ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (PHD)

To qualify for admission into the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program, the applicant is required to possess one of the following qualifications:

1. A Master’s Degree with a CGPA of at least 3.00 or its equivalent in the relevant field. An applicant with a Master’s Degree with a CGPA below 3.00 or its equivalent in the relevant field will be considered if the applicant possesses substantial research experience,

2. Other qualification that is approved by the UPM Senate.

In addition, the applicant must meet the language proficiency requirement of the University.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMMES:

1. Malaysian applicants must have obtained at least a credit in English at Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) level or have passed English courses conducted by the Diploma or Bachelor’s level.

2. All international candidates from countries where English is not a medium of instruction must have obtained a minimum TOEFL score of 550 or Band 6 for IELTS.

3. Provisional status may be granted to an applicant who has obtained a TOEFL score of between 500 to 340 or Band 3.5 for IELTS or its equivalent. The applicant, upon registration, is required to enrol and pass the English Language Programmes conducted by the University before full admission to any postgraduate is granted.

Malay Language Proficiency

All international students (except students from Indonesia andBrunei) must obtain a grade of ‘C’ in the Malay Language course (BMIN 116) or its equivalent to be eligible for conferment of a degree.

Note: Non-Malaysian / Satisfactory

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ABOUT UPM’S GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

The Graduate School of Management at Universiti Putra Malaysia (GSM/UPM) was selected in 2007 to be renamed to become one of the nation’s top business schools and a graduate-business school of international repute. GSM/UPM is a destination of choice for many who aspire to further enhance their management skills through postgraduate management education. As a centre providing excellent postgraduate management education in the Asia-Pacific region, GSM/UPM is able to produce innovative leaders who are socially responsible and able to adapt to changes in the global business environment by incorporating a variety of pedagogical approaches in its programmes to bridge the theoretical gap and to share future leaders with strong ethical values. It is such commitment from GSM/UPM that sets it apart from others.

GSM/UPM now offers a range of postgraduate management programmes Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Management (MGM), Master of Science (MSc), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). Over the years, GSM/UPM has produced more than 5,000 post graduates in various management disciplines and significantly contributed to the country’s human capital development, and its economic growth.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD)

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programme is designed to prepare students for a career as an academic or as a researcher in the public or private sector. The research in the PhD programme is an in-depth investigation of specific research issues related to management discipline with the aim of advancing and contributing to new knowledge in that discipline. Students are expected to have strong theoretical and research methodological foundations and be able to conduct their research independently.

The areas of specialization offered in the PhD programme are as follows:

- Management
- Marketing
- Finance
- Accounting
- Human Resource Management
- Business Law
- Tourism
- Bioinformatics
- Statistics
- Computer Science
- IT Management
- Electrical Engineering
- Bioengineering
- Others

PERIOD OF STUDY

The period of study ranges from 3 semesters (3 years) to a maximum of 10 semesters (5 years).

CLASSES AND STUDENT INTAKES

Classes are held on weekdays (9:30 am - 5:30 pm) during the evenings and on Saturday afternoons (1:30 pm - 5:30 pm). There are two intakes of students in each academic year in September (first semester) and January (second semester).

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The Doctor of Philosophy Programme encompasses the following five phases:

PHASE I: CORE COURSEWORK (12 credit hours)

- Research Methodology
- Business Statistics
- Seminar course (2 Credit Hours)
- Seminar in Management / Marketing / Finance / Accounting
- Theory course (3 Credit Hours)
- Theory in Management / Marketing / Finance / Theory in Accounting

(Note: Students who specialize in Finance are also required to register for the Econometrics/Method oriented course.)

PHASE II: COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

All PhD students are required to take a comprehensive examination in their respective areas of study on completion of their coursework. Only on passing of the comprehensive examination will students be allowed to commence on their research. Each student is only allowed two attempts to pass his/her comprehensive examination.

PHASE III: PROPOSAL DEFENCE

Each student must publish a research proposal and defend his/her research proposal. The student is only allowed to continue with his/her research to Phase IV on passing of the defence of his/her proposal.

PHASE IV: THESIS PREPARATION

The student proceeds to higher data collection, data analysis and report writing.

PHASE V: VIVA VOCE

After compilation and submission of the thesis, the student is required to attend a Viva Voce to defend his/her thesis.

PROGRAMME FEES

First Semester:
- Local Students: RM 1,900
- International Students: RM 3,900

Second - Sixth Semester:
- Local Students: RM 4,500
- International Students: RM 6,400

Seventh Semester onwards (Fee for each semester):
- Local Students: RM 4,500
- International Students: RM 6,400

Total Fees for a 4-year period (9 semesters):
- Local Students: RM 33,150
- International Students: RM 51,850

Total Fees for a 5-year period (10 semesters):
- Local Students: RM 47,400
- International Students: RM 71,700

Note: All fees above are subject to change.

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