

## Introduction

The School of Humanities was one of the earliest schools to be established at Universiti Sains Malaysia and one of the largest to offer arts based courses. Since its inception in 1970, the school has built up a reputation as one of the leading Humanities faculties in the country.

Courses offered at the School of Humanities are designed to attain our goal of achieving academic excellence and producing well rounded students. The curriculum is thus structured specifically to produce graduates who are able to meet the manpower needs of the country and are well prepared to face various challenges at the workplace in the present era of ICT and globalisation.

Research and publication is the main priority at this school. Manned by experienced, dedicated and qualified academic and ancillary staff, members of the school are actively involved in numerous research projects geared towards fulfilling the complex and specialized demands of contemporary society.

Postgraduate Programmes

The School of Humanities offers the following postgraduate studies degrees:

Master of Arts

Master of Science

Doctor of Philosophy

Mixed-Mode Programmes

- Master of Arts (Malay Language)
- Master of Arts (Linguistics & English Language Studies)
- Master of Arts (Literature)
- Master of Arts (Translation Studies)
- Master of Arts (Southeast Asian History)
- Master of Arts (Hadith)
- Master of Science (Geographical Information Science)
- Master of Science (Sustainable Cities And Communities)

By Research

- Master of Arts
- Doctor of Philosophy

Research Areas

- Malay Linguistics
- English Language Studies
- Literature
- Translation and Interpretation
- History
- Geography
- Islamic Studies
- Islamic Civilization & Asian Civilization
- Philosophy

## Programme Aims

- To produce graduates with high level of intellectual skills in the field of humanities to meet the needs manpower for the country.
- To add to and increase knowledge as well as to encourage the growth of ideas in accordance with the role of the university as an institution of higher education.
- To provide opportunities for graduates to achieve academic maturity and acquire further expertise in related fields, leading to the exploration of aesthetic creative maturity of the individual and in the humanities.
- To aid the exploration and development of thoughts with the goal towards addressing the problems faced by society, the country and mankind in general.

Applications for postgraduate studies are open throughout the year with no closing dates but there are still cut-off date for coursework and mixed mode programmes which are as below:

1st Semester (September Intake)  
- 15 June

2nd Semester (February Intake)  
- 15 October

APPLICATION  
WHEN TO APPLY

Online Application:  
[www.ips.usm.my](http://www.ips.usm.my)

For research mode programme, application and registration can be anytime throughout the year.

## Scholarship/Funding Opportunities

MyBrain/MyMaster

USM Global Fellowship

Vice-Chancellor Award

USM Fellowship Scheme

USM Graduate Assistant Scheme

Further information on financial assistance is available on USM Institute of Postgraduate Studies website:  
<http://www.ips.usm.my>

