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*Faculty of Arts and
Social Sciences*

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

POSTGRADUATES PROGRAMMES

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AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME



Welcome to FASS

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences has a prominent history in the field of education, strives to empower every postgraduate with knowledge, skills and attitudes to reach their full potential shouldering the national responsibility of uplifting the higher education in Malaysia.

The Faculty has a vibrant research culture where our postgraduate students have opportunities to be involved in cutting edge research and work with world experts in their field. The wide-ranging expertise at the Faculty means we can accommodate many research interests and thesis proposals, including innovative interdisciplinary work that links to our strategic research themes.

The coursework programmes with target oriented courses are designed with the new approaches and technologies in the modern day to facilitate the current global and local trends and to cater to the targeted clientele. The teaching learning process is conducted by a highly qualified staff both internal and external. The external staff are drawn from the private and state sector with wide practical experience. Some of the courses are offered through hybrid mode (integrated class room and e learning) to facilitate an effective learning experience. Through our numerous collaborations with other reputed universities and institutes both local and international, joint research degrees are being offered. The close collaboration with the industry representing both government and private sector ensures that our teaching research and national development efforts are more practical and targeted.

The Faculty takes great pride in its capacity as a distinguished and influential institution steeped in tradition and committed to academic excellence. Our commitment to excellence in education, learning, and research is uncompromising. As today, the Faculty continues to reach outwards, welcoming students who have the desire and ability to learn and produce new insights that shift and deepen our understanding of the world around us.

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Mission

To be a leading centre for studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences in order to be able to contribute towards the development of the Malaysian society and the nation.

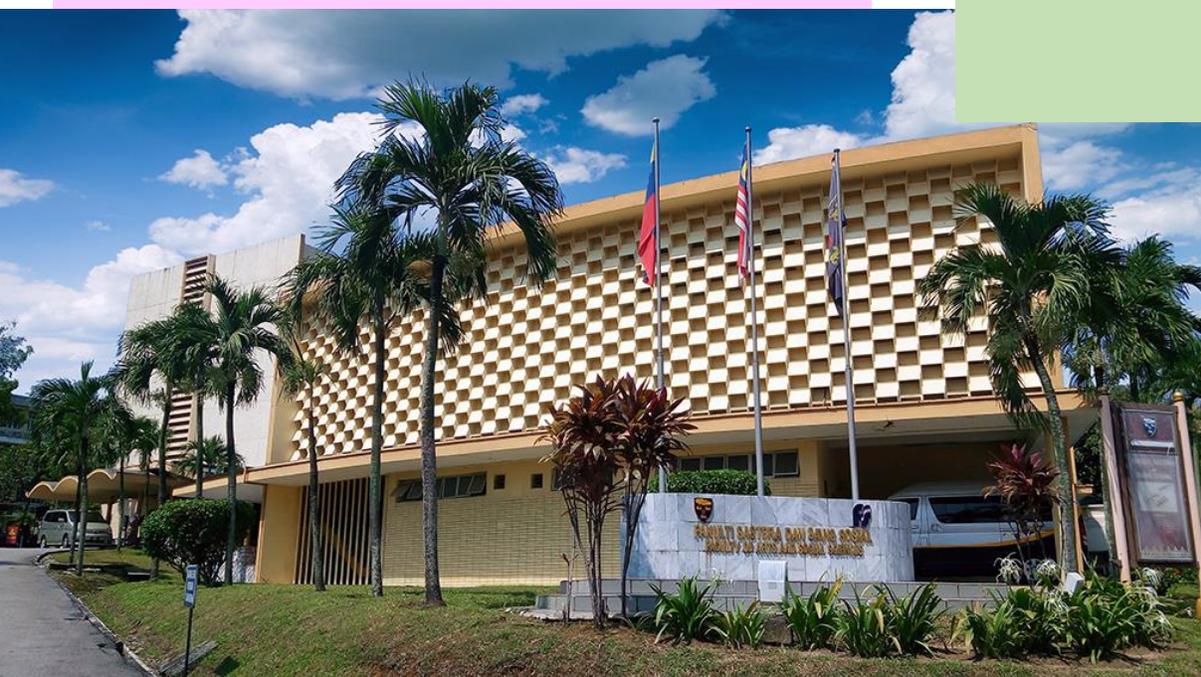
Vision

To be an internationally renowned institute of higher institution in research, innovation, publication and teaching.

