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WHY CHOOSE HELP ODL?

HELP University's Open and Distance Learning (ODL) programmes are designed for learners who want to advance their qualifications without putting their careers, family commitments or personal responsibilities on hold.

Through flexible online learning, students can study from anywhere while receiving structured academic guidance, access to learning resources and support from experienced academics.

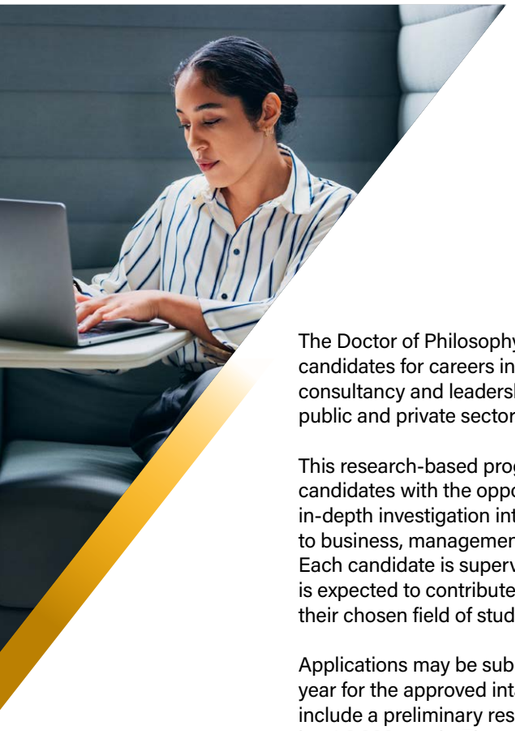
The programmes are designed to provide both flexibility and academic rigour, allowing learners to progress at a pace that suits their professional and personal schedules.

HELP ODL offers programmes across business, education, communication, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, cyber law and doctoral research. Each programme is structured for online delivery, enabling students to complete coursework and assessments and participate in academic interactions remotely.

With a strong focus on practical knowledge, critical thinking and future-ready skills, HELP ODL prepares learners to apply what they learn directly in their workplace and professional practice.

Whether you are looking to advance your career, change direction, strengthen your expertise or pursue lifelong learning, HELP ODL gives you the flexibility and support to move forward with confidence.

ELMGS
(Entrepreneurship, Leadership and Management Graduate School)



DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

(N/-DL/0410/8/0015) (01/31) (MQA/PA17051)

The Doctor of Philosophy programme prepares candidates for careers in academia, research, consultancy and leadership roles across the public and private sectors.

This research-based programme provides candidates with the opportunity to conduct an in-depth investigation into specific issues related to business, management and entrepreneurship. Each candidate is supervised individually and is expected to contribute original knowledge to their chosen field of study.

Applications may be submitted throughout the year for the approved intakes. Applicants must include a preliminary research proposal of at least 2,000 words. The proposal will be assessed to determine the applicant's research readiness, potential scholarly contribution and suitability for supervision within ELMGS's research areas.

The preliminary proposal should include the proposed title, research background, purpose of the study, research questions, significance of the study, preliminary literature outline, proposed research approach and expected time frame.

Intakes

January, July

Course Requirement and Duration

This is a research-based PhD programme conducted under regular academic supervision. Candidates are required to submit and orally defend their research proposal, conduct independent research, complete and submit a thesis of at least 70,000 words and pass the final thesis examination and viva voce.

Full-time: Minimum 3 years, maximum 5 years
Part-time: Minimum 4 years, maximum 8 years

Assessment Mode

Assessment is based on thesis examination and oral defence. The thesis will be examined by at least one internal examiner and and one external examiner. Additional examiners may be appointed for multidisciplinary theses or where required.

Course Admission Criteria

Applicants must fulfil one of the following:

- A Master's degree, Level 7 MQF, in a related field; or
- A Master's degree, Level 7 MQF, in a non-related field, subject to relevant work experience and rigorous internal assessment; or
- A Master's degree, Level 7 MQF, in a non-related field without relevant work experience, subject to passing prerequisite courses; or
- Other qualifications equivalent to a Master's degree, Level 7 MQF, recognised by the Government of Malaysia.

English Competency Requirement for International Students

International students must achieve a minimum of MUET Band 4, CEFR Mid B2, IELTS 6.0 or an equivalent English proficiency qualification.

Preliminary Research Proposal

Applicants are required to submit a preliminary research proposal and attend a personal interview with a faculty member before admission is confirmed. Admission is subject to the availability of suitable supervision and resources within ELMGS's research focus areas.

Publication Requirement

A minimum of one (1) article accepted for publication in a journal indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science.

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

(R2-DL/0414/7/0144) (04/33) (MQA/FA8009)

The Master of Business Administration, delivered through ODL, provides a flexible study pathway for working adults, business owners and professionals who wish to pursue postgraduate business education without disrupting their work or personal commitments.

