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# BACKGROUND

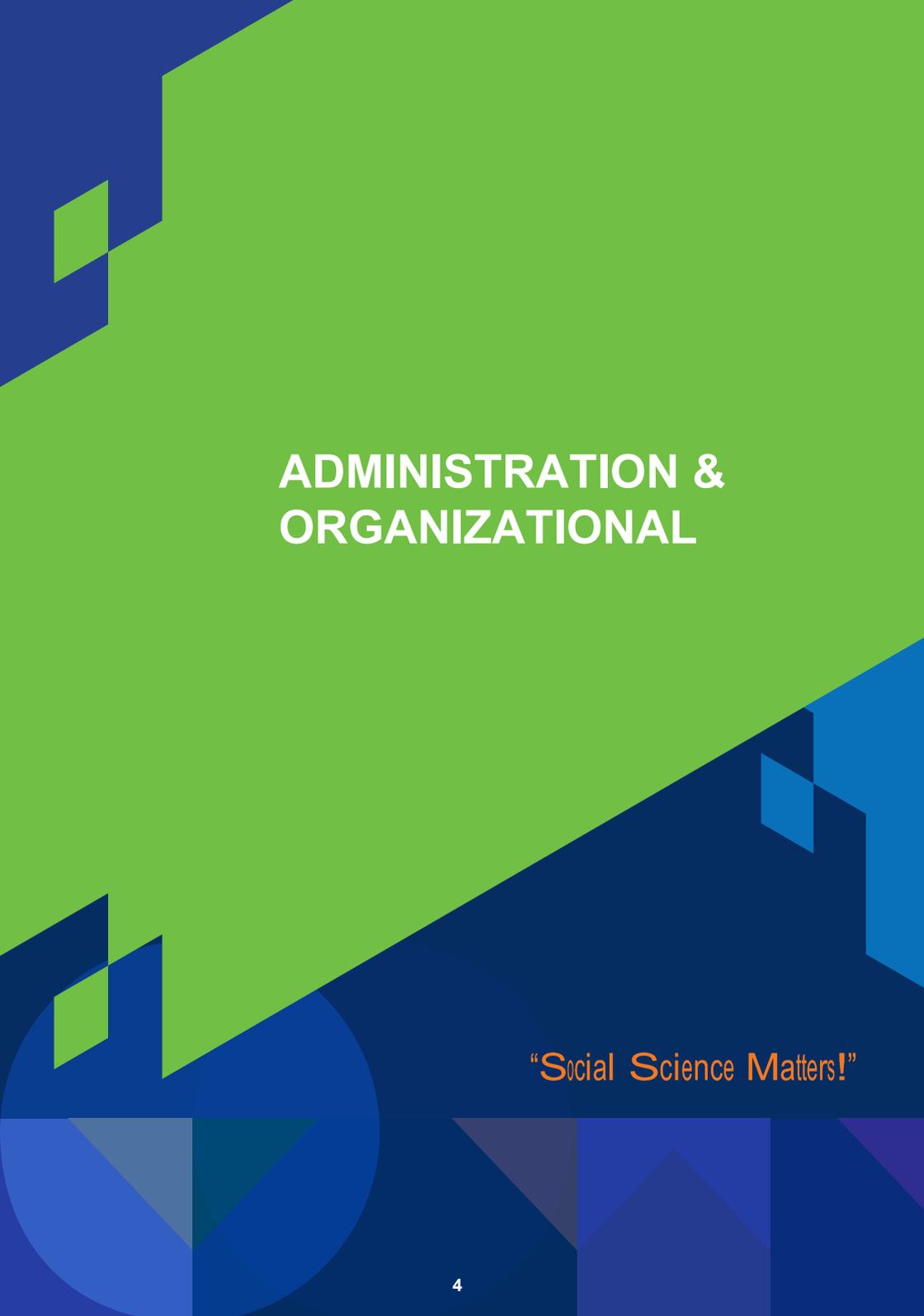
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# Introduction

The School of Social Sciences at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) has been at the forefront of advancing the social sciences in Malaysia. As one of the university's oldest faculties and among the first social sciences schools in the country, the School was established in 1970 with a core mission: to advance knowledge and facilitate desirable social transformation within Malaysian society. Over the decades, this mission has evolved, but our commitment remains steadfast to delivering quality education and conducting impactful research that contributes to national development.

Today, we offer three undergraduate programmes: the Bachelor of Social Sciences, the Bachelor of Economics, and the Bachelor of Social Work. At the postgraduate level, we provide five dynamic programmes: the Master of Public Administration (coursework), the Master of Economic Management (coursework), the Master of Social Work (mixed-mode), the Master of Social Sciences (research mode), and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). Our Master of Social Sciences (research mode) and Ph.D. programmes enable students to pursue advanced research across a wide range of social science disciplines.

The School is home to 56 dedicated academic staff and a vibrant community of approximately 1,500 undergraduate and postgraduate students. We are actively engaged in global academic collaborations and maintain strong partnerships with local industries, public sector agencies, civil society organisations, policymakers, and practitioners.



