

SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCE

Master of Social Science (By Research) (N/3107/0006) 08/17

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. The programme is approved by the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education and accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency.



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

NORMAL ENTRY

For Malaysian Students:

- Bachelor's Degree or its equivalent accepted by AeU Senate.

For International Students:

- A recognised Bachelor's Degree (or equivalent), with a CGPA of 2.5.
- English Language Proficiency equivalent to IELTS of 5.5 or TOEFL score of 550 or passed the AeU Placement Test or other equivalent approved by the Senate of AeU. Those who have their tertiary education in English shall normally be exempted from the requirement.

ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) Entry Requirements:

- 30 years of age as of 1st January in the year of application
- Possess at least STPM/Diploma/equivalent (e.g. foundation) with relevant work experience
- Other equivalent qualifications recognised by the Senate of AeU; and
- Passed APEL assessment

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 stipulated time if 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			
Full-Time	✓	Part-Time	✓
		Fully Online	✓
		Blended Learning	✓
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:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merit Scholarship available for top-performing students • 10% discount on tuition fee available through student loyalty scheme 	
For Malaysian students only:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • RM7,000 personal income tax relief 	
*Terms and conditions apply	



- A Research Intent is required at the point of entry.
- Supervised by local or international supervisor who match your research interest.
- Supported with research workshops, research colloquia and research clinics.
- Close monitoring process is our main focus.

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