

## SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCE

### Master of Social Science (By Research) (N/310/7/0006) 2/18

The AeU Master of Social Science (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.



#### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the programme, students will be able to:

- Enhance practical knowledge as well as develop the relevant skills to be able to contribute to the contemporary Asian societies in any field of social sciences.
- Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of concepts and theories in the field of social sciences.
- Develop relevant skills of research and apply it efficiently and effectively to suit various type of employment needs.
- Develop a thorough understanding of classical and modern theories, methodologies, practices and their implications in any selected topic of research.
- Be knowledgeable and competent future Asian Leaders.

#### Entry Requirements

##### **NORMAL ENTRY**

- A Bachelor's degree or its equivalent, with a minimum CGPA of 2.75, as accepted by the AeU Senate; OR
- A Bachelor's degree or its equivalent, with a minimum CGPA of 2.50 and not meeting CGPA of 2.75 can be accepted subject to rigorous internal assessment; OR
- A Bachelor's degree or its equivalent, not meeting CGPA of 2.50, can be accepted subject to a minimum five (5) years working experience in relevant field.
- A research intent is required at the point of entry.

##### **English Language Competency Requirements For International Students:**

Minimum score of 600 for TOEFL OR Minimum score of 6.0 for IELTS OR its equivalent.

Any international student from countries using English as an official medium of instruction or from an academic institution using English as a medium of instruction, shall normally be exempted from the above requirement.

For details, please go to <http://www.aeu.edu.my>

##### **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) Entry Requirements.

- Minimum 30 years of age as of 1st January in the year of application.
- Possess at least STPM / 'A' Level / Diploma / equivalent (e.g. foundation) with relevant work experience.
- Passed APEL assessment.
- A research intent is required at the point of entry.

## Social Science

1. Psychology
2. Sociology and Cultural Studies
3. Political Science and Civics
4. Economics

## Audit Subjects

- Research Methodology
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Qualitative Data Analysis

PROGRAMME DELIVERY	
Stage 1	Proposal Development
Stage 2	Data Collection
Stage 3	Report Writing
Stage 4	Thesis Examination / Viva Voce

## Required Skills for Master Students by Research

**Be independent:** This is a learner-centred Master's programme that requires students to conduct their research independently, with approved supervisory assistance as needed and in compliance with university's stipulated guidelines to complete all required phases/stages.

**Be tenacious:** This research based thesis may takes up to 3 years, but students must be committed to complete the programme within the stipulated time without penalty.

**Be effective in time management:** Students need to prioritise and manage tasks effectively to ensure completion of one task before moving on to the next. Goal-focus and consistency are essential to achieving commitment-success.

**Adapt to challenges:** Invariably, students may face obstacles and challenges in completing their research, but they must be flexible and resolute to overcome difficulties immediately.

**Communicate effectively:** To earn recognition as a serious master student and a researcher, students must be confident in delivering the Research Proposal Defense, Viva Voce and completed thesis on time and effectively.

### PROGRAMME FACTS

Part-Time	✓
Duration	3 years
No. of Semesters	9 Semesters

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:

- 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
- RM6,000 personal income tax relief
- MyBrain15 assistance

\*Terms and conditions apply

## Highlights

- Internationally benched marked, approved by the Ministry of Education and accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency
- Supported with research workshops, research colloquia and research clinics.
- Access to the physical and digital library comprising of around 190,000 e-books, 95,000 e-journals, and 2.4 million e-theses titles accessible anywhere anytime.
- Can be converted to PhD based on research progress and subject to AeU Senate approval.
- Transfer of candidature is possible, if compliant-requirements are fulfilled.

Intakes for all research programmes are open throughout the year

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