Research Mission

To facilitate Faculty members to undertake the relevant and quality research in order to spearhead the Faculty's role in the development of the field of Social Sciences and humanities in Malaysia.

“The world is changing and transforming at a rapid pace. To stay ahead and complement your professional career, invest in your future and study a postgraduate degree with us because our commitment to excellence in education, learning, and research is uncompromising.”



Why FASS?



Malaysia's Top Social Sciences and Humanities

Getting the unique opportunity to experience life at the Country most prestigious university which based in the heart of Kuala Lumpur.

Innovative, hands-on learning

Inspiring and motivating our students through an innovative learning programme that encourages ambition, creativity and celebrate diversity.

World-Class Research

The breadth of our expertise creates exciting opportunities for genuinely original, innovative research that brings together diverse disciplines to make a positive impact on the world.



Prominent Academician & Experts

Our academic staff are experts in their field working as collaborators, teachers, writers and researchers to inform public policy and confront popular perceptions.





Postgraduate coursework degrees offer flexible study options to help you manage your life while working towards your career outcomes. They are skill and practical based degrees with lectures and tutorials. Meanwhile research degrees will help you to make an impact in your chosen field of study. They are specialised and research-intensive, and based more around one-on-one interactions with a supervisor.

Postgraduate Degree Programmes

You can choose a course that suits your field and research interests including taught and research opportunities across an incredibly broad range of academic disciplines.

- Master of Arts (English Literature)
- Master of Arts (Malaysian History)
- Master of Arts (Southeast Asian History)
- Master of Publishing Studies
- Master of Media Studies
- Master of Strategic and Defence Studies
- Master of Southeast Asian Studies
- Master of Chinese Studies
- Master of Arts (Research)
- Doctor of Philosophy

Our Department offers expertise in a wide variety of literary fields, including Medieval literature, Renaissance literature, 19th century literature, Modernist and Postmodernist literature, Postcolonial literatures (with a strong interest in Malaysian literature), travel literature, ecocriticism, African literature, feminist literature, modern drama, literary theory and more.

CORE COURSES

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
AOA7001	Research Methodology in Literary Studies	3
AOA7004	Theories in Literature	3
AOA7002	Dissertation	35

ELECTIVE COURSES

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
AOA7003*	Critical Strategies in Literature	3
AOA7006	Literature of the Romantic Age	3
AOA7007	Modernist Literature	3
AOA7008	Literature on the Victorian Age	3
AOA7009	Drama of the Modern Era	3
AOA7010	American Literature	3
AOA7012	Perspectives on Malaysian and Singaporean Literature	3
AOA7014	From Book to Screen	3
AOA7015	Stylistics in Discourse Analysis	3
AOA7016	Medieval Literature	3
AOA7017	African Literature	3
AOA7018	Creative Writing	3
AOA7019	Global Shakespeare	3
AOA7020	Asian American Literature	3
AOA7011	Postcolonial Theory and Literature	3
AOA7013	Cultural Studies: Theory and Practice	3

*The course is compulsory for students who do not pass the entry examination.

Master of Arts (English Literature)

The Master of Arts (English Literature) programme is aimed at providing quality and in-depth postgraduate education in the field of literary studies. Courses offered in the MA programme by Coursework and Dissertation are comprehensive and range from Medieval Literature through to Cultural Studies. On the whole, the MA programme is designed not only to promote a love for English Literature and Language but also to enhance and increase the scope of research undertaken by staff and students. Besides the MA by Coursework and Dissertation, candidates can opt to pursue the degree purely by research.