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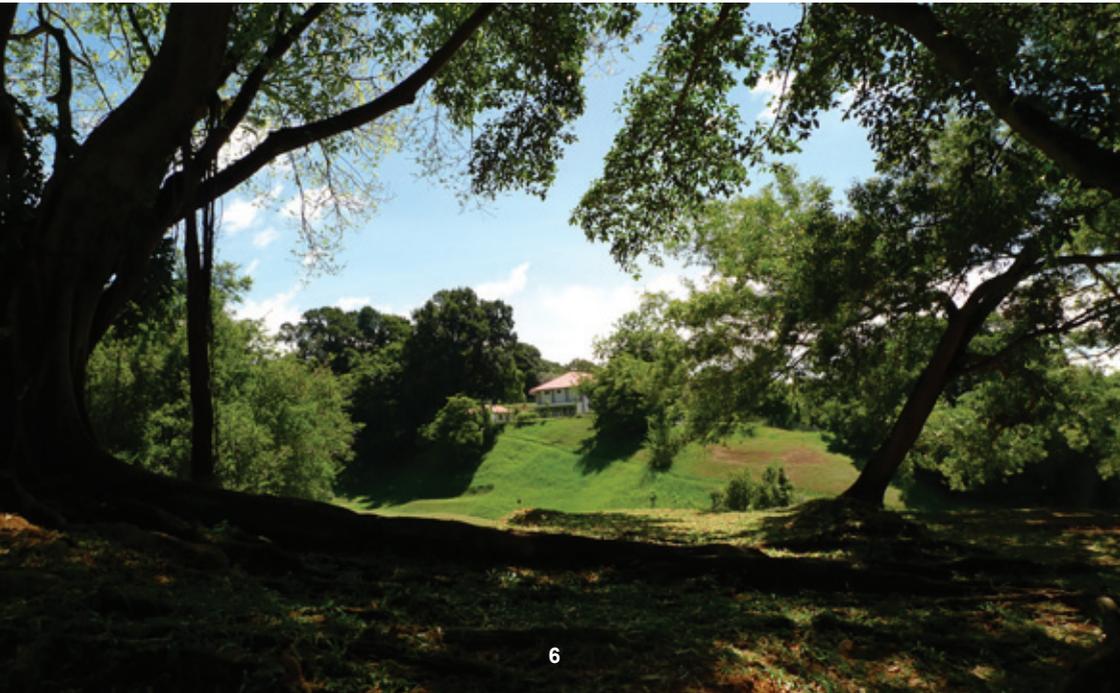
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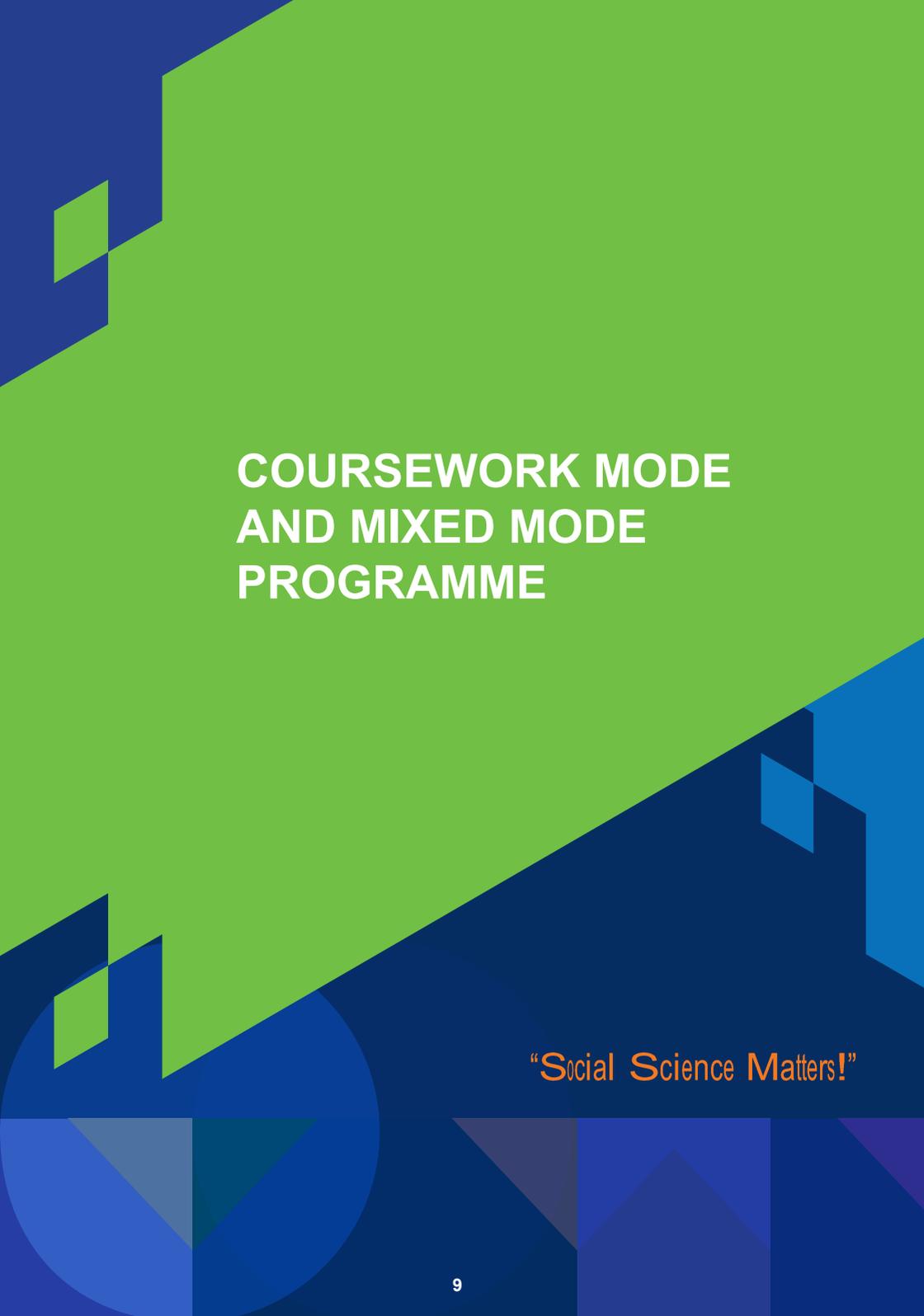
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# COURSEWORK MODE AND MIXED MODE PROGRAMME

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# Our COURSEWORK / MIXED MODE PROGRAMMES

## COURSEWORK

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### **The Master of Public Administration (MPA)**

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) programme is designed for those serving in the public sector and those planning a career in the public service. It is also open to those from other sectors for whom knowledge of the public sector is important. The basic entry requirement is a bachelor's degree from a recognized university.