Fully accredited by MQA, the MBA ODL mirrors the conventional MBA in academic content and standards, while offering the convenience of online learning. It is suitable for learners in Malaysia and overseas, including international candidates who do not need to be physically present in Malaysia or obtain a student visa to complete the programme.

The programme is delivered by experienced academics and supported by industry practitioners. It is designed to strengthen learners' competence, confidence and competitiveness in employment, leadership and business environments.

Students will build a strong foundation in general management, including accounting, economics, finance, human resource management, entrepreneurship, operations, analytics, leadership, strategy, ethics and marketing.

Intakes

January, May, August

Course Requirement and Duration

The programme consists of 11 coursework subjects and a capstone project paper. It is offered across three 14-week semesters each year.

Students who enrol in and complete four courses in successive semesters may complete the programme in a minimum of 1 year. The maximum candidature period is 5 years.

Assessment Mode

Assessment comprises continuous assessment, including assignments, and a final assessment. The typical weighting is 50% continuous assessment and 50% final assessment, subject to variation as approved by the Academic Board.

Course Admission Criteria

Applicants must fulfil one of the following:

- A Bachelor's degree, MQF Level 6, in a related field with a minimum CGPA of 2.50; or
- A Bachelor's degree in a related field with a minimum CGPA of 2.00, subject to rigorous internal assessment; or
- A Bachelor's degree in a non-related field with a minimum CGPA of 2.00 and relevant work experience, subject to rigorous internal assessment; or
- A Bachelor's degree in a non-related field with a minimum CGPA of 2.00 and without relevant work experience, subject to passing prerequisite studies in business and management; or
- Other related qualifications equivalent to a Bachelor's degree recognised by the Malaysian Government.

Malaysian non-degree holders with at least a diploma or an STPM qualification may apply through MQA Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning, APEL.A, where applicable.

English Competency Requirement for International Students

International applicants must meet the English language requirement of MUET Band 4, CEFR Mid B2, IELTS 6.0 or an equivalent qualification.

Core Courses

- Accounting for Managerial Decisions
- Business Economics
- Corporate Finance
- Global Human Resource Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Research Methods
- Leadership and Organisational Behaviour
- Operations Management and Analytics
- Strategic Management
- Marketing Management
- Business Ethics
- Capstone Project Paper



FACULTY OF COMPUTING AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY



DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

(N-DL/0610/8/0007) (07/32) (MQA/PA18346)

The Doctor of Philosophy programme in Computing is designed for candidates who wish to conduct advanced research in information and communication technologies, including artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data science, health informatics and emerging interdisciplinary areas.

The programme develops researchers who are able to generate original knowledge, apply rigorous research methods and contribute to the advancement of computing and digital technology. Candidates will work under academic supervision and are expected to address complex problems through independent research.

Programme Aims

The programme aims to:

- Develop highly qualified computing researchers who can contribute to new knowledge in computing and related fields.
- Enable doctoral scholars to conduct rigorous and original research with theoretical and practical significance.
- Prepare research leaders who can identify new opportunities, establish new ideas and contribute to the development of future computing professionals.

Graduate Outcomes

Upon successful completion, graduates will be able to:

- Conduct independent and original research that contributes significant new knowledge to the field of computing.
- Apply advanced research methods, critical analysis and scholarly inquiry.
- Solve complex and multidisciplinary problems using computational approaches.
- Communicate research findings effectively and contribute to academic, industry and professional communities.

Intake

Rolling admission (throughout the year)

Duration

Full-time: Minimum 3 years, maximum 5 years
Part-time: Minimum 4 years, maximum 8 years

Assessment Mode

Coursework and dissertation

Course Admission Criteria

Applicants must fulfil one of the following:

- A Master's degree, Level 7 MQF, in Computing or related fields as accepted by the HEP Senate; or
- A Master's degree, Level 7 MQF, in non-Computing fields with at least five years of work experience in Computing or related fields, subject to prerequisite courses as determined by the HEP; or
- A Master's degree, Level 7 MQF, in non-Computing fields with less than five years of work experience in Computing or related fields, subject to rigorous assessment to identify appropriate prerequisite courses; or
- Other qualifications equivalent to a Master's degree, Level 7 MQF, in Computing or related fields recognised by the Government of Malaysia.

English Competency Requirement for International Students

International students must achieve a minimum of MUET Band 4, IELTS 6.0 or CEFR Mid B2 equivalent.

Core Courses

- Research Methodology
- Thesis

Assessment includes assignments, reports, thesis work, presentations and viva voce. Students' research progress will be monitored regularly to support students' research development.

Publication Requirement

A minimum of one (1) article accepted for publication in a journal indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science.



FACULTY OF COMPUTING AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

MASTER IN CYBERSECURITY

(N-DL/0613/7/0056) (07/30) (MQA/PA18340)

The Master in Cybersecurity is designed to meet the growing demand for professionals who can protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data, systems and digital infrastructure.

The programme equips students with knowledge of cybersecurity principles, technologies, threat analysis, incident response, risk management, legal and regulatory issues, and practical approaches to solving security challenges.

