

Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (STPM)

The Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (STPM) or the Malaysian Higher School Certificate is a pre-university examination taken by students for entry into public universities in Malaysia. It is offered in Malaysian schools.

The STPM is recognised by universities in the Commonwealth of Nations as well as the United States and the Republic of Ireland. The STPM also allows students to gain entry into local public and local private institutions.

Entry Requirements:

SPM with a pass in Bahasa Melayu.

- Science stream - a combination of points from mathematics and 2 science subjects which must not exceed 18 points.
- Arts stream - a combination of points from mathematics and any 2 subjects which must not exceed 18 points.

Duration:

1.5 years

Intake:

May

Examination dates:

November – December of the following year

Fee:

Examination fees have been abolished. However, students have to pay RM60.00 for the compulsory Malaysian University English Test (MUET).

Subjects: Students are required to take no more than 5 subjects in one sitting. Science subjects and Mathematics are taught in both Bahasa Malaysia and English.

- General Studies – compulsory subject
- Malay, Chinese or Tamil language
- Malay or English Literature
- Geography ♦ History

- Accounting ♦ Business Studies ♦ Economics
- Biology ♦ Chemistry Physics
- Computing
- Mathematics ♦ Further Mathematics
- Sport Science
- Visual Art

* Students take General Studies and up to a maximum of 3 other subjects. Generally, most schools offering Form 6 allow students to opt for either the science stream or the arts stream. In addition, students are required to sit for the Malaysian University English Test (MUET).

Assessment:

- Written and practical examinations (for Science subjects).
- MUET test - The test comprises 4 components: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

STPM uses a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) system. There are 11 grades : A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+ and D, with F as the failing grade. The grade points for each of these grades are between 4.0 and 1.0, A being 4.0 and D- being 1.0. The F grade gives a grade point of 0.

Note : This information is current as at July 2009.