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**How do we know what is
academic success for international
students?**



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Outline



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Academic Success
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Internationalisation in Malaysia

- ☞ Malaysia aims to be recognized as an excellent international hub of higher education by the year 2020
- ☞ International students in Malaysia – 87,000 in 2010 from Middle East countries such as Iran and Yemen, and Asian nations such as Indonesia and China

Academic Success Phenomenon



❧ Simplistic numerical measurements

❧ Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA),

❧ Grade Point Average (GPA) and/or

❧ time taken to complete a course or degree

Research Approach



- Qualitative study
- Semi-structured interviews
with 55 research participants
- Thematic analysis approach

Understanding of Academic Success in Malaysia



☞ Measurable Indicators

☞ Numerical Indicators

☞ Non-measurable Indicators

☞ Soft Skills

☞ Research Skills

☞ Contribution to Home Country

☞ Experience International Life

Conclusion



- ☞ Measurable indicators and Non-measurable indicators
- ☞ Positive experiences do influence the development of attributes and capabilities of graduates

Thank YOU

