



The Chancellery



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Postgraduate seminar in session.

CENTRE FOR GRADUATE STUDIES - ISLAMIC SCIENCE UNIVERSITY OF MALAYSIA (USIM)

Postgraduate training is a top priority at USIM. The establishment of the Centre for Graduate Studies reflects this. The Centre, which started its operation in 2002, acts as the liaison office between the faculties and students. It monitors the administration of academic programmes and keeps track of students' academic progress.

The Centre carries out the effort to develop and stabilise the piece of academic research, which is hoped to become the vault to generate highly knowledgeable, competent and professional graduates in different fields. The ultimate objective is to give enough space to the researchers and educators to study, investigate and spread the knowledge relating to Islam.

OBJECTIVES

- To offer degree programmes at Master and Doctor of Philosophy level.
- To produce skillful experts in research and development of modern Islamic knowledge.
- To produce liable and highly qualified Islamic scholars, who are able to resolve the current issues in the country.
- To promote independent and competitive quality among students to pertain true quality of prevailing Muslims.
- To produce graduates with extensive understanding of Islamic thoughts in disciplines of faith, moral and Islamic law, as well as understanding the expansion of current knowledge.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

The Centre of Graduate Studies offers 12 academic programmes, which are closely and exclusively related to the development of a nation in the field of Islam. They are managed by the following faculties:

- Faculty of Syariah and Law;
- Faculty of Quranic and Sunnah Studies;
- Faculty of Leadership and Management;
- Faculty of Economics and Muamalat; and
- Faculty of Science and Technology.

Graduate Studies Programme

Currently, the Centre of Graduate Studies only offers Master and Ph.D programmes in the form of research and thesis writing on a full-time or part-time basis. The Centre also offers Diploma In Islamic Judicial and Advocatory Practice (DIJAP), Advanced Diploma In Substance Drug Abuse (SPADA) and Diploma of Education (Islamic Studies) (a post-graduate diploma).

In the near future, Masters by course work will be introduced. Programmes planned are Master of Communication (Media Management), Master of Counselling (Family Counseling), Master of Counseling (Drug Abuse) and Master of Da'wah and Islamic Leadership.

Center for Graduate Studies is continuously expanding its capacity in areas which are critical to its future growth and competitiveness, in response to a demanding and increasingly knowledge-based human capital, and to foster a culture of scholarship and research. For this purpose, the following goals will be pursued:

To attract good candidates and to increase substantially the number of national and international candidates through extensive promotion exercises;

To develop a team of trained post-graduate research supervisors;
 To develop multi-disciplinary niche research areas, with coherent research strategy focused on applied research and problem-solving for the benefit of the ummah;
 To build strategic alliances with other higher education institutions and research centres nationally and internationally in areas of strength;
 Graduate research proposals to be subjected to rigorous reviews by expert panels to ensure quality and appropriateness;

To encourage and support publication of research findings in learned journals.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates who wish to pursue their studies at Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia in any of the above mentioned Faculties must have at least one of the following requirements;

Master programmes

- Suitable Bachelor degree with Honours from USIM; *or*
- Suitable Bachelor degree with Honours from any other Institutions of Higher Learning recognised by the USIM Senate; *or*
- Other qualifications equivalent to a Bachelor degree and relevant professional experience recognised by the USIM Senate.

Doctorate/Doctor of Philosophy programmes

- Suitable Master degree with good grades from USIM; *or*
- Suitable Master degree with good grades from any other Institution of Higher Learning recognised by the USIM Senate; *or*
- Other qualifications equivalent to a Master degree and relevant professional experience that is recognised by the USIM Senate; *or*
- Master degree candidates that are recommended by the Graduates Studies Committee to convert their study to Doctoral programme with Senate's approval.

Applicants are required to demonstrate their proficiency in Arabic and English language. Evidence of proficiency should be attached with the application forms. Applicants may submit the score obtained in TOEFL or in IELTS or in MUET or in any other tests that are equivalent and recognised by the Senate to fulfill this requirement.

Applicants for the science programmes are required to obtain a score of at least 460 in TOEFL (paper based) or 140 in TOEFL (computer-based) or Band 5 in IELTS.

Applicants who have been offered admission but do not fulfill the requirement of proficiency in Arabic language will have to register and pass Arabic language courses determined by the University.

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