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### **Master of Economic Management (MEM)**

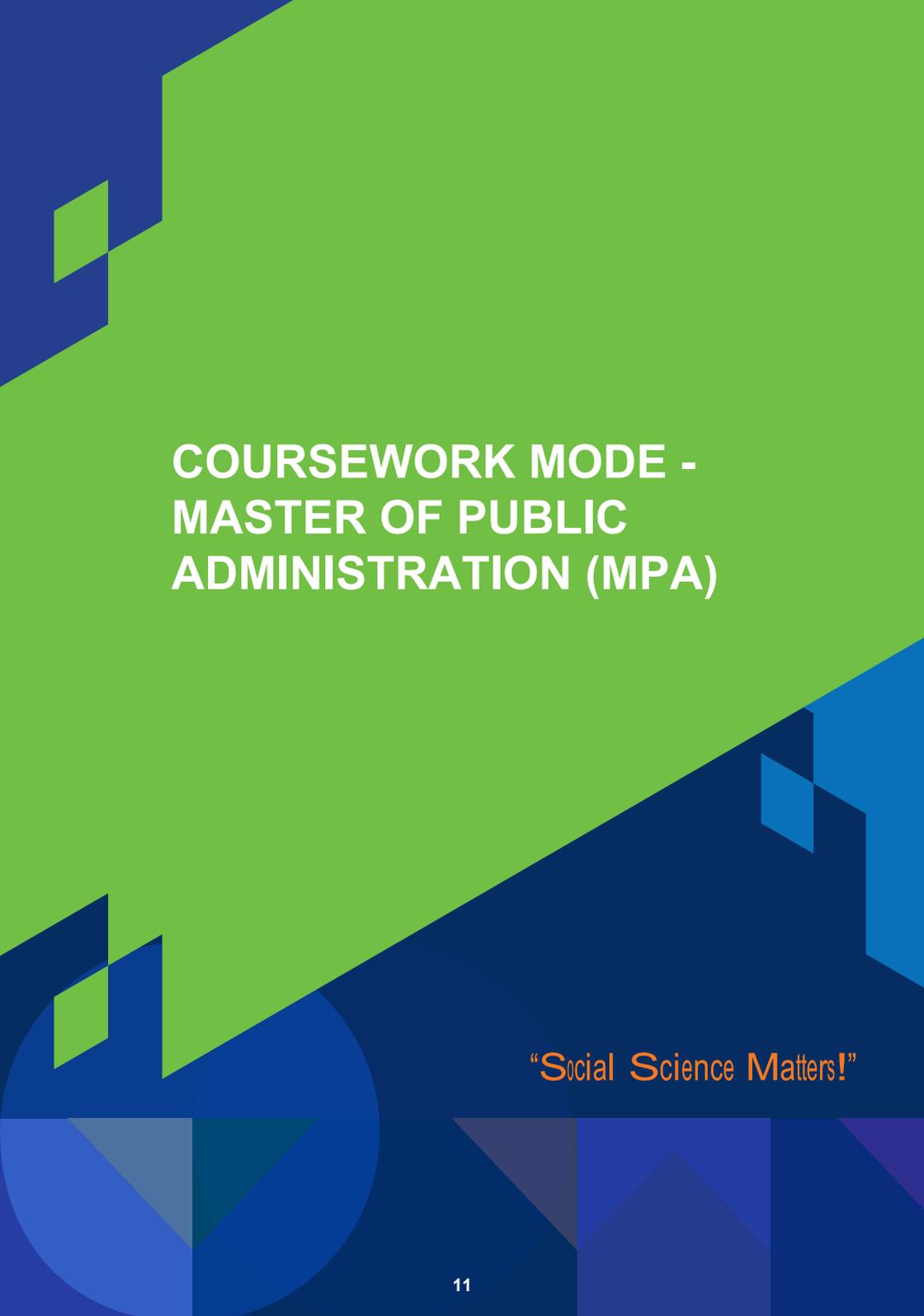
The Master of Economic Management Programme (MEM) is a unique programme that combines practical economic knowledge with an issue-oriented approach. It is designed to train innovative economics practitioners. The programme provides an interesting blend of essential theory and practical application-skills that are necessary for those involved in economic management and are likely to be confronted by a wide range of economic issues.

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## MIXED MODE

### **Master of Social Work (MSW)**

The Masters of Social Work Programme is a programme that combines social work knowledge and field practice (practicum). It is designed to train social work practitioners from government and non-governmental organizations. This programme helps students to work in the social work field at both micro (individual and groups) and macro (organization and community).



**COURSEWORK MODE -  
MASTER OF PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION (MPA)**

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# OVERVIEW POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES: **COURSEWORK MODE - MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MPA)**

## **Introduction**

The MPA programme is designed for individuals currently serving in the public sector as well as those intending to pursue a career in public service. It is also open to professionals from other sectors who require an understanding of public sector systems and practices. The programme equips students with critical knowledge and skills in public policy, governance and administrative leadership.

## **Objective**

Specific objectives of the programme are to:

The general objective of the programme is to equip students with knowledge of the foundations, structures, and functions of the public sector, as well as policy analysis, management, and research. Additionally, it aims to expose them to global developments in the theory and practice of public administration that are required for effective performance in the changing national and international environment.

This will be achieved by focusing on:

- The normative foundations of public administration and the implications of the changing and increasingly challenging national and global context for effective governance and the achievement of national goals.
- A theoretically based examination of the structures and functioning of the public sector and public organisations in modern government, as well as alternative and innovative approaches for their improvement.
- The research and analytical skills needed for effective problem-solving and decision-making in the public sector.
- The development of an approach to public service that guides the efforts of civil servants and integrates their contributions with those of other governmental and non-governmental economic and social institutions in society, consistent with national aspirations.

## Programme Educational Objectives (PEO)

The MPA programme is designed to produce graduates who demonstrate a deep understanding of public administration principles, are capable of critical analysis and innovative thinking, and uphold ethical values in their professional practice. The specific educational objectives are as follows:

- PEO1: The normative foundations of public administration and the implications of the changing and increasingly challenging national and global context for effective governance and the achievement of national goals.
- PEO2: A theoretically based examinations of the structure and functioning of the public sector and public organizations in modern government and alternative and innovative approaches for their improvement.
- PEO3: The research and analytical skills needed for effective problem-solving and decision-making in the public sector.
- PEO4: The development of an approach towards public service which guides the efforts of civil servants and integrates their contributions with those of other governmental and non-governmental economic and social institutions in society consistent with national aspirations.