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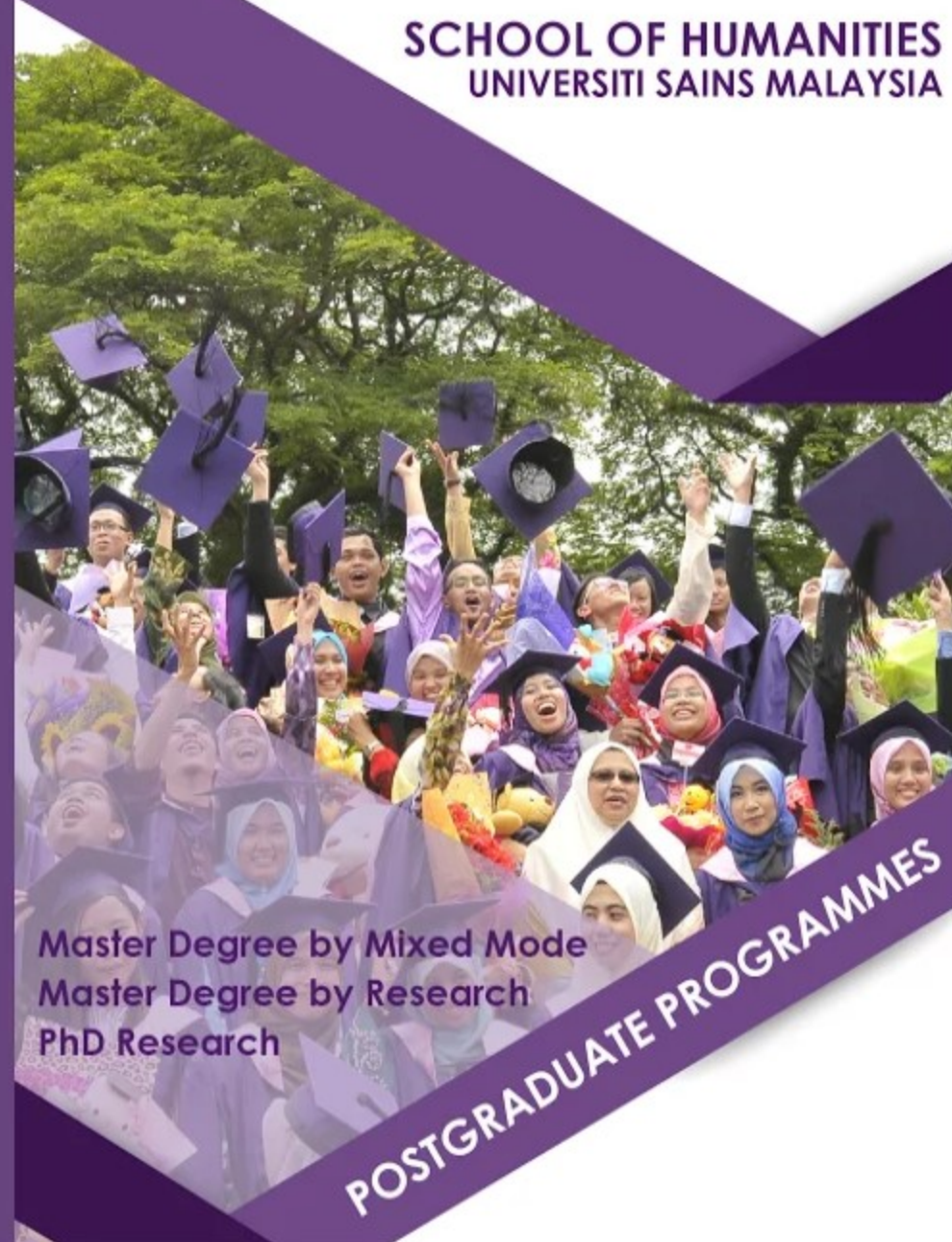
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## SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA



Master Degree by Mixed Mode  
Master Degree by Research  
PhD Research

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

## Master Degree By Mixed Mode Programme

Programme of Studies	Required Credit Hours	Mode of Studies
Master of Arts (Literature)	40	Full-time/ part-time
Master of Arts (Malay Language)	44	Full-time/ part-time
Master of Arts (Translation Studies)	40	Full-time/ part-time
Master of Arts (Southeast Asian History)	40	Full-time/ part-time
Master of Arts (Hadith)	44	Full-time/ part-time
Master of Arts (Linguistics and English Language Studies)	40	Full-time/ part-time
Master of Science (Geographical Information Science)	40	Full-time only
Master of Science (Sustainable Cities And Communities)	40	Full-time only

### Duration of candidature:

Type of Candidature	Minimum	Maximum
Full-Time	1 year (2 semesters)	2 years (4 semesters)
Part-Time	2 years (4 semesters)	4 years (8 semesters)



### Application:

Possess good Bachelor degree (Second Class Upper or CGPA of at least 2.75 and above) in their respective fields of specialisation and CGPA of 3.00 for Master of Arts in Linguistics and English Language Studies.

Candidates, who do not have the appropriate academic background but who are eligible to be considered, must take the required undergraduate courses and pass them before enrolling in their studies.



### Language requirements: For Malaysian citizens,

Minimum qualification is a pass in Bahasa Malaysia in Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia.



### For foreigners,

Candidates must sit and pass LKM100 as a requirement for Bahasa Malaysia at Universiti Sains Malaysia. In the field of Linguistics and English Language Studies, candidates must have TOEFL minimum score of 550 or IELTS Band 6.

