

Research-intensive curriculum

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

Master of Humanities and Arts

The AeU Master of Humanities and Arts

MHA (by research) degree programme is specially developed by the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Science (SAHUSS) to meet the market needs of advanced academic research in the fields of humanities and arts.

The research areas in humanities encompass history, language and linguistics, philosophy, psychology, religion, anthropology, law and literature.

Meanwhile, the research areas in arts include music, performing arts, fine arts and ethno design.



Abu Bakar Kasim, a student of Master of Humanities and Arts (by Research) in AeU.

However, students are allowed to embark on a research area other than the listed ones.

In addition, it also offers optional audit subjects ranging from research methodology, quantitative and qualitative analysis to assist students in undertaking their research.

AeU 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, journalism 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 AeU 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.

"To us, good education means teaching and challenging students at the cutting-edge of academic, research, guided by independent study, critical and obligatory participation, proactive 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 burning issues in history, languages, and many others are engaged and demonstrated throughout the study," says Prof Dr Abdullah @ Alwi Haji Hassan, the Dean of SAHUSS.

During their study, students will focus on all main regions of Asia, stressing the importance of looking at the interconnections both within the vast Asian region and between Asian societies as well as other parts of the world.

The main objective of the research is to

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— PROF DR ABDULLAH

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 on 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 in Humanities and Arts at AeU is positive.

"My school has a pool of expertise from experienced lecturers and professors. There are many stimulating seminars and presentations.

"Students are encouraged to present their works which help to hone our presentation and research skills.

"The programme's support groups 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 programmes can be through the conventional normal entry path or open entry paths.

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

Through open entry path, AeU provides a flexible admission system that is based on Recognition for Prior Learning concept, where previous industry experiences and professional certifications are given their due credit value and carried some weightage in their application.

The open entry requirement for MHA programme specifies that candidate must be at least 35 years old and possess STPM/ Matriculation/Diploma/ A-Levels or equivalent and recognised prior learning experience.

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

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