## Programme Learning Outcomes (PLO)

Upon completion of the MPA programme, graduates have the:

### **PLO1 – Knowledge and Understanding**

- Ability in mastering social sciences knowledge comprehensively and integrative.

### **PLO2 – Cognitive Skills**

- Ability in thinking analytically and applying social sciences research methods in analysing social issues, problems, and phenomena.

### **PLO3 – Practical Skills**

- Ability in relating theories and approaches used in social sciences to analyse and provide alternatives in solving social issues and problems.

### **PLO4 – Interpersonal Skills**

- Demonstrate sensitiveness and determination in understanding both local and global social issues, problems and phenomena, and suggest solutions to solve these social issues, problems and phenomena.

### **PLO5 – Communication Skills**

- Ability in communicating effectively in verbal and written forms.

### **PLO8 – Leadership, Autonomy and Responsibility**

- Ability to lead and accountable to work in a team effectively and efficiently.

### **PLO9 – Personal Skills**

- Value the importance of life-long learning and utilise skills in gaining information through work and life experiences.

### **PLO10 – Entrepreneurial Skills**

- Utilise skills in self-management, time, and information management through learning activities.

### **PLO11 – Ethics and Professionalism**

- Demonstrate ability in practicing ethical values and professionalism in social sciences research.

## Programme Duration

The MPA programme is structured as a three-semester coursework programme for full-time students. For part-time students, the programme will take six semesters to complete. To be awarded the MPA degree, students must accumulate a total of 44 credits from both core and elective courses. During the first two semesters, students will undertake core courses amounting to 32 credits. In the third semester, they will complete elective courses totalling 12 credits.

## Degree Requirement and Assessment

Students will be awarded the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree upon successfully completing 44 credits from core and elective courses. Academic performance is assessed using the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) system, as outlined in the university's grading scale.

The minimum passing grade for each course is C+, and students must attain a minimum CGPA of 3.00 out of 4.00 to be eligible for graduation. In line with university regulations, students are permitted to repeat any course in which they obtain a grade of B- or below.

Grade	Grade Point	Explanation
<b>A</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>Pass</b>
<b>A-</b>	<b>3.67</b>	
<b>B+</b>	<b>3.33</b>	
<b>B</b>	<b>3.00</b>	
<b>B-</b>	<b>2.67</b>	
<b>C+</b>	<b>2.33</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Fail</b>

## Programme Structure

The MPA programme is designed to provide a balanced integration of knowledge and skills essential for effective public administration. It emphasises the following core competencies:

- A sound understanding of the political and institutional context in which public administrators operate.
- Management skills to design and oversee internal operations, allocate and manage human and material resources, and evaluate performance.
- Technical, analytical, and research capabilities to produce high-quality advisory work for senior-level administrative or political officials, or to supervise and assess such work by others.
- Mastery of substantive policy issues to enable effective monitoring of developments, anticipation of emerging problems, and the formulation of practical policies and programmes.

The core and elective courses are structured around these four key domains of knowledge and skills, in addition to the Research Project. A detailed course list is provided in the table below. Courses are primarily conducted in English, but students have the option to complete examinations, term papers, and project papers in Bahasa Malaysia, based on their preference.

The programme requires students to complete a total of 44 credit hours, comprising 32 credits of core courses and 12 credits of elective courses.

### Structure of Credits

Course Type	Credits (Units)
Core	32
Electives	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>

The curriculum is designed to provide a comprehensive foundation in public administration, policy analysis, and public sector management, with flexibility through a range of electives.

**Code and Course Title**

Code	Course Title	Course Hour	Course Type
SPA501	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND THE POLITICAL SYSTEM	4	C
SPA502	RESEARCH METHODS	4	C
SPA503	ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT	4	C
SPA504	ECONOMICS FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR	4	C
SPA505	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN MALAYSIA	4	C
SPA506	PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT	4	C
SPA507	ISSUES IN THE MALAYSIAN ECONOMY	4	C
SPA508	POLICY ANALYSIS AND DESIGN	4	C
SPA512	CASE STUDIES IN MANAGING PUBLIC SECTOR	4	E
SPA515	ETHICS AND ADMINISTRATION	4	E
SPA517	GLOBALISATION AND REGIONALISM	4	E
SPA520	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH POLICY	4	E
SPA591	INDEPENDENT STUDIES	4	E
SPA592	RESEARCH PROJECT	12	E

**Full-Time (1 Year)**

Students complete the programme over three semesters:

- Semester I and II: Students are required to complete core courses, totalling 16 credits per semester.
- Semester III: Students will enrol in elective courses amounting to 12 credits. Alternatively, they may opt to undertake the Research Project (SPA592), which carries 12 credit hours, in place of the electives.

**Full-Time Program Structure (1 year)**

Semester I	Semester II	Semester III
SPA501/4	SPA503/4	SPA512/4
SPA502/4	SPA505/4	SPA515/4
SPA504/4	SPA506/4	SPA517/4
SPA508/4	SPA507/4	*Alternative: SPA592/12
	*Alternative: SPA 592/12	SPA591/4
<b>16 credits</b>	<b>16 credits</b>	<b>12 credits</b>

## Part-Time (2 Years)

Students complete the programme over six semesters:

- Year 1: Students undertake core and elective courses, completing 8 credits per semester.
- Year 2: Students complete the remaining core and elective courses. Semester III consists of 4 credits.
- Students may opt to undertake the Research Project (SPA592) in Year 2, which carries 12 credit hours. It is registered at the end of Semester I and carried through Semester II and III.

### Part-Time Program structure (2 years)

Year 1		
Semester I	Semester II	Semester III
SPA501/4 SPA502/4	SPA503/4 SPA507/4	SPA512/4 SPA515/4
<b>8 credits</b>	<b>8 credits</b>	<b>8 credits</b>

Year 2		
Semester I	Semester II	Semester III
SPA504/4 SPA508/4	SPA503/4 SPA505/4 *Alternative: SPA592/12	SPA517/4 SPA520/4 SPA591/4 *Alternative: SPA592/12
<b>8 credits</b>	<b>8 credits</b>	<b>4 credits</b>

\* Candidates who wish to register for SPA592 should register at the end of Semester I and enrol in Semester II until Semester III.

