

Studying in Mauritius

A guide for international students & families — how Mauritius's higher education works, the student visa, English-medium and British-style degrees, and the rules.

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ENGLISH-MEDIUM, BRITISH-STYLE DEGREES, A SAFE ISLAND HUB

Mauritius is a **safe, stable, English-medium island education hub** that hosts the University of Mauritius plus **international branch campuses (Middlesex, Curtin)** offering **British- and Australian-style degrees at a fraction of Western costs**. Multicultural, tropical, and increasingly a **tech and finance hub** for Africa and Asia, it also offers a post-study work route. Students get a **student visa**. This guide walks it in **ten steps**.

General guidance, not legal or immigration advice. Mauritian rules, tuition, and the funds requirement change. The details here are recent examples and **must be confirmed with the Passport and Immigration Office, your university, and the Mauritian mission**.

Understand Why Students Choose Mauritius

WHAT TO KNOW

Mauritius offers **English-medium, internationally recognized degrees (including UK/Australian branch-campus programs); a safe, stable, multicultural island setting; affordable tuition; a growing tech and finance hub; and a post-study work permit** — a distinctive, well-rounded destination.

BY THE NUMBERS

English-medium

British/Australian degrees

Safe & stable

tropical island

Post-study

work permit

HOW TO HELP

Weigh Mauritius's **British-style degrees, safety, and value** — for an internationally recognized English degree in a safe, affordable island setting, it's compelling.

WATCH OUT

Branch campuses (Middlesex, Curtin) award **UK/Australian degrees on the island** at well below Western costs — a rare, valuable combination.

Understand the System

WHAT TO KNOW

Public institutions — the **University of Mauritius (UoM)** and the University of Technology Mauritius — sit alongside **international branch campuses: Middlesex University (UK), Curtin (Australia)**, the University of Arizona Global, plus specialized schools (Anna Medical College; Holberton for software). The UNICITI hub supports several. English is the medium throughout.

BY THE NUMBERS

Public

UoM, UTM

Branch campuses

Middlesex, Curtin, Arizona

Specialized

medicine, software

HOW TO HELP

Choose a **Mauritian public university** (UoM, UTM) or an **international branch campus** (Middlesex, Curtin) for a UK/Australian degree, by field — all English-medium.

GOOD TO KNOW

Branch campuses give you a **UK or Australian degree** without leaving the island — internationally recognized and lower-cost.

Get the Student Visa

WHAT TO KNOW

International students apply for a **student visa** (before travel or on arrival, depending on nationality) through the **Passport and Immigration Office**. You'll provide an offer/enrolment letter, a passport valid 6+ months, a bank statement or sponsor letter, and photos. Visas are usually issued for the program's duration and extended each academic year.

BY THE NUMBERS

Student visa

before/on arrival

Passport & Immigration Office

processes it

Extendable

each year

HOW TO HELP

Apply for the **student visa** (via the Passport and Immigration Office) with your offer letter, a valid passport, and funds proof — it's issued for your program and extended annually.

GOOD TO KNOW

Your university's international office helps with the **student-visa process** — some materials are on the Passport and Immigration Office website.

Apply to Universities

WHAT TO KNOW

Apply **directly** (Mauritian universities directly; branch campuses via their own admissions). Non-native English speakers show **English proficiency (often IELTS 5.5+ or equivalent, or prior education in English)**. Provide transcripts and standard documents; branch campuses follow their home institution's entry standards.

BY THE NUMBERS

Apply directly

or via branch campus

English

IELTS 5.5+ / prior English

Documents

transcripts

HOW TO HELP

Apply **directly** to your chosen university or branch campus, showing English proficiency (IELTS 5.5+ or prior English education) with transcripts.

GOOD TO KNOW

Some universities **accept students without IELTS** if prior education was in English — check each institution's requirement.

Plan for Tuition & Scholarships

WHAT TO KNOW

Tuition is **affordable**: Mauritian universities run roughly **MUR 80,000–160,000/year (~\$1,800–3,600)**, and branch campuses like Curtin around **\$3,500–5,500/year** — well below the UK/Australia. Scholarships include **Mauritius-Africa** and branch-campus (e.g., Middlesex) awards, with tuition waivers for top scorers.

