

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Doctor of Philosophy (Humanities) (N/220/8/0008) 1/18

The Doctor of Philosophy (Humanities) programme offers interdisciplinary courses in Religion; Languages; History & Archaeology; Philosophy & Ethics, with a focus on major aspects of the Asian traditions. The programme aims to produce students who are able to synthesise knowledge and contribute to original research that broadens the frontier of knowledge in Humanities; display leadership qualities through communicating and working effectively with peers and stakeholders; and appraise problems in Humanities critically using scientific skills. This programme is offered by Asia e University, a multinational and dual-mode university supported by 34 member countries of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD).



Learning Outcomes

At the end of the programme, students are able to:

- 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.

Highlights

- Approved by the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education and accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency.
- 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 with research workshops, research colloquia and research clinics.
- Close monitoring is our main focus.

RESEARCH FIELDS

Religion • Religion • Religious History • Religious Studies
• Study of Different Religions • Study of Sacred Books

Languages • Examples: • Malay Language: • Other Languages
• Creative Writing • Interpretation • Linguistics • Literature • Sign Language • Translation

History and Archaeology • Archaeology • Comparative Literature • Cultural History • History & Philosophy of Science & Technology • History of Science & Ideas • Literature History
• Medieval & Renaissance Studies • Museology

Philosophy and Ethics • Ethics • Logic • Morals • Philosophy

History, Philosophy and Related Subjects • Archaeology
• Comparative Literature • Philosophy • Logic • Ethics • Morals
• Cultural History • History & Philosophy of Science & Technology
• Museology • History of Science & Ideas • Literature History
• Medieval & Renaissance Studies

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 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 FACTS

Full-Time	✓	Part-Time	✓
		Fully Online	✓
		Blended Learning	✓
Duration	3 - 4 years		
No. of Semesters	9 - 12 (1 Semester is 4 months)		
Frequency of Research Workshop / Colloquia (Optional)	Once a month - (Saturday & Sunday)		
Supervisor	Provided by AeU		

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
- RM7,000 personal income tax relief

*Terms and conditions apply

NORMAL ENTRY

For Malaysian Students:

- Possess a recognised Master's degree in the relevant field, or
- Other qualifications recognised by the AeU Senate.

For International Students:

- Master's Degree of relevant field.
- For thesis written in English, there will be an English language competency requirement equivalent to:
 - International English Language Testing System (IELTS) 6.0 or
 - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) 550 or
 - Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) or
 - Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE) or
 - Cambridge First English (CFE) or
 - Pearson Test of English (PTE) or
 - Malaysian University English Test (MUET)
- Those who have their tertiary education in English shall normally be exempted from the requirement.

For both Malaysian and International Students:

- 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.
- A curriculum vitae (CV) or resume.

Entry Requirements

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