FIELD OF STUDY

The Faculty of Human Ecology offers Master of Science and Ph.D Degree programme in the following fields:

Department of Resource Management and Consumer Studies:
- Consumer Science
- Family Economics and Management
- Gender and Development
- Housing Studies

Department of Human Development and Family Studies:
- Developmental Psychology
- Family Ecology
- Human Development
- Psychology of Child Development

Department of Social and Development Sciences:
- Community Development
- Social Psychology

Department of Government and Civilisation Studies:
- Philosophy and Civilisation Studies
- Politics and Government

Department of Music:
- Music

GENERAL COURSES

All fields of studies offer courses within the respective areas. However, common courses that cut across these programmes are on basic research methods such as: Research Method and Design, Social Statistics, Quantitative Research Method, Qualitative Research Method, and Interpretation of Research Data.

To meet special need of students that may not be catered for by courses that are outlined and offered in each of the programme below, a Special Topics course is also offered and this can be tailored to meet that purpose.

With approval by the student's supervisory committee/supervisors, students may also register for courses from other faculties within the university.
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
AND CONSUMER STUDIES:

FAMILY ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

Family Economics and Management focuses on studies related to poverty and well-being, family businesses and microenterprises, personal and family finances, gender, resource management and sustainability.

Some of the courses offered for the programme are:
- Concepts and Theories of Family Resource Management
- Economics of Ageing
- Decision Making Analysis
- Family Economic Analysis

GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

Gender and Development focuses on gender and its relations to class, ethnicity and sexual orientations with emphasis on diversified pattern of social and cultural changes.

Some of the courses offered for the programme are:
- Analysis of Work and Family Interaction
- Gender Theories
- Gender Issue and Human Development

HOUSING STUDIES

Housing studies emphasizes housing as the basic needs in quality human capital development with a focus on the role of housing planning and housing design effect on the behaviour and interaction amongst occupants and their environment.

Some of the courses offered for the programme are:
- Housing and Social Environment
- Housing Theories
- Housing Economics and Policies
- Land Issues and Housing

CONSUMER SCIENCE

Consumer Science integrates various disciplines with emphasis on the formulation and application of theories in understanding consumer behavior by taking into account lifestyles, changing environment and the local culture.

Some of the courses offered for the programme are:
- Consumer Behavior and Sustainable Consumption
- Evaluation of Service Quality
- Consumer Science Approach and Theories
- Personal Financial Management
- Consumption Economics
- Product Quality Evaluation
- Decision Making Analysis
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
AND FAMILY STUDIES:

**FAMILY ECOLOGY**

This field focuses on the relationship of individuals and families with their bio-psycho-socio-physical and cultural environments. The programme uses developmental, interaction and ecological orientation to provide a holistic and multi-disciplinary understanding of family issues and challenges.

Some of the courses offered for the programme are:
- Advanced Marriage and Family Counseling
- Ecology of Parenting
- Analysis of Marital and Family Relationships
- Family Gerontology
- Contemporary Families
- Family Theory
- Development and Evaluation of Family Programmes
- Family Violence
- Divorce and Remarriage Interventions
- Sociology of Ageing

**DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY**

This field focuses on changes and development across human lifespan. Developmental psychology covers affective, cognitive and behavioral dimensions. Interaction between individual and environment across various stages of human life will also be emphasized.

Some of the courses offered for the programme are:
- Development Psychopathology
- Theories of Developmental Psychology
- Measurement and Assessment in Developmental Psychology
- Personality Development

**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

This field of study focuses on an in-depth understanding of human development. The programme encompasses application of theories, research methods and analyses of main aspects of human development that contribute towards improving quality of life. The framework of reference used is the human ecosystem that represents the interaction and transaction within and between elements in various contexts of the environment.

Some of the courses offered for the programme are:
- The Ecology of Family Across Lifespan
- Human Development Theories
- Economic Analysis of Human Development
- Society and Culture
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT SCIENCES:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This field of study focuses on various theories, approaches and practices in the field of community development.

Some of the courses offered for the programme are:
- Organisational Networking in Community Development
- Community Development Perspectives
- Community Development in Developing Countries
- Community Empowerment

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

This field of study focuses on analytical skills in the application of theories and model in Social Psychology.

Some of the courses offered for the programme are:
- Intergroup Relations
- Social Cognition
- Personality and Culture
- Theories of Social Psychology
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AND CIVILISATION STUDIES:

PHILOSOPHY AND CIVILISATION STUDIES

This field of study focuses on analytical skills in the application of theories and models in Philosophy and Civilisation Studies.

Some of the courses offered for the programme are:
- Comparative Religion
- The History of Human Civilisation
- Globalisation and the Modern Society
- Ideas in Cultural and Civilisational Studies

POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

This field of study focuses on the analytical skills in the application of theories and models in politics and government, especially in the fields of elections, political behavior and culture, ethnic relations and relations between nations.

