Research-intensive curriculum

A unique research-intensive curriculum in its multi-disciplinary Master of Humanities and Arts programme (MHA) to address the needs of knowledgeable and skilled professionals who opt for advancement in aspects of humanities and arts, principially in research and development activities with a special attention to Asian society.

Master of Humanities and Arts
The AOU Master of Humanities and Arts (MHA) is a unique degree programme that will give students the confidence and the regional knowledge necessary to ensure that they are recognised by employers as someone who can take up a leadership role in the Asian region.

Graduates of the programme will be equally prepared to enrol in humanities and arts PhD programmes with a focus on Central Asia or to move seamlessly into careers in government, diplomacy, international relations, social development, percussion and any other field that requires solid area expertise and knowledge of Asian studies.

Flexible study options
MHA can be done on a full-time or part-time basis.

For part-time study, the tutorials are supported through online mode whereby face-to-face tutorials with the Academic Facilitator.

This online mode called Online Distance Learning (ODL) is formulated to suit the busy working life of professionals.

Meanwhile, full-time study mode applies conventional face-to-face meeting with students and will take the form of attending classes led by academic facilitators, either in the AOU main campus in Kuala Lumpur or any of its learning centres nationwide.

The period of study will take up a minimum of two years, spanning from three to six semesters.

The MHA research component focuses on the academic research on the ever-changing landscape of Asian societies.

“We can supervise research in a broad range of topics in linguistics, literature, religion, politics, literature and education.

For good research proposals that are challenging and challenging students at the cutting-edge of academic research, guided by independent study, critical and evaluative participation, project student counselling, strict thesis supervision, transparency and fair rules and regulations. The research directing the importance of Asia for advancing and enriching contemporary theories and debates on contemporary and emerging issues in history and culture.

During the study, students will focus on the main regions of Asia, addressing the importance of looking at the interconnections between each other, and as well as other parts of the world.

The main objective of the research is to meet a growing demand for humanities and arts expertise in different areas concerning Asian societies.

This research area consists of study that focuses on contemporary themes as well as study of specific regions of Asia.

The study also offers students the opportunity to design and conduct independent field research in Asia.

The learning experience of studying Master of Humanities and Arts at AOU is positive.

“By the end of the programme, students have found a wealth of expertise from experienced lecturers and professors. They are now confident of their presentation and research skills.

The programme’s support group consists of many fruitful discussions about humanities and arts, as well as the progress of our research,” says Abu Bakar Kasim, a student of Master of Humanities and Arts (by Research).

Flexible admission
Admissions for the postgraduate programme can be through the conventional normal entry path or open entry pathway.

For normal entry path, candidates should have a bachelor’s degree in relevant field or equivalent.

Through open entry path, AOU provides a flexible admission system that can be taken into account for the recognition of prior learning concept, where previous industry experiences and professional certifications are given due credit value and carried some weightage in their applications.

The open entry requirement for MHA programme specifies that candidate must be at least 35 years of age and possess STPM/Matrikulasi/Diploma A-Level or equivalent and recognized prior learning experience.

There are three intakes annually—January, May and September. Though registrations are open based on the month of intake, registrations for postgraduate programmes (by research) are open throughout the year. AOU will assist students in applying for loans, EFP and MyBrain15.

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