## Programme Synopsis

### Masters of Arts (Literature)

- The programme studies is based on Comparative Literature in the form of the concentric sphere that began with the study of the Malay Archipelago, moving out to Asian literature, Europe up to North America, Latin America and Africa. This fact assures that the graduates of the Literature Section, USM have comparative skills and a universal worldview.
- The courses are based on literary knowledge that spans across cultural studies and media. The principles of Comparative Literature that encompasses cross disciplinary studies will open the scope of literature and align it with other disciplines such as film, the book industry, new media and much more. It is expected that the field of Comparative Literature that crosses disciplines of culture and media will become a niche area of the Literature Section in future.

### Master of Arts (Malay)

- Aims to strengthen, enhance and update the knowledge of Malay grammar, especially for those directly involved, such as teachers, lecturers or administrators involved with advertising agencies or indirectly in the construction and development of the Malay language. The courses offered give students the opportunity to explore the field of Malay language studies.

### Master of Arts (Translation Studies)

- Aims to enhance the level of knowledge and skills of students in the field of translation so as to give them an advantage when competing in the job market.
- The programme is also open to qualified graduates from other specific disciplines who are interested in translation. Students will have the opportunity to gain knowledge in translation theories as well as to enhance the quality of their translations.

### Master of Arts (Southeast Asian History)

- Focuses on the history of the Southeast Asian region and is complemented by Malaysian and Asian history. Candidates must complete and clear numerous courses that serve as a prerequisite to their commencement of a dissertation under a supervisor.

### Master of Arts (Hadith)

- This programme provides an alternative to the existing programme of Master of Arts (Islamic Studies) via full research which is also offered.

### Master of Arts (Linguistics and English Language Studies)

- The aim of the programme is to produce competent and knowledgeable graduates who have acquired relevant language and literary skills in and knowledge of English that would enable them to meet and adapt effectively to the demands of a changing global society, especially in the fields of language, literature and education.
- The graduates will acquire skills and competencies in some of the following key domains: English language, linguistics, relevant literary skills in order to be able to appreciate, analyse, discuss and evaluate various types of literary texts and discourses, knowledge of various types of English, relevant generic skills, critical and creative thinking and intellectual skills.

### Master of Science (Geographical Information Science, GIS)

- The aim of this graduate program is to enhance the student's skills in current scientific knowledge in theory, method and application of geographic information in various fields such as urban and regional planning, social planning, resource management, business management and planning as well as environmental aspects.

### Master of Science (Sustainable Cities and Communities)

- The aim of this graduate programme is to produce graduates who are able to appreciate and apply the integration of art-science (fusion) to address issues of management and governance of cities and sustainable communities in the context of sustainable development and management. The focus is also given to the intricate relationship between human and physical processes that shape the ecology and urban environment. This programme will explore the social and ecological processes in a city that has complexity, conflict and diversity of its own.

## Master And Phd Degree By Research

The areas of research are very wide covering the fields of Literature, Malay Language, Translation Studies, Interpretation Studies, Linguistics and English Language Studies, History, Geography, Philosophy, Islamic Civilization & Asian Civilization and Islamic Studies. Within these sections, many kinds of research can be undertaken by the potential candidates.

### Application

Candidates for the Master of Arts must possess a good Bachelor Degree (Second Class Upper) or CGPA of above 2.75 in the related fields. Candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy must have a Master of Arts in the respective fields of specialisation.

### Language requirements:

For Malaysian citizens, minimum qualification is a pass in Bahasa Malaysia in the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia.

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### Thesis

Candidates are required to produce a Master of Art or Doctor of Philosophy thesis. This shall be done in consultation with the supervisor. A MA thesis should not exceed 50,000 words and a Ph.D thesis must not exceed 80,000 words.

### Period of candidature:

Candidature	Min	Max
Full time	12 months	36 months
Part time	24	72
Residential Requirements (MA)		
Full time	12 months	
Part time	15 days	
Residential Requirements (PhD)		
Full time	min 24; max 60 months	
Part time	min 36; max 90 months	

## Area of Specialisation



English Language Studies



History



Geography



Islamic Studies



Literature



Malay Language



Translation & Interpretation Studies



Philosophy & Civilization

## Facilities

- Resource Room
- Archive & Documentation Room
- Language Labs
- Computer Lab
- Audiovisual Lab
- Interpretation Lab
- Geographic Information Systems Lab (GIS)
- Cartography Lab
- Physical Geography Lab
- Hydrology Lab
- Literature & Media Lab
- Undergraduate Student Lounge
- Postgraduate Karel Room