

COSMETIC SCIENCE

(N/0988/6/0001) (12/30) (MQA/PSA18960)

Shaping the future of cosmetic innovation

This programme brings together science, beauty, and wellness, blending cosmetic formulation science, natural ingredients, dermatology, sustainability, and product innovation. Students learn to develop safe and effective cosmetic skincare, haircare, fragrance, and wellness products through hands-on formulation labs, product testing, beauty & wellness applications, and green beauty practices, supported by industry visits, expert workshops, and entrepreneurial projects. To suit different career interests, students can explore three specialised tracks:

- **Business and Marketing** - branding, consumer trends & beauty entrepreneurship
- **Industrial Innovation** - advanced formulation, scale-up & regulatory standards
- **Beauty and Wellness** - blends science-based beauty concepts with wellness practices, helping students understand how lifestyle, products, and self-care contribute to healthy skin, hair, and overall confidence.

Equipped with scientific expertise, creativity, and industry mentorship, the students are prepared to excel as formulators, product developers, entrepreneurs, and brand creators – shaping the future of the cosmetic and wellness industries.

Degree Recognition

Launch in 2026, the programme is developed in accordance with the standards and requirements set by the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) and aligned with the Malaysian Qualifications Framework (MQF) under the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) for quality assurance.

Students are advised to refer to the official websites of the relevant regulatory bodies for the latest updates on university recognition in their respective countries.

Degree / Duration

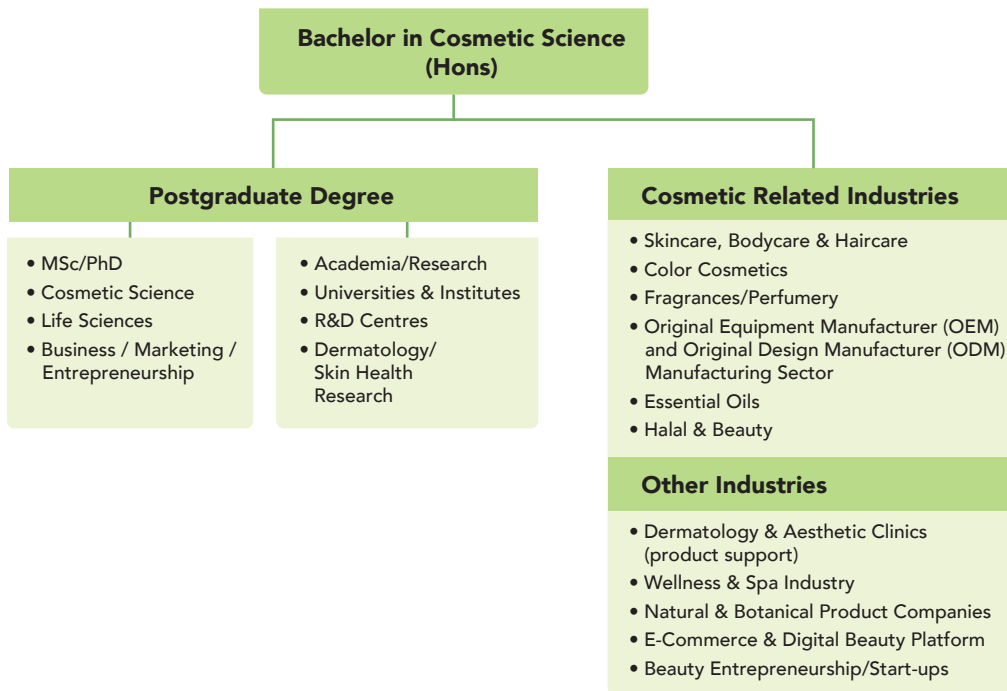
Bachelor in
Cosmetic Science (Honours)
3 years

Commencement

Apr / Jul / Sep

Career Pathway

Graduates of this programme are highly equipped with versatile skills to support the fast-growing beauty, personal care, and wellness sectors. They can pursue leading roles such as Cosmetic Formulation Scientist, Product Development Executive, or Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs Office. Beyond technical roles, graduates may pursue careers in brand management, beauty marketing, technical training, and entrepreneurship. With the industry shifting toward digitalisation and sustainability, they are also prepared for emerging roles in sustainable beauty innovation, digital beauty and e-commerce strategy, and AI-driven cosmetic data analysis, enabling success across both traditional and future-focused beauty sectors.