\* Candidates are allowed to register for SPA592 in year 2 of the academic calendar.

\* Subject SPA592 is equivalent to 12 credit hours.

## COURSE SYNOPSIS

### **SPA501 - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND THE POLITICAL SYSTEM**

#### Synopsis:

This course seeks to familiarise students with the political context of public administration, particularly in a democracy. A sound understanding of the underlying values of government and the country's political system is indispensable if the public administrator is to discharge his/her duties responsibly and contribute positively to societal governance.

#### Course Objectives:

Familiarising students with the political context, particularly in democracies, and the impact of that context on the functioning of public administration.

### **SPA502 - RESEARCH METHODS**

#### Synopsis:

This course provides students with the necessary knowledge and skills in research methods. Upon completing the course, students will be able to apply research methodology to understand issues/problems objectively in public administration.

#### Course Objectives:

Providing in-depth knowledge related to public sector economics in the teaching of public administration.

### **SPA503 - ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT**

#### Synopsis:

This course explores key concepts, theories, and processes of organisational management, with an emphasis on public sector contexts. Through case studies and discussions, students examine topics such as motivation, leadership, culture, and conflict, while developing critical thinking, teamwork, and practical management skills.

#### Course Objectives:

This course aims to introduce students to the concept of behaviour management within organisations, particularly in the public sector. Another goal of this course is to enhance students' understanding of principles, organisational structure, skills, motivation, leadership, conflict, and other topics related to organisational management in the public sector.

## **SPA504 - ECONOMICS FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR**

### Synopsis:

This course aims to introduce students to the government's roles in the economic market, with particular attention to how government policy influences market efficiency and market failure.

### Course Objectives:

Providing a deeper understanding of public sector economics in the teaching of public administration.

## **SPA505 - GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN MALAYSIA**

### Synopsis:

This course investigates the government structure and political processes in Malaysia. The discussion begins with the process of independence and an analysis of the development of Malaysian government institutions. It continues with a discussion on contemporary political issues in Malaysia. The extent to which Malaysia is a democratic system will also be examined.

### Course Objectives:

To discuss and analyse the governance structure and political processes in Malaysia. Such discussions and analyses will enable students to gain a comprehensive understanding based on the examination of political issues in Malaysia, thereby becoming concerned and critical-thinking citizens.

## **SPA506 - PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT**

### Synopsis:

This course introduces students to public sector management, including the theory and practice of the public sector. Beyond this, the course will examine issues, challenges, and the changing nature of the public sector.

### Course Objectives:

To provide a deeper understanding of public sector economics in the teaching of public administration.

## **SPA507 - ISSUES IN THE MALAYSIAN ECONOMY**

### **Synopsis:**

This course provides students with an introduction to public sector management, including the theory and practice of the public sector. Beyond this, the course will examine issues, challenges, and the changing nature of the public sector.

### **Course Objectives:**

To provide in-depth knowledge of economic issues in Malaysia and internationally that impact the country's administrative system.

## **SPA508 - POLICY ANALYSIS AND DESIGN**

### **Synopsis:**

This course examines public policy concepts and processes, focusing on policy-making in the public sector. Students critically assess policies, propose improvements, and engage in debates while enhancing their analytical thinking, creativity, and teamwork skills.

### **Course Objectives:**

This course aims to introduce public policy as one of the core disciplines in public administration. In this course, students will be exposed to the concepts, theories, and implementation of public policy, enabling them to understand the processes of policy formulation, implementation, evaluation, and the art of policymaking. The course also aims to provide students with the opportunity to evaluate public policies based on the concepts and theories they have learned, fostering a critical understanding of policy formulation and examining the factors that lead to the success or failure of a policy.

## **SPA512 - CASE STUDIES IN MANAGING PUBLIC SECTOR**

### **Synopsis:**

This short-term course aims to provide a fundamental understanding of how the government must respond to, handle, decide on, and execute its day-to-day operations.

### **Course Objectives:**

This short-term course will expose students to various policy and public administration issues in Malaysia.

## **SPA515 - ETHICS AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **Synopsis:**

This course will be devoted to explaining and discussing ethical issues and dilemmas faced by administrators and managers in both the public and private sectors. It will cover theories and ethical practices in local and international contexts.

### **Course Objectives:**

Providing in-depth knowledge of ethical and administrative issues at both national and international levels, as well as steps to address ethical problems in administration.

## **SPA517 - GLOBALISATION AND REGIONALISM**

### **Synopsis:**

This course explores the historical and theoretical foundations of globalisation and regionalism. It examines global systems, governance, democracy, environmental politics, and shifting world orders. Students analyse current global issues, assess paradigms, and propose informed perspectives on the future direction of international affairs.

### **Course Objectives:**

The goal is to introduce students to the paradigms, theories, and concepts that describe globalisation. This course will also give students insight into how the world works and evolves through globalisation.

## **SPA512 - CASE STUDIES IN MANAGING PUBLIC SECTOR**

### **Synopsis:**

This course exposes students to empirical studies in health care policy. It focuses on issues such as the dynamics between different actors, the interactions between health and politics, the rise of new technology, and the influence of global health governance, which impact the implementation of health care policy.

### **Course Objectives:**

This course aims to critically engage with theories and empirical studies of health policy. By the end of the semester, students will be equipped with the skills to analyse and compare various health systems both qualitatively and quantitatively. The course will also prepare students to consider the perspectives and involvement of various actors in examining the processes and politics of health policy formation and administration.

## **SPA591 - INDEPENDENT STUDIES**

### Synopsis:

This flexible course allows students to explore specific policy interests through guided readings under faculty supervision. Available in all semesters (subject to faculty availability), it culminates in a written assignment or paper as the primary form of assessment. The course encourages self-directed learning and critical engagement with specialised topics.

### Course Objectives:

This course aims to provide students with the opportunity to conduct research on a topic of interest, enabling them to further develop what they have learned throughout their studies. It trains students to write critically and analytically about the chosen topic.

## **SPA591 - INDEPENDENT STUDIES**

### Synopsis:

This two-semester course, worth 12 units of credit, is designed to provide students with practical experience in writing research. The final product is a project text of about 25,000 to 40,000 words.