Some of the courses offered for the programme are:
- Ethnicity, Nationalism and Globalisation
- Theories & Philosophy of Politics
- Political Culture and Socialisation
- Public Administration

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC:

MUSIC

This field of study focuses on the application of theories and research in the various fields of music through creative approaches and research in cross and inter disciplinary.

Some of the courses offered for the programme are:
- Analysis of Compositional Styles
- Contemporary Perspective in Music Psychology and Sociology
- Applicative Musicology
- Creative Music Experiences with the Elderly
MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

a) Admission Requirement:

- A Bachelor’s Degree in related field of study with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of at least 2.75 or its equivalent.

- A CGPA of less than 2.75 but not below 2.50 may be admitted subject to rigorous internal evaluation with relevant working experience of not less than five (5) years.

Master Degree Programme is also eligible for:

- An applicant with a good scholastic achievement in the Bachelor degree or its equivalent (subject to specific programme requirements).

- An applicant without sufficient academic qualification but possessing evidence of adequate related research or work experience.

- A student in the final semester of undergraduate study may apply for provisional admission provided his current CGPA meets the programme requirements.

b) Credit Requirement:

All postgraduate candidates must take Research Methodology or any Research Method course (in compulsory, elective or audit status), one (1) credit hour Seminar (Research Proposal) (SPS5903) and the Master Research (SPS5999).

c) Thesis:

Master students are required to register for Master Research (SPS5999) as partial fulfillment of the programme. This course is a research project that will be undertaken by the students under the supervision of a supervisory committee that must comprise of at least two (2) academic staffs.

- Students are encouraged to present their research proposals before embarking on their research, especially data collection where relevant. This presentation is usually arranged through their respective supervisory committee.

- The thesis will be examined and a viva voce will be held to determine students’ competence in their chosen field of study.
Ph.D DEGREE PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

a) Admission Requirement:
- A recognised Master’s degree in a related field.
- An applicant with a Master degree or its equivalent.
- A student who has submitted his Master’s thesis for examination may apply for provisional admission.

b) Credit Requirement:
All postgraduate candidates must take Research Methodology or any Research Method course (in compulsory, elective or audit status), one (1) credit hour Seminar (Research Proposal) (SPS6903) and the Doctoral Research (SPS6999).

*Students who have already taken the Research Methodology or related courses are eligible for exemption

c) Comprehensive Examination:
All doctoral candidates must take their Comprehensive Examination (CE) not later than fifth (5th) semester (candidates are only allowed to sit for CE after they passed Research Proposal (SPS6903)).

d) Thesis:
- Doctoral candidates are required to register for Doctoral Research (SPS6999) as partial fulfillment of the programme. This is a research project that will be undertaken by candidates under the supervision of a supervisory committee that comprises of at least three (3) academic staffs.
- All candidates are encouraged to present their research proposals before embarking on their research especially those that involve field data collection.
- The thesis will be examined and a viva voce will be held to determine students’ competence in their chosen field of study.
## FEES

### SOCIAL SCIENCE CLUSTER PROGRAMMES WITH THESIS
#### (BY RESEARCH)

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2. If you have resubmitted your thesis, your thesis re-submission fees are **RM 1,500**.

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2. If you have resubmitted your thesis, your thesis re-submission fees are **RM 2,250**.

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Note:
1. The fee amount is subject to change from time to time **WITHOUT** prior notice by the University. Prospective and current students are advised to check the SGS website for any fee changes not earlier than one (1) month before the start of each semester/new students’ registration. All fees must be paid upon registration.
2. During registration week, students are required to pay the basic fee in **FULL** **BEFORE** registering. Cash payments can be made at any CIMB Bank branch, and the receipt must be furnished at registration. Credit card or bank card payments can only be made at the registration counter.
The School of Graduate Studies, after more than 20 years since its establishment in 1993, maintains its key role as the service centre for all matters related to graduate studies. The school is a community of academic and support staff who are passionate about continually building on our strengths to help create an environment that is conducive to the overall postgraduate experience.

Our international status can be seen in the number of international students who chose UPM as their preferred university for postgraduate education and research. That we currently attract students from more than 80 countries around the world also attests to our success in making UPM a university of international standing, in line with the university’s vision.

Our biggest achievements are in the increased postgraduate student population, and in the improved quality of research projects that are conducted at UPM. The key to our success lies in our relentless efforts towards excellence in academic training and research, both for our students and our academics.

We believe that it is in our commitment to excellence, and investment in continuous pursuits of knowledge and research, that UPM can truly make a substantial contribution to nation building and technological advancements, to serve not only the nation, but also the world.
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