Key Areas	Work Scope
Cosmetics	Cosmetics, skin care, and personal care.
Perfumery	Scent creation, fragrance evaluation, raw material research, sensory testing, and regulatory compliance.
Cosmetic Ingredients and Raw Materials	Raw materials specialist, manufacturing, quality control and assurance, research and development.
Business and Entrepreneur	Brand management, marketing executive, product commercialisation, digital marketing and social media, sales and business development, E-Commerce and retail operations, beauty consultant, cosmetic start up founder, cosmetic data analyst / AI product developer.
Academia	Tutor for undergraduate, research project assistant, cosmetic laboratory technician.
Government	Regulatory bodies, halal executive, research institute and agency.

Programme Structure

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Artificial Intelligence Fundamentals and Applications	Data Visualisation and Analytics	Introduction to Sensory Science	Advanced Cosmetics Formulations
Foundation Chemistry for Cosmetic Science and Perfumery	Cosmetic Biotechnology	Color Cosmetics and Aesthetics	Instrumental and Analytical Techniques
Cosmetic Raw Material	Principles and Practices of Green chemistry in Cosmetics and Perfumery	Fragrance and Flavours	GMP and Processing Design
Cosmetic Dermatology and Trichology	Natural Products for Cosmetics and Perfumery	Personal Care and Toiletries	Global Cosmetic Regulations and Halal
Introduction of Cosmetic Science	Cosmetic Microbiology	Sensory and Instrumental Testing	Entrepreneurship & Business Management
Ethics and Laboratory Safety	Cosmetic Formulation	Cosmetic Packaging Design & Sustainability	Project Management and Communication

Semester 5	Short Semester	Semester 6
Research Methodology	Research Project I	Internship
Elective 1*	Research Project II	
Elective 2		
Elective 3		
Elective 4		

*** Elective modules- student has to choose from one of these three tracks:**

Track 1: Business and Marketing

Principals of Management

Organisational Behaviour

Marketing Strategy

Digital Marketing

Track 2: Industrial Applications and Innovations

Innovation in Cosmetic Science

Advanced Manufacturing and Scale Up Techniques

Cosmetic Engineering

Applications of Fragrance in Cosmetic Formulations

Track 3: Beauty and Wellness

Introduction to Beauty and Wellness

Makeup Artistry Fundamentals

Complementary Wellness

Spa Treatments and Wellness Practices

Curriculum is reviewed periodically and subject to change.

MPU modules are compulsory, imposed by the Ministry of Higher Education under the Private Higher Educational Institutions Act 1996 (Act 555)

- Every student must pass all modules as a prerequisite for the awarding of the degree.

Opportunity to Gain Global Experience

The Global Exposure Programme for this programme opens doors to the international beauty industry, giving students the opportunity to learn, explore, and connect with leading global beauty brands. Through overseas visits, industry engagements, and real-world exposure, students gain first-hand insights into global trends, innovative formulations, sustainability practices, and market dynamics shaping the cosmetics and wellness sector.

Assessment

All modules within this programme incorporate both formative and summative assessments to support continuous learning and competency development. Students are assessed through a wide variety of methods, including hands-on practical tasks, practical examinations, problem-based learning (PBL), quizzes, debates, role plays, oral presentations, video and infographic assignments, and creative media activities. In addition, students engage in product creation, innovation challenges, and idea pitching sessions, simulating real industry practices.

Programme Fees

Fee	Amount (RM)	
	Malaysian Student	International Student
Application Fee	150	500
Registration Fee	950	2,500
Refundable Caution Deposit	2,000	2,000
International Student Admin Fee	-	2,500

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. • International students will need to pay a Student Visa Administration Fee of up to RM3,500 (depending on nationality) and a personal bond fee when they register. There is also an annual Student Visa Renewal Fee that applies each year. • Students must adhere to the "Policy on Payment of Fees" • All students are required to pay Student Association Fee of RM60 per semester which will be subject to annual increase. • All fees are subject to currency exchanges rates and exclusive of levy and bridging fees (if any). • Application fee and Registration fee is non refundable. • All students who are applying for the National Higher Education Fund (NHEF) loans are required to pay their semester fees in FULL by the due date stated in the invoice

Tuition Fees

	At IMU University				
	Years	Tuition Fee (RM)			
		Malaysian Student		International Student	
		Total Semester	Per Semester	Total	Per Semester
Bachelor in Cosmetic Science (Honours)	3	5 Long Semesters	22,950	137,700	24,200
		1 Short Semester	11,475		12,100
		Internship	11,475		12,100
					145,200

Global Leadership Scholarship (Inaugural intake) of RM30,000 is available for the 2026 intakes. The bursary is awarded at the University's discretion, and its decision is final.

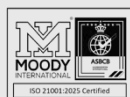
*Terms and conditions apply.

All listed fees are exclusive of the 6% Sales and Service Tax (SST), which will be applied to all international students where applicable.

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