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"This journey has changed my understanding about global politics. The academic environment in UM is great, with regular seminars and conferences, which provide a good opportunity for students from different regions and cultures to interact and share ideas with each other. The element of cultural diversity is indeed great source of learning new things."



Hidayat Ullah Khan
PhD in East Asian Studies



Master of Arts (Malaysian History)

From its origins charted back to 10th Century A.D, Malaysia has seen rapid and radical change during its existence. A unique multi-racial country that is both a peninsula as well as an island (island of Borneo), Malaysia has experienced first-hand many important conflicts in its time.

Be it the dramatic arrival of the Portuguese and English, or the destructive entrance of the Japanese forces in World War II, to the eventual struggle for independence, and the subsequent development of the country into one of the most developed nations in ASEAN, the Master of Arts (Malaysia History) programme is a truly epic and fascinating look into the past.

CORE COURSES		
COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
AOB7001	Historiography and Methodology in History	3
AOC7001	Malaysian History 1800 - 1941	3
AOB7002	Dissertation	35

ELECTIVE COURSES		
COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
AOC7002	Malaysian History up to 18 th Century	3
AOC7004	Development of Malaysian Trade and Economy	3
AOC7005	Malaysian History after the Second World War	3
AOC7006	Government and Politics in Malaysia	3

Master of Arts (Southeast Asian History)



This Southeast Asian region, remarkable for its ethnic, cultural and social diversity, has evolved into eleven nation states, but the approach in this course will be comparative and cross-regional. It will examine themes and issues that bind the region, including the early emergence of rich civilizations, the spread of world religions, the intrusion of Western colonialism and the tumultuous politics of nation-formation, war, revolution, independence and dictatorship. The programme will address the different interpretations of the region's history, especially the tension and contrast between indigenous and external perspectives. It will address both the big picture of dramatic political change and the experiences of ordinary people as they accommodated those changes in their daily lives.

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CORE COURSES		
COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
AOB7001	Historiography and Methodology in History	3
AOB7003	Religion, Culture and Society in Southeast Asia	3
AOB7002	Dissertation	35

CORE COURSES		
COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
AOB7004	Trade Patterns in Southeast Asian History	3
AOB7005	Colonialism and the Resurgence of Southeast Asia	3
AOB7006	Government and Politics in Southeast Asia	3
AOB7007	Golden Age of Southeast Asian History 3 rd - 15 th Century	3

The Master of Arts (Publishing Studies) programme takes a proactive look at the world of publication, while deeply dissecting the meaning and reasons of writings both locally and internationally.

Publishing requires the knowledge of many disciplines – from recognising and appreciating truly great works, to understanding and applying new technologies to the publication industry. Be it a literary novel to a scientific paper, each publication has the potential to change how we think. Words can open the eyes of the world.

Master of Publishing Studies



CORE COURSES		
COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
AOE7001	Media Research Methodology	3
AOE7003	Writing and Editing	3
AOE7004	Management of Publishing Organisations	3
AOE7005	Seminar on the World Publishing	2
AOE7002	Dissertation	35

ELECTIVE COURSES		
COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
AOE7006	Publishing Project	4
AOE7007	Publishing Technology	2
AOE7008	Book Marketing and Distribution	2
AOE7009	Journal and Magazine Publishing	2
AOE7010	Translation	2
AOE7011	Selected Great Works	2

Master of Media Studies

The Master of Media Studies programme offers an interdisciplinary approach in order to produce critical, highly skilled and creative media professionals. This one year programme is designed to accommodate fresh graduates and industry practitioners to enable them to acquire new knowledge and industry skills to face the current challenges in the media and communication industries. This special programme is also packaged for media practitioners who wish to acquire the art of managing the converging media industry.