### Course Objectives:

This course aims to provide students with the opportunity to conduct research on a topic of interest, allowing them to expand on what they have learned throughout their studies. It trains students to write critically and analytically about the selected topic.

### Step for Registration Master Project Paper (SPA592)

The Master Project Paper (SPA592) is a key component of the MPA programme that allows students to apply research skills to a topic of their interest within the field of public administration. The process begins with the preparation of a research proposal and the identification of a suitable supervisor based on the student's research area.

For full-time students, this process starts in Semester 1, followed by official registration in Semester 2, and submission of the completed paper in Semester 3. For part-time students, proposal preparation typically takes place in Semester 3 (Year 1), registration follows in Semester 1 (Year 2), and submission is expected in Semester 2 (Year 2). This structured timeline ensures students have adequate time for planning, research, and academic supervision.

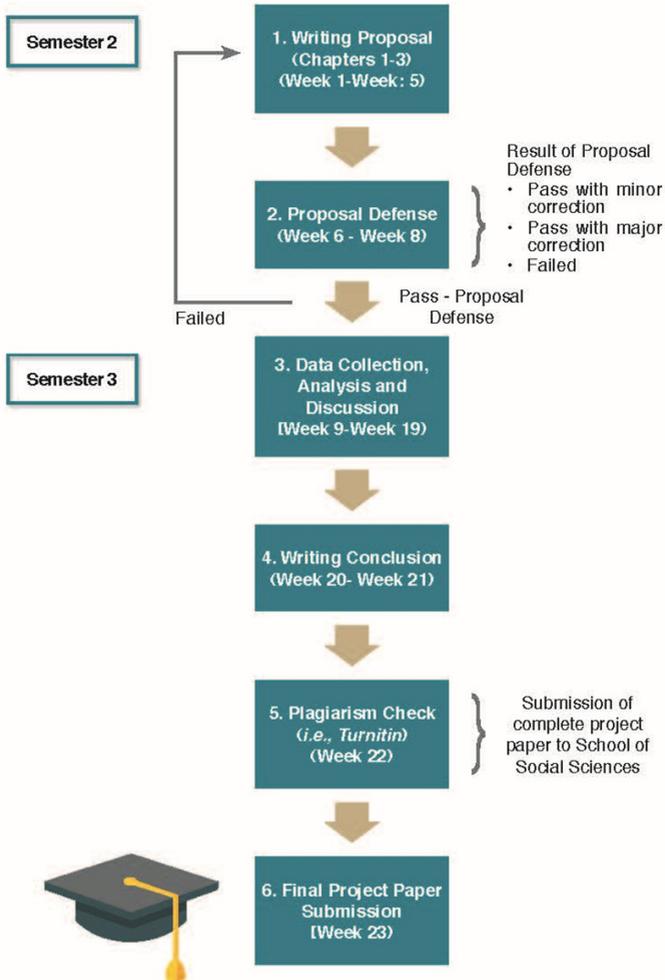
Full-Time Mode of Study		
1.	Prepare a proposal and find a potential supervisor	Semester 1 (Year 1)
2.	Register for project paper (SPA592)	Semester 2 (Year 1)
3.	Submission project paper (SPA592)	Semester 3 (Year 1)

### Step for Registration Master Project Paper (SPA592)

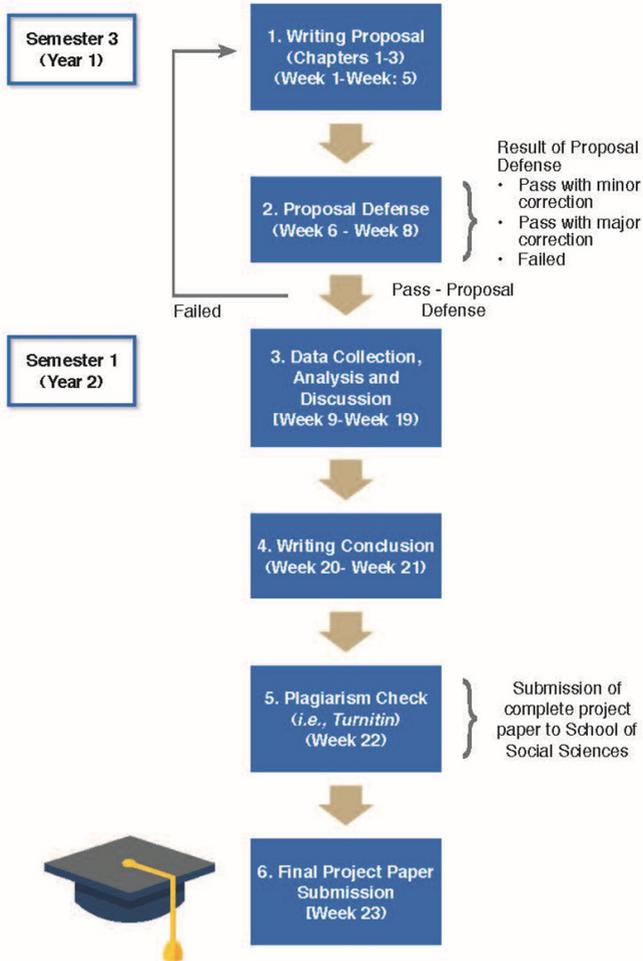
Full-Time Mode of Study		
1.	Prepare a proposal and find a potential supervisor	Semester 3 (Year 1)
2.	Register for project paper (SPA592)	Semester 1 (Year 2)
3.	Submission project paper (SPA592)	Semester 2 (Year 2)



## Step for Submission Project Paper (SPA592) - Full Time Mode of Study



## Step for Submission Project Paper (SPA592) - Part Time Mode of Study





**ACADEMIC STAFF,  
RESEARCH INTEREST  
AND EXPERTISE**

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**Public Administration, Political Sciences Digital Divide and Technology Accessibilities, Disabilities Studies, Quantitative Research Methodology and the Use of Structural Equation Modeling**



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# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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To graduate from the MPA programme, students must fulfil the following requirements:

- (a) Fulfil the minimum duration of candidature.
- (b) Achieve a CGPA of at least 3.00 out of 4.00.
- (c) Accumulate a total of 40 credits.
- (d) Obtain a minimum grade of C for Malaysian Culture and Malay Language (LKM111). This course is compulsory for all international students.

