

PhD

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

SCHOOL OF
ECONOMICS,
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BANKING



UUM
Universiti Utara Malaysia

RESEARCH FIELD

- **ECONOMICS**
- **FINANCE & BANKING**
- **RISK MANAGEMENT**
- **INSURANCE**
- **AGRIBUSINESS**



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ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

Applicants for the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programme under UUM COB must possess:

- a) a master's degree from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other institutions of higher learning recognised by the University Senate. For a master's degree with CGPA, the minimum CGPA is 3.00; or
- b) a bachelor's degree with CGPA of at least 3.67/First Class or equivalent from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other institutions of higher learning recognised by the University Senate and pass an interview by the Postgraduate Committee; or
- c) any other equivalent qualifications recognised by the University Senate; and
- d) fulfil the English language requirement as set by the University Senate.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Our Programme is a research-based degree that has two key components: coursework and thesis. Before undertaking research, students are required to pass two compulsory pre-requisite courses of 8 credits where they will acquire necessary research skills to undertake independent research.

Pre-requisite Courses (8 credits)

- SZRZ6014 Research Methodology
- SCLE6014 Academic Writing

Research students are strongly encouraged to attend specialist research training and seminars focusing on various aspects of the research process, such as developing a research proposal and statement of a research problem, writing a literature review, developing research instruments/instrumentation, identifying population and sample, conducting data collection, analysing qualitative and quantitative data, etc.



PROGRAMME DURATION

Doctoral programme: (mixed mode & research)

Mode	Minimum Period (trimesters)	Maximum Period (trimesters)
Full-time	Three (3) years [nine (9) trimesters]	Five (5) years [fifteen (15) trimesters]
Part-time	Four (4) years [twelve (12) trimesters]	Seven (7) years [twenty one (21) trimesters]

ENGLISH REQUIREMENT

- A. All international candidates should meet any one of the following English language requirements set by the University before they are accepted for admission.
- Satisfy any one of the following English language assessments with the requirement to attend the SCLE4186 Academic English Language Enhancement for Postgraduates during the study:
 - TOEFL score of between 477 and 549 for Paper-based Test
 - TOEFL score between 53 and 79 for Internet-based Test
 - IELTS of Band 5.5 or below
 - MUET of Band 3.0 or below
 - Cambridge English Advanced Test score of between 162 and 168
 - Pearson Test of English Academic score of between 42 and 49
 - Satisfy any one of the following English language assessments without the requirement to attend the SCLE4186 Academic English Language Enhancement for Postgraduate during the study:
 - TOEFL Score of 550 or above in Paper-based Test
 - TOEFL Score of 80 or above in Internet-based Test
 - IELTS of Band 6.0 or above
 - MUET of Band 4.0 or above
 - Cambridge English Advanced Test score of 169 or above
 - Pearson Test of English Academic score of 50 or above
- B. Exemption for meeting the above English Language requirement is given to candidates with any of the following qualifications:
- Obtain a degree from any institutions with English language Education System
 - Obtain a degree from any public universities in Malaysia with English as a language of instruction
 - Obtain a degree from any private universities or college universities in Malaysia listed in the Malaysian Qualifications Register (MQR)
- C. Students who do not meet any of the above English language requirement will not be allowed to register for courses or continue with their programme of study. They may attend the Intensive Language Course for International Students that will prepare and assist them for their MUET examination.