

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### For Malaysian and International Students:

- A recognised Master's degree in related fields; OR
- Other equivalent qualifications with a recognised Master's degree

### Additional Requirements:

- 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

### Minimum English Language Requirements for International Students:

- Minimum score of 5.0 for IELTS; OR
- Minimum score of TOEFL IBT 40; OR
- Minimum score of 5.0 for MUET; OR
- Other recognised equivalent test
- Those who have their tertiary education in English will normally be exempted from the above requirement

\*Any of the above conditions would require student's research proposal to be approved.

For more details, please visit  
<https://aeu.edu.my/study/entry-pathway/>

## HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR INTENT OF RESEARCH

Your research intent can be submitted through the application form (maximum 1,000 words) or as an email attachment. It should be in the form of a brief description of the specific research area. Some areas may require a more detailed research intent. However, projections can be further negotiated during the admission process.

If you are applying for a predefined project scholarship or a doctoral training centre programme, you do not need to provide a research proposal at the application stage, but the project title have to be stated clearly on the application form.

## FINANCIAL AIDS AND INCENTIVES \*

### 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 60 years of age & above
- 75% discount on tuition fee for the disabled
- EPF withdrawal assistance

\*Terms and conditions apply

PA: Provisional Accreditation

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## HOW TO APPLY

### STEP 1

Explore the research interests of the Schools to find out what projects or research areas are available

### STEP 2

Submit a completed application form for postgraduate research study online. [http://myaeu.aeu.edu.my/student\\_signup.jsp](http://myaeu.aeu.edu.my/student_signup.jsp)

### STEP 3

#### Other submissions to complete the application

##### a. Required items for all applicants:

- 1 certified true copy of Identity Card (A4 size, front and back on 1 page / Passport (A4) size)
- 1 set of certified true copy of highest entry academic certificates and transcript
- Two recent passport size colour photograph, with name written on reverse
- A recent portrait colour photo (size of a minimum 1 MB or 1000 KB or more)
- Research Intent
- CV or Resume in English

##### b. For international applicants only:

- Four photocopies of passport (A4 size), all pages including blank pages
- Eight passport size photograph (3.5cm x 5.0cm) with light blue background and name written on reverse
- Certified true copy of academic certificates and transcripts (if academic records in language other than English, it must be accompanied with approved translation)
- Certification letter on completion of studies from previous institutions, if applicant is still waiting for final results
- Certified copy of TOEFL, IELTS or Intensive English programme certificate (if any)
- A recent portrait colour photo (size of a minimum 1 MB or 1000 KB or more)
- Research Intent
- CV or Resume in English

#### The international applicant is advised to submit these documents:

- If not in Malaysia – 2 months before the new semester begins
- If in Malaysia – 1 month before the new semester begins

## PhD (Social & Behavioral Science)

(N-DL/310/8/0037) (MQA/PA9818) (10/25) PA



- Internationally benchmarked, approved by the Ministry of Education and accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency
- Supported with workshops, seminars, 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
- Viva Voce for international students can be done on-campus or off-campus via video conferencing
- No proposal is needed at the point of entry but only a brief research intent
- Transfer of candidature is possible, if compliant-requirements are fulfilled

The programme focuses intensively on preparing candidates for academic careers and to conduct highly specialised scholarly research, both in theory and application. The focus will be more on the development of new theory in psychology, sociology and cultural studies, political science and civics, and also economics.

# SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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The programme is specifically designed to prepare graduates with the ability to carry out scholarly applied research independently at the forefront of their specialised field in social and behavioural science (SBS), and become experts who facilitate and contribute to the advancement of new knowledge. Graduates of this programme are able to independently conduct, manage, and lead advanced research which contributes to substantial, new and original knowledge, and/or professional practice in the field of SBS. They are poised for upper-level positions whether in organisations, consulting or academia, and are expected to contribute towards improvement in their places of employment and to the nation.



### LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Produce original research at the doctoral level.
- Conceptualize, design and implement projects for the generation of significant new knowledge and/or understanding.
- Create, interpret and disseminate knowledge which extends the forefront of the social & behavioural science (SBS) discipline.
- Make informed judgments on complex issues in specialised SBS fields, and create innovations in tackling and solving problems.
- Appreciate research implications and effectively convey research findings according to SBS needs.
- Disseminate the research findings by publishing, conducting and participating in academic journals, forums and seminars, etc.

### PROGRAMME DELIVERY

LEARNING MODE	DURATION
<b>FULL-TIME (ON CAMPUS)</b>	3 years (9 semesters)
<b>PART-TIME</b> Blended Learning Fully Online Learning	4 years (12 semesters)

### APPROACH

1. Lectures
2. Field research
3. Supervision of thesis
4. Problem-based learning
5. Research seminars/workshops
6. Colloquia Clinics
7. Interactive learning

### ASSESSMENT

Proposal Defence, Thesis and Viva Voce

### PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

#### RESEARCH FIELDS

##### Psychology

- Conversational Therapy
- Development & Child Psychology
- Psychoanalysis
- Psychology
- Psychotherapy

##### Sociology & Cultural Studies

- Criminology
- Cultural Geography
- Cultural Studies
- Demography/Population Studies
- Ethnology
- Futurology
- Gender Studies
- Geography (social)
- Human Geography
- Regional Cultures
- Social Anthropology
- Social Conflict Theory
- Social Geography
- Sociology
- Women Studies

##### Political Science & Civics

- Civics
- Human Rights
- International Relations
- Peace & Conflict Studies
- Political History
- Political Sciences
- Politics

##### Economics

- Econometrics
- Economic History
- Economics
- International Economics
- Macroeconomics
- National Accounts
- Political Economy

#### AUDIT SUBJECTS

- Research Methodology
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Qualitative Data Analysis

### STAGES OF RESEARCH

	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4
<b>FULL-TIME</b>	Semester 1 - 2	Semester 3 - 5	Semester 6 - 7	Semester 8 - 9
<b>PART-TIME</b>	Semester 1 - 3	Semester 4 - 7	Semester 8 - 11	Semester 11 - 12
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	1. Audit subjects 2. Appointment of Supervisor 3. Preparation of research proposal 4. Proposal defense	5. Research / data collection	6. Thesis report writing	7. Thesis submission 8. Nomination & appointment of thesis examiners 9. Thesis evaluation by examiners & supervisors & their recommendations 10. Thesis examination / viva voce 11. Graduation

