance of the offer letter issued by the IMU Admissions Office.

Tuition Fee	Amount (RM)
	Malaysian Student
Local Track	50,000
Double Degree Track	120,000

Note: The fee is subject to number of credits registered per semester

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Programmes at IMU

Pre-University

Foundation in Science
KPT/JPT(R/010/3/0186)09/2023

Undergraduate

Medicine
KPT/JPT(R2/721/6/0033)09/2026

Psychology
KPT/JPT(R2/311/6/0013)09/2022

Dentistry
KPT/JPT(R2/724/6/0010)01/2023

Pharmacy
KPT/JPT(R2/727/6/0050)09/2026

Pharmaceutical Chemistry
KPT/JPT(R2/442/6/0003)01/2023

Dietetics with Nutrition
KPT/JPT(R2/726/6/0021)09/2022

Nutrition
KPT/JPT(R/726/6/0011)06/2022

Biomedical Science
KPT/JPT(R2/421/6/0011)09/2022

Medical Biotechnology
KPT/JPT(R2/545/6/0014)09/2022

Chiropractic
KPT/JPT(R/726/6/0054)08/2026

Chinese Medicine
KPT/JPT(R/721/6/0059)01/2020

Nursing
KPT/JPT(R/723/6/0125)04/2020

Nursing Science
(for registered nurses)
KPT/JPT(R2/723/6/0101)01/2024

Postgraduate

Acupuncture (MSc)
KPT/JPT(N/721/7/0071)03/2022

Analytical & Pharmaceutical
Chemistry (MSc)
KPT/JPT(R-CDL/442/7/0001)01/2022

Business Administration in
Healthcare Management
(Postgraduate Certificate/Master)
KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1082)9/2023
KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1085)10/2023

Diabetes Management & Education
(Postgraduate Diploma)
KPT/JPT(N/726/7/0030)02/2023

Health Professions Education (HPE)
(Postgraduate Certificate/
Postgraduate Diploma/Master)
KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0066)09/2020
KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0064)09/2020
KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0070)09/2020

Implant Dentistry (Postgraduate Diploma)
KPT/JPT(N/724/7/0019)06/2021

Molecular Medicine (MSc)
KPT/JPT(R/545/7/0078)07/2022

Pharmacy Practice (Master)
KPT/JPT(N/727/7/0051)03/2019

Public Health (MSc)
KPT/JPT(R/720/7/0077)09/2020

Medical & Health Sciences
(MSc & PhD by Research)
KPT/JPT(R/721/8/0043)01/2020
KPT/JPT(R2/720/7/0049)06/2026



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