

About UM

University of Macau

Founded in 1981, the University of Macau (UM) is a leading and the only public comprehensive university in Macau. Relocated to a new campus in 2014, UM has now Asia's largest and most complete collegiate system with ten residential colleges managed by distinguished scholars.

UM is committed to producing versatile and creative graduates with a global outlook. UM currently offers over 130 bachelor's, master's, and PhD degree programmes to more than 10,000 students, with English as the main teaching instruction medium.

UM is making strides in becoming internationally recognized for its excellence in teaching, research and service to Macau, China and humanity. It has earned international reputation in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings and the QS World University Rankings by Subject. For more information about UM, please refer to <https://www.um.edu.mo/about-um.html>.

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Located on the western bank of the Pearl River Delta in southern Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China - adjoins the Mainland city of Zhuhai and lies some 60 kilometres to the west of Hong Kong. Macao comprises Macao Peninsula, Taipa and Coloane. Macao Peninsula is the hub of the territory and is connected to Taipa by three bridges. Several large international hotel resorts - with new supporting infrastructure - are located on the reclaimed land between Taipa and Coloane in the newly developed district known as Cotai.

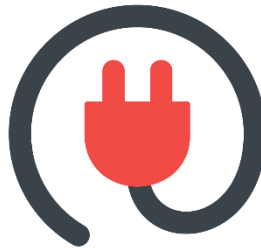
The Portuguese arrived and settled in Macao in the mid 16th Century. Thus, the city's architecture, art, religion, traditions, food and community reflect the integration of Chinese, Western and Portuguese cultures. Macao became a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on 20th December 1999 and exercises a high degree of autonomy under the principle of "One country, two systems". The SAR is growing in size with more buildings on reclaimed land, and in the number and diversity of its attractions. In 2005, The Historic Centre of Macao was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List as a result of its unique historical and cultural landscape. Macao is currently positioning itself as the World Centre of Tourism and Leisure as it develops into a quality international tourist destination.

(<http://en.macaotourism.gov.mo/index.php>)



Currency

The legal tender is Macao Pataca (MOP), which is equivalent to US dollar (USD) at USD1 \approx MOP8.



Electricity

Electricity in Macao is at 220V, 50Hz. The power plugs used are of the three-pin, square-shaped or round-shaped type. It is suggested to check before using an electrical appliance.



Internet

Internet service is available at major hotels, public libraries and Information Counter at the Senado Square. Macao SAR Government has provided citizens and visitors with free wireless internet access - "WiFi GO".



Time and Language

Time in Macao is eight hours ahead of the Greenwich Mean Time. Chinese and Portuguese are the official languages, with Cantonese being most widely spoken. English is generally used in trade, tourism and commerce.

Getting to Macao

By Air

Macao International Airport offers scheduled flights to major cities in China, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Korea, and Japan.

By Sea

From Hong Kong:

TurboJet and Cotai Water Jet offer frequent sailings to Macao. The journey is expected to take about one hour. Visitors may embark at the Hong Kong Macau Ferry Terminal, the China Ferry Terminal, or the Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal and disembark at either the Macau Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal or the Taipa Ferry Terminal.

From Hong Kong International Airport:

Visitors arriving via the Hong Kong International Airport may transfer to Macao via the SkyPier. Passengers can transit to Macao without going through the Hong Kong Immigration. The sailing time is approximately 70 minutes.

By Land

Visitors can enter Macao by land through the Border Gate checkpoint, the Cotai Checkpoint or the Zhuhai-Macao Cross-border Industrial Zone Checkpoint.

To know more information about Border checkpoints in Macao.
(http://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/eng/psp_top5_2_1.html#IV)

Local Taxi information:

Call Centre (Macao Radio Taxi Ltd.): +853 28812345

Taxi fares inquiry (https://www.dsat.gov.mo/dsat/subpage.aspx?a_id=1443512969)

Passports and Visas

All visitors must hold a passport or a valid travel document for travel to Macao.

All visitors are required to have a visa except nationals of countries which are exempted from a visa or entry permit. For more information on visa and entry permit exemption, please visit the website of the Immigration Service of the Public Security Police Force, Macao

A Macao visa can be obtained through the Embassies/Consulates of the PRC and should be used within its validity. Visitors may also apply for an entry permit or visa upon arrival at the immigration checkpoint. However, visitors from certain countries are required to obtain a visa in advance before their trip to Macao. For more information, please visit the website at <https://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/eng/AfMV.html>.

The above information is for reference only. For further information on entry formalities, please contact the Immigration Service of the Public Security Police Force, Macao at (853) 2872 5488 or sminfo@fsm.gov.mo, or visit the website at <https://www.fsm.gov.mo>.