

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

### Doctor of Philosophy (Humanities) (R-DL/220/8/0008) (MQA/FA1940) (07/22)

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 multi-mode university supported by 34 member countries of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD).



#### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the programme, students will be 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

- Internationally benchmarked, approved by the Ministry of Education and accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency
- No proposal is needed at the point of entry.
- Supported with research workshops, research colloquia and research clinics.
- Access to the physical and digital library comprising of around 190,000 e-books, 95,000 e-journals, and 2.4 million e-theses titles accessible anywhere anytime.
- Transfer of candidature is possible, if compliant-requirements are fulfilled.

**Intakes for all research programmes are open throughout the year.**

## 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

Scheme of Study	Part-time
Duration	Normally 4 years
Number of Semesters (1 semester = 4 months)	Normally 12
Mode of Delivery	Blended Learning; Open & Distance Learning; Online Interaction Learning; Research; & Thesis Examination
Frequency of Research Workshop / Colloquia (Optional)	Once a month (Saturdays & Sundays)

### FINANCIAL INCENTIVES AND AIDS\*

#### For Malaysian and International students:

- 10% discount on tuition fee available through student loyalty scheme

#### For Malaysian students only:

- 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

\*Terms and conditions apply

## Entry Requirements

### For Malaysian & International Students:

- Posses a recognised Master's degree in the relevant field
- Other qualifications recognised by the AeU Senate

### Additional Information

- A statement of research intent, describing what you have already done and what you hope to accomplish in your doctoral research.
- A curriculum vitae (CV) or resume

### English Language Competency Requirements For International Students:

For international students studying on campus in Malaysia, they must attain English Language competency equivalent to IELTS (6.0) / TOEFL (550) / CAE / CPE / PTE / MUET that complies with the programme standards set by the Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA). Those who have their tertiary education in English shall be exempted from the above requirement.

For details, please go to:

<http://www.aeu.edu.my/future-students/entry-requirements>

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