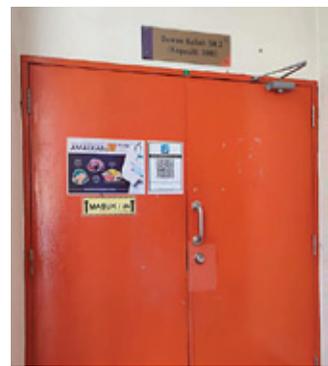
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## Facilities



## Building C 23



## Computer Lab

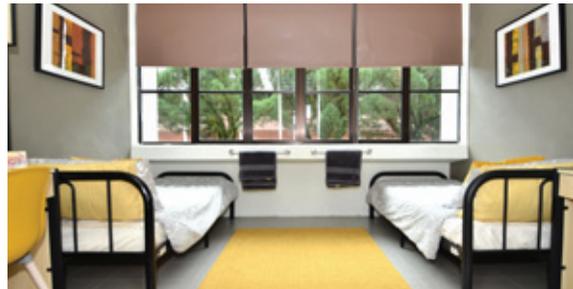




## Sport Facilities



## Accommodation



# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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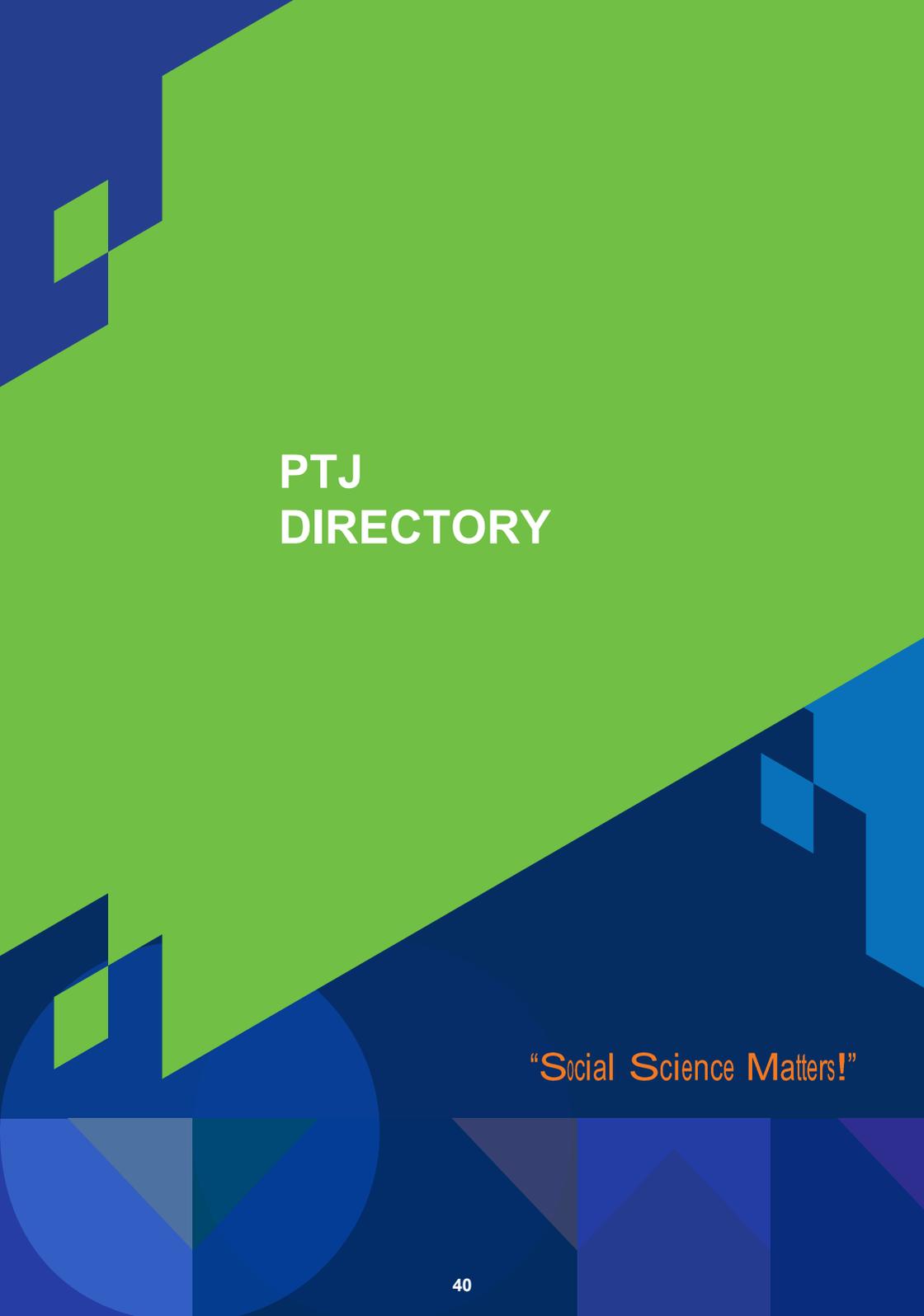
ACADEMIC CALENDAR - ACADEMIC SESSION 2025/2026

FOR ALL SCHOOLS (EXCEPT FOR SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES AND SCHOOL OF DENTAL SCIENCES)

Main Campus : Registration for New Student (26 - 28 September 2025) / \*\*Orientation Week (29 September - 04 October 2025)  
 Engineering Campus : Registration for New Student (28 September 2025) / \*\*Orientation Week (29 September - 04 October 2025)  
 Health Campus : Registration for New Student (30 September 2025) / \*\*Orientation Week (30 September - 04 October 2025)