BY THE NUMBERS

Mauritian

~\$1,800–3,600/yr

Branch campuses

~\$3,500–5,500/yr

Scholarships

Mauritius-Africa, Middlesex

HOW TO HELP

Budget the tuition (Mauritian ~\$1.8k–3.6k; branch campuses ~\$3.5k–5.5k) plus living costs, and pursue Mauritius-Africa or branch-campus scholarships (tuition waivers for top scorers).

GOOD TO KNOW

A branch-campus degree costs **far less than studying in the UK or Australia directly** — the core value proposition.

Meet the Financial Requirement

WHAT TO KNOW

For the visa you show **proof of funds** (a bank statement or sponsor letter) covering tuition and living, plus a passport valid 6+ months and health insurance. Private student accommodation (e.g., via UNICITI) is available. Confirm the exact requirements with the Passport and Immigration Office.

BY THE NUMBERS

Funds

bank/sponsor

Passport

6+ months

+ insurance

& housing

HOW TO HELP

Prepare **proof of funds (bank statement or sponsor)**, a valid passport, and insurance — private student accommodation is available; confirm requirements with immigration.

GOOD TO KNOW

Private student accommodation (e.g., through the **UNICITI hub**) is available for international students — arrange it early.



Meet Language Requirements

WHAT TO KNOW

English is Mauritius's **official language and the medium of instruction** (French and Creole are widely spoken, and most Mauritians are multilingual). Non-native English speakers show proficiency (IELTS 5.5+ or equivalent); French support is available for bilingual students.

BY THE NUMBERS

English

official & medium

French/Creole

widely spoken

Proof

IELTS 5.5+

HOW TO HELP

Study **in English** (proof via IELTS 5.5+ or equivalent for non-native speakers), in a multilingual society where French and Creole are also widely spoken.

GOOD TO KNOW

Mauritius is **multilingual** (English, French, Creole) — easing daily life for a wide range of international students.

Prepare for the Move

WHAT TO KNOW

After your visa, **arrange housing, complete registration, and set up banking**. Most campuses are in **Moka, Réduit, or Port Louis**. Mauritius is **safe, politically stable, and tropical**, blending European, African, and Asian cultures — a relaxed, welcoming base with beaches and a high quality of life.

BY THE NUMBERS

Housing + registration

first tasks

Campuses

Moka, Réduit, Port Louis

Safe & tropical

stable

HOW TO HELP

Handle arrival admin — **housing, registration, banking** — on a safe, tropical island; most campuses are in Moka, Réduit, or Port Louis.

GOOD TO KNOW

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Explore the Branch-Campus & Hub Advantage

WHAT TO KNOW

Two distinctive advantages: **UK/Australian degrees on the island** (Middlesex, Curtin) at lower cost, and Mauritius's role as a **technology and finance hub** for Africa and Asia (with programs in ICT, fintech, AI, cybersecurity, plus ocean science, sustainable development, and renewable energy). Choose by field and career goal.

BY THE NUMBERS

Branch degrees

UK/Australian (lower cost)

Tech/finance hub

ICT, fintech, AI

Also

ocean/renewable science

HOW TO HELP

Leverage Mauritius's **branch-campus degrees and its tech/finance-hub focus** (ICT, fintech, AI, plus ocean and renewable-energy science) — distinctive routes to a global career.

GOOD TO KNOW

Mauritius is developing into a **regional tech and innovation hub** — with demand for IT graduates in banking, telecoms, and government.

Work & After Study

WHAT TO KNOW

A real advantage: after completing at least an undergraduate degree, international graduates can apply for the **Young Professional Occupation Permit** to **work in Mauritius**. This opens opportunities in ICT, finance, tourism, and beyond. Confirm the current permit terms and post-study pathways.

BY THE NUMBERS

Young Professional Permit

work after undergrad

Sectors

ICT, finance, tourism

Confirm

current terms

HOW TO HELP

Plan for the **Young Professional Occupation Permit** to work in Mauritius after your undergraduate degree — a clear post-study route into ICT, finance, and tourism; confirm the current terms.

WATCH OUT

The **Young Professional Occupation Permit** lets graduates work after an undergraduate degree — a genuine advantage for staying on.

Studying in Mauritius: The Essentials

A snapshot — figures change, so confirm with the Passport and Immigration Office, your university, and the Mauritian mission.

The system

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The visa

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Language & setting

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Hub & after

A growing tech/finance hub (ICT, fintech, AI, plus ocean and renewable-energy science); after an undergraduate degree, graduates can apply for the Young Professional Occupation Permit to work in Mauritius.

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