SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Doctor of Philosophy (Arts)

The PhD 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 31 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 relevant fields OR
- Other qualifications recognised by AeU Senate.

Highlights

- Accredited by 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 is suitable for research area.
- Supported by research workshops, colloquia and clinics.
- Close monitoring by the School of Graduate Studies.

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

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

1. Research Methodology
2. Quantitative Data Analysis
3. Qualitative Data Analysis

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 DELIVERY

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. When are the intakes?
   • Anytime.

2. How do you apply?
   • Go to our website: www.aeu.edu.my
   • Click on “Apply Online”
   • Submit the form

3. How is the grading system for postgraduate programmes?
   • For PhD (Arts) there is no coursework but candidates are expected to go through several stages of research phases. Research work is graded either as Satisfactory ‘S’ or Unsatisfactory ‘U’. No point value is given to the research work.

4. How frequently do I need to be in contact with supervisor?
   • As frequently as you can but you are advised to have at least 3 meetings per semester.

5. Am I able to embark on a research area other that the ones listed?
   • Yes. We shall assist you to suit your research interest.

6. If I have done some initial work for my research at a previous institution, can I transfer it to AeU?
   • Yes, you are allowed to apply for transfer of candidature and continue your research work subject to Senate approval.

7. Can I maintain my supervisor(s) from my previous institution to complete my research?
   • Yes, with approval from AeU Senate.

* Terms and conditions apply