SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Master of Social Science (MSS) By Research  JPT/BPP (PA 2206) 08/17

The MSS programme is specifically designed to meet the needs of postgraduate students who intend to specialise in the area of social sciences. This blended learning programme is targeted to individuals keen on advanced research and academic pursuits at educational institutions, as well as those who wish to enhance their knowledge and skills in these areas. The MSS 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

- Enhance students’ practical knowledge and ability to solve current issues and problems faced by contemporary Asian society in any field of social sciences.
- Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of concepts and theories in the field of social sciences.
- To develop students’ relevant skill of research and apply it efficiently and effectively to suit various type of employment needs.
- To develop thorough understanding of classical and modern theories, methodologies, practices and their implications in any selected topic of research.
- To train students as the future Asian leaders who are knowledgeable and competent in the chosen fields of study.

Entry Requirements

- Possess a recognised Bachelor’s Degree in the relevant field, OR
- Other fields recognised by the AeU Senate OR
- Open entry qualifications recognised by the MOHE and the AeU Senate (at least 35 years old and possess STPM/Matriculation/Diploma equivalent)

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 by research workshops, colloquia and clinics.
- Close monitoring is our main focus.

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

### Social Science
- a. Ethnic Studies
- b. Economics
- c. Gender Studies
- d. Political Science
- e. Sociology
- f. Media Studies
- g. Area Studies
- h. Social Work
- i. Environment
- j. Future Studies
- k. Policy Studies

### Audit Subjects
- • Research Methodology
- • Quantitative Data Analysis
- • Qualitative Data Analysis

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### Required Skills for Master Students by Research

**Be independent:** In a master 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 master research thesis may take up to 2 (two) years, students must be committed to complete the programme.

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**Be effective in time management:** Students need to prioritise and manage 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 master 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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<td><strong>Frequency of Research</strong></td>
<td>1 - 2 years</td>
<td>3 - 6 Semesters</td>
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<td>Once a month - (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</td>
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**All learning materials are provided, no need to purchase textbooks.**

### Financial Incentives and Aids

**For Malaysian and International students:**
- • Merit Scholarship available for top-performing students
- • 10% discount on tuition fee available through student loyalty scheme

**For Malaysian students only:**
- • 10% discount on tuition fee for full payment of semester fees
- • 50% discount on tuition fee for senior citizens who are 55 years of age & above
- • 75% discount on tuition fee for the disabled
- • EPF withdrawal assistance
- • MyBrain15 Scholarships (for Doctoral & Master’s Degree only. Government and private sector candidates are eligible to apply).

*Terms and conditions apply*