SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Doctor of Philosophy (Arts) KPT/BPP (N/220/8/0008) 07/17, PA1940

The Doctor of Philosophy (Arts) programme offers interdisciplinary courses in History, Philosophy, Law, Economics, Gender Studies, Political Science, Sociology, Media Studies and Environmental Studies, with a focus on major aspects of the Asian and other humanistic and social traditions. In any of these fields, students will examine the development of a wide variety of ideology and forms of expression that exert a major influence on the modern world. Through research, students will be able to interpret the study materials and conduct independent critical assessment of those materials and various new ideas in writing a thesis. This programme is offered by Asia e University, a multinational and dual-mode university recognised by 33 member countries of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD).

Learning Objectives

• Provide opportunities for students to engage in academic research, which will provide them skills in problem solving, systematic analysis, communication and collaboration.

• Encourage students to be original, independent and critical thinkers, with the ability to develop theoretical concepts.

• Enhance students' capabilities in providing innovative solutions to issues faced in career development and growth.

• Encourage students to demonstrate awareness of issues and recent advances in chosen fields.

Entry Requirements

• Possess a recognised Master's Degree in the relevant fields, OR

• Other qualifications recognised by the AeU Senate.

Highlights

• Accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), Ministry of Higher Education.

• No proposal is needed at point of entry.

• Transfer of candidature is possible.

• Supervised by local or international supervisor that suits your research needs.

• Supported with research workshops, research colloquia and research clinics.

• Close monitoring is our main focus.

Mode of delivery: Student can opt to come for monthly workshops conducted in selected locations.
Research Areas

1. History
2. Philosophy
3. Law
4. Economics
5. Gender Studies
6. Political Science
7. Sociology
8. Media Studies
9. Environmental Studies

Audit Subjects

- Research Methodology
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Qualitative Data Analysis

PROGRAMME DELIVERY

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Required Skills for PhD Students

**Be independent:** In a doctoral programme, it is learner-centred and students conduct their research with the assistance of a supervisor. Though the university may stipulate guidelines and expectations, it is the students’ responsibility to complete the phases.

**Be tenacious:** As a PhD research thesis may take up to 4 years, students must be committed to complete the programme.

**Be effective in time management:** Students need to prioritise and manage tasks and commitments effectively to ensure completion of one task before moving on to the next. Focusing on goals is key.

**Adapt to challenges:** During your research journey, students may face obstacles and challenges in completing the research. Students need to adapt and be flexible to issues that may hinder progress of research.

**Communicate effectively:** To earn recognition as a PhD student and a researcher, students need to be confident in delivering the Research Proposal Defense and Viva Voce, as well as communicate effectively and clearly in writing the thesis.

PROGRAMME FACTS

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All learning materials are provided, no need to purchase textbooks.

Note: All information is correct at the time of printing and is subject to change without prior notice.