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"The Universiti Malaya is a unique niche in every aspect of life, but in terms of supporting students it is second-to-none. My study time was everything I expected and more. It enabled me and allow me to empirically explore and enjoy the research of my interest. The experience really solidified the idea of producing top-notch research graduates and here I am".



Abdullah Khoso
 PhD in Gender Studies

CORE COURSES		
COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
AQA7001	Research Methodology for Creative Media	3
AQA7002	Creative Media Project	14
AQA7003	Advance Media and Communication Theories	3
AQA7004	Management of Media Organisation	3
AQA7005	Industrial Practice	4
AQA7009	Advanced Media Production	3

ELECTIVE COURSES		
COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
AQA7006	Media Relations and Strategic Communication	3
AQA7007	Media Issues, Policy and Ethics	3
AQA7008	Advance Screen Production	3
AQA7010	Media Market and Audience Research	3
AQA7011	Media and Society	3
AQA7012	Constructive Journalism around the World	3
AQA7013	Corporate Writing	3

Master of Strategic and Defence Studies

The Strategic and Defence Studies (MSDS) is an advanced academic study that combines the theoretical and practical expertise of leading academics and policy-makers to deliver Malaysia's foremost strategic studies program. It is suitable if you plan to progress to a career with an international focus. The program is designed to develop the analytical frameworks you need to tackle the regional and global strategic and security challenges of your career, and graduate a leader in your field.

The Department's empirical focus revolves around Malaysia, Southeast Asia, East Asia, Middle East, Africa and the Great Powers. Currently emphasis is also placed on the study of conflict resolution, human security, human rights, climate change, environmental politics, regionalism, international development and managing peace in post-conflict areas.

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CORE COURSES		
COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
AOF7001	Research Methodology	3
AOF7002	Dissertation	35
AOF7003	Defence Analysis	3
AOF7004	International Relation Theories	3
AOF7005	Modern Warfare	3
AOF7006	International Security	3



This Faculty is known and respected across the globe for the excellence of teaching and research, and the quality of its experts. As a PhD student, I have been inspired by academics who are experts in their field, and Faculty's supervision system means you'll receive world class teaching!



Najeh Farhan Shafeq Asmar
PhD in Geography

Master of Chinese Studies

The Master of Chinese Studies (Coursework) programme offers a wide range of specialized themes about classical and modern China and the Southeast Asian Chinese. It provides an interdisciplinary approach to produce knowledgeable graduates in the field of Sinology in order to mobilize and contribute to community and national development. This programme is designed to accommodate fresh graduates and industry practitioners to enable them to acquire new knowledge and increase their competitiveness to fulfil the increasing demand in the field of Sinology.

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CORE COURSES		
COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
AQB7001	Research Methodology for Chinese Studies	3
AQB7003	History of China	3
AQB7012	The Chinese Society in Southeast Asia	3
AQB7004	Chinese Philosophy	3
AQB7005	Studies of Malaysian Chinese Society	3
AQB7002	Research Project	12

ELECTIVE COURSES		
COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
AQB7006	Classical Chinese Literature	3
AQB7008	Contemporary China	3
AQB7011	Mahua Literature	3
AQB7013	Special Topics in Chinese Studies	3
AQB7007	Modern and Contemporary Chinese Literature	3
AQB7009	Chinese Linguistics	3
AQB7010	Study of Hong Lou Meng	3

Master of Southeast Asian Studies

The Master of Southeast Asian Studies coursework and dissertation programme caters primarily to suitably-qualified working adults who, for professional or personal development, would benefit from a deeper and more focused academic understanding of the historical, political, economic, social, cultural and other related issues pertaining to the Southeast Asian region. By exposing students to some of the best works which scholars of Southeast Asian have produced as well as relevant theoretical and methodological debates on the region, students can be better equipped with knowledge base and analytical skills to explore their own areas of interests with greater competence and confidence.

