

## INTERNATIONAL SUMMER COURSE 2025

### North Sumatra Cultural Diversity: Introducing Malay and Batak Oral Tradition and Local Wisdom

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#### Course Overview



North Sumatra is one of Indonesia's most culturally rich provinces, known for its vibrant multi-ethnic communities. It is home to various indigenous groups, including the Malay, Toba Batak, Karo, Simalungun, Pak-Pak, Mandailing, Pesisir, and Nias, each contributing to a diverse yet harmonious cultural landscape.

The Malay and Batak ethnic groups have deeply rooted traditions, oral histories, and values passed down through generations. These cultural elements—such as oral literature, traditional dances, and craftsmanship—represent historical treasures that need to be preserved. The course emphasizes the importance of sustaining and promoting these traditions to future generations, especially within the local communities of North Sumatra.

This program explores the richness of Malay and Batak cultural heritage, including rituals, arts, and the iconic handwoven textile known as ulos. Participants will gain insights into the meaning and relevance of local wisdom and traditional practices. The course offers not only academic learning but also experiential activities such as cultural excursions to areas surrounding Lake Toba and regions renowned for ulos weaving.

#### Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Identify and appreciate the local wisdom and oral traditions of the Malay and Batak communities.
2. Understand the cultural diversity and historical significance of the Lake Toba region.
3. Practice and experience traditional Malay and Batak music, dance, and customs.
4. Contribute to the preservation and promotion of Lake Toba's rich cultural heritage.
5. Use simple Indonesian for effective day-to-day communication.

#### Program Benefits

All participants will receive:

- A Summer Course Certificate
- 2 transferable semester credits

#### Course Schedule & Venue

06 –16 October 2025

Faculty of Cultural Sciences,  
Universitas Sumatera Utara, Medan

Field visits to:

Lubuk Pakam & Samosir Island

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Registration Link:

<https://bit.ly/SummerCourseFIB2025>



## Course Schedule



### • LECTURES

**Day 1 : Monday, 6th October 2025**

No.	Time (Western Indonesian Time/GMT+ 7)	Activities	Description
1	08.00-08.30	Online Registration	Online
2	08.30-09.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening Ceremony</li> <li>Speech by the Dean of Faculty of Cultural Sciences</li> <li>Speech by the Head of USU SC 2025</li> </ul>	Online
3	09.00-10.30	<b>Course 1:</b> Historical Relics of North Sumatra Lecturer: - <b>PIC:</b> -	Online
4	10.45-12.15	<b>Course 2:</b> BIPA 1 (Indonesian for Foreign Speakers) Lecturer: -	Online

**Day 2 : Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

No.	Time (Western Indonesian Time/GMT+ 7)	Activities	Description
1	09.00-10.30	<b>Course 3:</b> North Sumatra Malay Culture and Arts Lecturer: - <b>PIC:</b> -	Online
2	10.45-12.15	<b>Course 4:</b> Malay Pantun as a Form of Social Interaction Lecturer: - <b>PIC:</b> -	Online



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### Day 3: Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025

No.	Time (Western Indonesian Time/GMT+ 7)	Activities	Description
1	09.00-10.30	<b>Course 5:</b> The Geological Diversity of the Toba Caldera Lecturer: -	Online
2	10.45-12.15	<b>Course 6:</b> Toba Caldera Biodiversity Lecturer: -	Online

### Day 4: Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

No.	Time (Western Indonesian Time/GMT+ 7)	Activities	Description
1	09.00-10.30	<b>Course 7:</b> The Diversity of Batak Culture in the Toba Caldera Region Lecturer: -	Online
2	10.45-12.15	<b>Course 8:</b> Batak Culture and Arts Lecturer: - <b>PIC:</b> -	Online

### Day 5: Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

No.	Time (Western Indonesian Time/GMT+ 7)	Activities	Description
1	08.00-16.00	Arrival of the participants <b>PIC:</b> -	Airport, Lunch Box provided for international participants
2	19.00-21.00	Dinner with Dean of FIB/ Committee Head/ Welcoming Speech by The Dean of FIB <b>PIC:</b> -	Medan



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**Day 6 : USU, Medan**  
**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

No.	Time (Western Indonesian Time/GMT+ 7)	Activities	Description
1	08.00-09.30	<b>Course 9:</b> Pantun Practice Lecturer: -	Offline, FIB
2	09.45-11.15	<b>Course 10:</b> Malay Dance and Arts Practice Lecturer: -	Offline, FIB
3	11.30-13.00	<b>Course 11:</b> BIPA Practice (Indonesian for Foreign Speakers) Lecturer: -	Offline, FIB and USU tour
4	13.00-14.00	<b>Lunch break</b>	
5	14.00-16.30	<b>Course 12:</b> Malay Culture Visit to Istana Maimun and Masjid Raya Al-Mashun Medan (BIPA Practice) <b>PIC:</b> -	Offline, Medan



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### • Excursion and Study Tour

Day 7: Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025

No.	Time (Western Indonesian Time/GMT+ 7)	Activities	Description
1	07-00-08.00	Breakfast and Preparation for site visit	Wisma USU
2	08.00-09.30	Depart to Deli Serdang Museum in Lubuk Pakam, Deli Serdang	Museum Deli Serdang Lubuk Pakam
3	09.30-12.30	<b>Course 13:</b> Malay Culture Study: Performance and Film Lecturer: - <b>PIC:</b> -	Deli Serdang Museum, Lubuk Pakam
4	12.30-14.00	<b>Lunch break</b>	Deli Serdang Museum, Lubuk Pakam
5	14.00-17.30	Departure to Lake Toba <b>PIC:</b> -	Offline, Deli Serdang, Lubuk Pakam
6	17.30	Arrival at Lake Toba	Lake Toba
7	19.00	Dinner	Lake Toba



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### Day 8: Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025

No.	Time (Western Indonesian Time/GMT+ 7)	Activities	Description
1	07.00-08.00	Breakfast	Parapat Hotel
2	08.00-10.00	Batak Culture Study Visit to Tomok Tourism Villages <b>PIC: -</b>	Samosir
3	10.00-12.00	Batak Culture Study Visit to Huta Siallagan <b>PIC: -</b>	Samosir
4	12.00-13.30	<b>Lunch break</b>	Samosir
5	13.30-15.00	Batak Culture Study Visit to Huta Bolon Museum <b>PIC: -</b>	Samosir
6	15.00-18.00	Batak Tourism Study Visit to Lumban Suhi Suhi Village in Samosir. <b>PIC: -</b>	Samosir
7	18.00-19.00	Back to Parapat <b>PIC: -</b>	Parapat
8	19.00-23.00	Back to Medan.	Medan

### Day 9: Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

No.	Time (Western Indonesian Time/GMT+ 7)	Activities	Description
1	07.00-08.00	Breakfast	Wisma USU
2	08.00-12.00	Departure of the participants <b>PIC: -</b>	Airport

*\*This is a tentative scheduling. The activity may change based on the existing condition. Terms and condition apply*

