DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration | Doctor of Philosophy in Information & Communication Technology | Doctor of Philosophy in Arts | Doctor of Philosophy in Education | Industrial Doctorate | Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)

Asia e University's (AeU) Doctoral degree programmes are specifically designed for those aspiring to do research in specific areas. You will not only gain access to a world of new knowledge and discoveries, but also fulfill your potential with exciting research opportunities. The programmes are available for you to study at your own pace with our flexible study methods, comprehensive resources and robust online learning management system. As a doctoral student at AeU, you will join an international and diverse community of over 910 fellow doctoral students from over 30 countries.

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1. Preparation of intent of research
2. Appointment of supervisor
3. Preparation of research proposal
4. Proposal defense
5. Research / data collection
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8. Nomination & appointment of thesis examiners
9. Thesis evaluation by examiners & supervisors & their recommendations
10. Thesis examination / viva voce
11. Graduation

UNIVERSITY’S ACCREDITATION AND RECOGNITION

AeU’s Doctoral programmes are internationally benchmarked and approved by the Malaysian Ministry of Education and accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency and recognised by the Public Service Department of Malaysia.

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) • European Foundation for Quality in E-Learning (EFQUEL) • International Council for Open and Distance Learning (ICDE) • Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU) • Association of Asia Pacific Business School (AAPBS) • Asia-Pacific University Community Engagement Network (APUCEN)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

As Doctoral programmes are based on research in a selected field of study, students are expected to begin with a thorough investigation of the existing body of knowledge on a subject to define specific questions that can be answered through original research. Therefore, you may be required to submit the following:

- Master’s degree of relevant field
- A curriculum vitae (CV) or resume
- A statement of research intent, describing what you have already done and what you hope to accomplish in your doctoral research. This is your preliminary research intent or research proposal. You may be required to attend an interview in some cases
- For thesis written in English, there will be an English language competency requirement equivalent to IELTS 6.5 or TOEFL 550 • Application fee is 100 US dollars. This amount will be deducted when the students are accepted to the course; otherwise it is not refundable

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Completed application form
- Scanned copies of your degrees and academic transcripts with certified translation in English
- One scanned copy of your photo (jpeg, color, 150x150 pixels)
- Proof of English proficiency

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**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (PhD in BA)**

**RESEARCH AREAS**
- Business and Management
- Public Administration
- Hospitality Management
- Banking Management
- Micro Credits
- Macro Credits
- International Management
- Small Business
- Economics
- Educational Management
- Public Policy
- Public Management
- International Relations
- Islamic Banking and Finance
- Islamic Insurance
- and any other Business and Management related research areas.

**AUDIT SUBJECTS**
- Research Methodology
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Qualitative Data Analysis

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (PhD in ICT)**

**RESEARCH AREAS**
- Open Source
- Project Management
- e-Commerce
- e-Learning
- Information Security
- Cyber Security
- Artificial Intelligence
- Information Retrieval
- Knowledge Management
- Semantic Learning Management System
- Information System

**AUDIT SUBJECTS**
- Research Methodology
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Qualitative Data Analysis

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ARTS (PhD in Arts)**

**RESEARCH AREAS**
- History
- Philosophy
- Law
- Economics
- Gender Studies
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Media Studies
- Environmental Studies

**AUDIT SUBJECTS**
- Research Methodology
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Qualitative Data Analysis

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN EDUCATION (PhD in Edu)**

**RESEARCH AREAS**
- Curriculum & Instruction
  - Teaching and learning theory, curricular designs, school improvement, student achievement, social science subjects, nursing education, teacher education and reflective practices.
  - Educational Psychology
    - Cognitive development, learning & metacognition, personality, attitudes & beliefs, behaviour modification and counselling.
  - Instructional Technology
    - Computer-mediated communication, computer based instruction, web-based learning, instructional systems design and collaborative online learning.
  - Language & Literacy
    - Discourse analysis, language & gender, teaching reading & writing, critical literacies, bilingual education, literature.
  - Mathematics & Science Education
    - Children learning of mathematics and science, misconceptions in science, problem solving in mathematics, constructivism & mathematics, technology in teaching mathematics & science, numeracy issues.
  - Educational Management & Leadership
    - Interrelated societal, and organisation dimensions of educational institutions, undertake research in policy, bureaucracy & devolution, professional development, leadership.

**AUDIT SUBJECTS**
- Research Methodology
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- Qualitative Data Analysis

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**INDUSTRIAL DOCTORATE (IndD)**

AeU IndD is a professional doctorate, specifically designed for working adults whose contributions to the industry are of significance for the advancement of knowledge and skills to warrant a doctoral qualification.

**DISSERTATION BY PORTFOLIO**

Industrial doctorate dissertation by portfolio consist of:

- Portfolio (a collection of reports of project's), and a dissertation of (not exceeding) 60,000 words (argument made, the intellectual and conceptual glue that holds the portfolio together).

**DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (DBA)**

**CORE SUBJECTS**
- Organisational Leadership
- Advanced Economic Analysis
- Advanced Accounting and Finance
- Strategic Marketing
- Advanced Statistics
- International Business
- Business Strategy and Policy
- New Business Venture
- Research Methodology
- Research Methodology 2

**COURSEWORK**
- 10 Subjects

**DISSERTATION**
- Not exceeding 80,000 words

Note: For DBA which may differ slightly from PhD, please refer to AeU's website for more details: [http://www.aeu.edu.my/programmes/dba/doctor-business-administration-dba](http://www.aeu.edu.my/programmes/dba/doctor-business-administration-dba)

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**THE PHD JOURNEY**

**SELECTION & ADMISSION OF STUDENT**

Only students who meet entry requirements will be admitted in selected areas of research where expertise is available to supervise the students.

**RESEARCH PROPOSAL DEFENSE**

Students are not required to submit a research proposal for admission purpose. They will be under the guidance of the Supervisor or advisor to prepare and present the research proposal in a forum attended by faculty members and 2 External Assessors to ensure the research is current and adequate as a PhD programme. This is normally held within 12 months after the registration date. On the basis of the Research Proposal Defense, the student's performance is evaluated and a decision is taken about continuing the programme.

**CAPABILITY OF STUDENTS**

Capability of students in doing research is closely monitored by the supervisor and the School of Graduate Studies (SGS). Both students and supervisors are required to submit a progress report every 6 months. Research data are collected, results produced and analysed during a Field work period of one to two years. This phase of the programme consists of intensive thinking and writing in consultation with the student's supervisor(s).

**EXAMINATION OF THESIS**

International benchmarking is being applied in the evaluation of PhD thesis. These include examination of thesis by 1 internal examiner and 2 external examiners, followed by Viva Voce and the examiners' reports to be approved by the University Senate.

**GUIDANCE AND MONITORING OF RESEARCH PROGRESS**

Students are required to have frequent consultations with their supervisor(s) for guidance and advice. In addition, SGS will organise colloquia, seminars, research clinics and course works are made available to students improve their knowledge and research skills. As part of the formative assessment, capability of students in doing research is closely monitored by the supervisor and the Dean of SGS. Both students and supervisors are required to submit progress reports every 6 months. This will assess students' knowledge, critical thinking, practical, technical, professional, scientific and problem solving skills.

"It was a pleasure to come to AeU again, and I am proud to be an adjunct member of the Faculty".

Professor Dr. Colin Brock
UNESCO Chair in Education and Senior Research Fellow University of Oxford, UK. AeU's Adjunct Professor