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"I particularly enjoy the depth and well-balanced structure of the programme, inspiring academic environment, and invaluable opportunities to learn from the leading experts in the field. The enormous level of support from my supervisor and other staff has been exceptional and added to this unique experience. I would not trade this experience for the world".



Ahmed Noor
PhD in Southeast Asian Studies



CORE COURSES		
COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
AOD7001	Research Methodology in Area Studies	3
AOD7003	Comparative Development in Southeast Asia	3
AOD7004	Southeast Asian Regionalism	3
AOD7002	Dissertation	35

ELECTIVE COURSES		
COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
AOD7005	Politics and Regional Governance in Southeast Asia	3
AOD7006	International Political Economy	3
AOD7007	Economy and Development in Southeast Asia	3
AOD7008	Maritime Trade in Southeast Asia	3
AOD7009	Environment and Development in Southeast Asia	3
AOD7010	Labour and Employment in Southeast Asia	3
AOD7011	Southeast Asian Arts and Culture	3
AOD7012	Ethnography and Belief Systems in Southeast Asia	3
AOD7013	Language and Multiculturalism in Southeast Asia	3

The Master of Arts (by research) is Universiti Malaya's premier research training degree. The degree is awarded based on the foundation of the thesis prepared under supervision, resulting in an original and significant contribution, displaying extensive knowledge and comprehension of the subject and field of study.

Judged by independent experts using current and internationally accepted standards, the programme produces human capital, which is not only intellectual and skilful in modern technology but also very versatile and able to handle problems in real life situation. M. A. students will carry out focused research in their area of specialisation, which is of immediate relevance to local interest. Additionally, they will be alert to the challenges faced in the international arena through the media, seminars, conferences and keynote addresses, and also through research attachments and collaborative exchange arrangements with international recognised research centres.

The programmes are designed to ensure the fields of study remain relevant to the needs of today. At the same time, the candidates in pursuit of their M. A.'s foresee the changes of societal & industry standards, trends and behavioural patterns; the very same qualities that make them brilliant and effective leaders.

Minimum period of study : 2 semesters
Maximum period of study : 8 semesters

This M. A. programme is purely based on individual supervised research. At the end of the candidate's study, a thesis must be submitted and upon successful defense of the paper, the candidate will be granted M. A. status. All research proposals must be approved and supervised by the Faculty.

M. A. candidates' theses must not exceed 50,000 words. They are required to complete their studies within 12 semesters.

Master of Arts (by Research)



Doctor of Philosophy

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) is Universiti Malaya's premier research training degree. The pinnacle of academic achievement here at Universiti Malaya, the Ph.D is awarded based on the foundation of the thesis prepared under supervision, resulting in an original and significant contribution, displaying extensive knowledge and comprehension of the subject and field of study.

Judged by independent experts using current and internationally accepted standards, the University's Ph.D programme produces human capital, which is not only intellectual and skilful in modern technology but also very versatile and able to handle problems in real life situation. Ph.D. students will carry out focused research in their area of specialisation, which is of immediate relevance to local interest. Additionally, they will be alert to the challenges faced in the international arena through the media, seminars, conferences and keynote addresses, and also through research attachments and collaborative exchange arrangements with international recognised research centres.

The Ph.D programme is more than just an academic distinction. The programmes are designed to ensure the fields of study remain relevant to the needs of today. At the same time, the candidates in pursuit of their Ph.D's foresee the changes of societal & industry standards, trends and behavioural patterns; the very same qualities that make them brilliant and effective leaders.

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Entry Requirements

All programmes may modify offers to take account of individual circumstances. Please see the Academic Administration and Student Services website for full conditions of entry <https://aasc.um.edu.my/entry-requirements-main>

English Language Requirements

A non-Malaysian applicant whose degree is from a university or institution of higher learning where the medium of instruction for that degree is not the English language shall be required to meet the English Language Requirements. Details can be accessed at <https://aasc.um.edu.my/entry-requirements-main>





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