SEM	WEEKS	ACTIVITIES	DATE	REMARKS	
ONE	1	Teaching & Learning (T&L 7 Weeks)	Monday, 06.10.2025 - Sunday, 12.10.2025		
	2		Monday, 13.10.2025 - Sunday, 19.10.2025		
	3		Monday, 20.10.2025 - Sunday, 26.10.2025	20.10.2025, Monday - Deepavali**	
	4		Monday, 27.10.2025 - Sunday, 02.11.2025		
	5		Monday, 03.11.2025 - Sunday, 09.11.2025		
	6		Monday, 10.11.2025 - Sunday, 16.11.2025		
	7		Monday, 17.11.2025 - Sunday, 23.11.2025		
	8	Mid Semester Break (1 Week)	Monday, 24.11.2025 - Sunday, 30.11.2025		
	9	Teaching & Learning (T&L 7 Weeks)	Monday, 01.12.2025 - Sunday, 07.12.2025		
	10		Monday, 08.12.2025 - Sunday, 14.12.2025		
	11		Monday, 15.12.2025 - Sunday, 21.12.2025		
	12		Monday, 22.12.2025 - Sunday, 28.12.2025	25.12.2025, Thursday - Christmas Day	
	13		Monday, 29.12.2025 - Sunday, 04.01.2026	01.01.2026, Thursday - New Year of 2025	
	14		Monday, 05.01.2026 - Sunday, 11.01.2026		
	15		Monday, 12.01.2026 - Sunday, 18.01.2026		
	16	Revision Week (1 Week)	Monday, 19.01.2026 - Sunday, 25.01.2026		
	17	Examination (3 Weeks)	Monday, 26.01.2026 - Sunday, 01.02.2026	01.02.2026, Sunday - Thaipusam	
	18		Monday, 02.02.2026 - Sunday, 08.02.2026	02.02.2026, Sunday - Replacement leave for Thaipusam (Main & Engineering Campus)	
	19		Monday, 09.02.2026 - Sunday, 15.02.2026		
	20	Mid Semester Break / Industrial Training (4 Weeks)	Monday, 16.02.2026 - Sunday, 22.02.2026	17 & 18.02.2026, Tuesday & Wednesday - Chinese New Year 19.02.2026, Thursday - 1st day of Ramadhan	
	21		Monday, 23.02.2026 - Sunday, 01.03.2026		
	22		Monday, 02.03.2026 - Sunday, 08.03.2026	07.03.2026, Saturday - Nizul Al-Quran	
	23		Monday, 09.03.2026 - Sunday, 15.03.2026		
TWO	24/1	Teaching & Learning (T&L 7 Weeks)	Monday, 16.03.2026 - Sunday, 22.03.2026	21.03.2026 & 22.03.2026, Saturday & Sunday - Eid al-Fitr**	
	25/2		Monday, 23.03.2026 - Sunday, 29.03.2026	23.03.2026, Monday - Replacement leave for Eid al-Fitr***	
	26/3		Monday, 30.03.2026 - Sunday, 05.04.2026		
	27/4		Monday, 06.04.2026 - Sunday, 12.04.2026		
	28/5		Monday, 13.04.2026 - Sunday, 19.04.2026		
	29/6		Monday, 20.04.2026 - Sunday, 26.04.2026		
	30/7		Monday, 27.04.2026 - Sunday, 03.05.2026	01.05.2026, Friday - Labour Day	
	31/8	Mid Semester Break (1 Week)	Monday, 04.05.2026 - Sunday, 10.05.2026		
	32/9	Teaching & Learning (T&L 7 Weeks)	Monday, 11.05.2026 - Sunday, 17.05.2026		
	33/10		Monday, 18.05.2026 - Sunday, 24.05.2026		
	34/11		Monday, 25.05.2026 - Sunday, 31.05.2026	27 & 28.05.2026, Wednesday & Thursday - Eid al-Adha** 31.05.2026, Sunday - Wesak Day	
	35/12		Monday, 01.06.2026 - Sunday, 07.06.2026	01.06.2026, Monday - Replacement leave for Wesak Day (Main & Engineering Campus) 01.06.2026, Monday - Yang di-Pertuan Agong's Birthday	
	36/13		Monday, 08.06.2026 - Sunday, 14.06.2026		
	37/14		Monday, 15.06.2026 - Sunday, 21.06.2026	17.06.2026, Wednesday - Awal Muharram	
	38/15		Monday, 22.06.2026 - Sunday, 28.06.2026		
	39/16	Revision Week (1 Week)	Monday, 29.06.2026 - Sunday, 05.07.2026		
	40/17	**Examination (2 Weeks)	Monday, 06.07.2026 - Sunday, 12.07.2026	07.07.2026, Tuesday - Georgetown World Heritage City Day 11.07.2026, Saturday - Penang Governor's Birthday	
	41/18	Examination (3 Weeks)	Monday, 13.07.2026 - Sunday, 19.07.2026		
	42/19		Monday, 20.07.2026 - Sunday, 26.07.2026		
	COURSES DURING LONG BREAK / SEMESTER BREAK	43/20	Long Semester Break / Industrial Training (10/11 Weeks)	Monday, 27.07.2026 - Sunday, 02.08.2026	
		44/21		Monday, 03.08.2026 - Sunday, 09.08.2026	
		45/22		Monday, 10.08.2026 - Sunday, 16.08.2026	
		46/23		Monday, 17.08.2026 - Sunday, 23.08.2026	
47/24		*T&L Monday, 24.08.2026 - Sunday, 30.08.2026		25.08.2026, Tuesday - Maulidur Rasul	
48/25		Monday, 31.08.2026 - Sunday, 06.09.2026	31.08.2026, Monday - National Day		
49/26		Examination Monday, 07.09.2026 - Sunday, 13.09.2026			
50/27		Monday, 14.09.2026 - Sunday, 20.09.2026	16.09.2026, Wednesday - Malaysia Day		
51/28		Monday, 21.09.2026 - Sunday, 27.09.2026	29 & 30.09.2026, Tuesday & Wednesday - Sultan of Kelantan's Birthday (Health Campus)		
52/29		Monday, 28.09.2026 - Sunday, 04.10.2026			

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	Malaysian (MYR)		International (USD)	
Registration fee				
Master of Public Administration	510.00		275.00	
Personal Bond	N/A		1000.00	
Convocation Fee	200.00		50.00	
	Malaysian (MYR)		International (USD)	
	Full Time/sem	Part Time/sem	Full Time/sem	Part Time/sem
<b>Master of Public Administration</b>	<b>23,100.00</b>		<b>8,800.00</b>	

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