Graduates will be prepared to apply cybersecurity knowledge in organisational settings, support secure digital operations and contribute to research, innovation and professional practice in the field.

Programme Aims

The programme aims to:
- Provide comprehensive knowledge of cybersecurity principles and technologies.
- Develop technical skills in threat analysis, incident response and risk management.
- Strengthen critical and analytical thinking for solving cybersecurity challenges.
- Build awareness of ethics, law and regulatory requirements.
- Provide practical learning through case studies, simulations and projects.
- Encourage lifelong learning and adaptability to emerging technologies.
- Develop a global perspective on cybersecurity standards and solutions.
- Inspire research and innovation in cybersecurity.

Intakes

January, April, July, October

The programme consists of 8 modules delivered across 15-week semesters.

Full-time: Minimum 1 year, maximum 3 years
Part-time: Minimum 2 years, maximum 5 years

Assessment Mode

100% coursework

Course Admission Criteria

Applicants must fulfil one of the following:
- A Bachelor's degree, Level 6 MQF, in Computing or related fields with a minimum CGPA of 2.50, as accepted by the HEP Senate; or
- A Bachelor's degree, Level 6 MQF, in Computing or related fields with a minimum CGPA of 2.00 but below 2.50, subject to rigorous assessment; or
- A Bachelor's degree, Level 6 MQF, in a non-Computing field with a minimum CGPA of 2.00, subject to rigorous assessment to identify appropriate prerequisite courses equivalent to work experience in Computing or related fields; or
- A Bachelor's degree, Level 6 MQF, in a non-Computing field with a minimum CGPA of 2.00, subject to appropriate prerequisite courses; or
- Other qualifications equivalent to a Bachelor's degree, Level 6 MQF, in Computing or related fields recognised by the Government of Malaysia, subject to the relevant requirements above; or
- Admission through Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning for Access, APEL.A, where applicable.

English Competency Requirement for International Students

International students must achieve a minimum of MUET Band 4, IELTS 6.0 or CEFR Low B2 equivalent. Students who do not meet the requirement may need to complete English proficiency courses as determined by the HEP.

Core Courses
- Cybersecurity Fundamentals
- Research Methodology
- Network Security and Cryptography
- Ethical Hacking and Penetration Testing
- Advanced Digital Forensics
- Project Report

Elective

Choose one:
- Applied Programming
- Data Management

Choose one:
- Applied Statistics
- Advanced Machine Learning



FACULTY OF COMPUTING AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

MASTER IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

(N-DL/0613/7/0057) (07/30) (MQA/PA18347)

The Master in Artificial Intelligence is designed for working professionals, career switchers and lifelong learners who want to develop advanced knowledge and practical skills in AI through a flexible online learning format.

Through online lectures, interactive resources, virtual collaboration and guided self-paced learning, students will build competencies in machine learning, data intelligence, natural language processing, computer vision and AI system development.

Graduates will be prepared to design, develop and evaluate intelligent systems, apply AI responsibly across industries and support organisational transformation through data-driven and intelligent solutions.

Graduate Outcomes

Upon successful completion, graduates will be able to:
- Design, develop and deploy AI solutions for contemporary challenges.
- Apply advanced AI methods and techniques in practical and professional contexts.
- Communicate complex AI ideas effectively to diverse stakeholders.
- Demonstrate ethical awareness, a commitment to lifelong learning and adaptability in the fast-changing field of AI.

Intakes

January, April, July, October

Course Requirement and Duration

The programme consists of 8 modules delivered across 15-week semesters.

Full-time: Minimum 1 year, maximum 3 years
Part-time: Minimum 2 years, maximum 5 years

Assessment Mode

100% coursework

Course Admission Criteria

Applicants must fulfil one of the following:
- A Bachelor's degree, Level 6 MQF, in Artificial Intelligence, Computing, Science, Technology or Engineering with a minimum CGPA of 2.50; or
- A Bachelor's degree, Level 6 MQF, in Artificial Intelligence, Computing, Science, Technology or Engineering with a minimum CGPA of 2.00 but below 2.50, subject to rigorous assessment; or
- A Bachelor's degree, Level 6 MQF, in Artificial Intelligence, Computing, Science, Technology or Engineering with a minimum CGPA of 2.00, subject to rigorous assessment to identify appropriate prerequisite courses equivalent to work experience in AI or related fields; or
- A Bachelor's degree, Level 6 MQF, in a non-AI, non-Computing, non-Science, non-Technology or non-Engineering field with a minimum CGPA of 2.50, subject to rigorous assessment and appropriate prerequisite courses; or
- A Bachelor's degree, Level 6 MQF, in a non-AI or non-Computing field with relevant work experience, subject to rigorous assessment to identify appropriate prerequisite courses; or
- A Bachelor's degree, Level 6 MQF, in a non-Computing field with a minimum CGPA of 2.00, subject to completing two prerequisite courses: Programming Fundamentals and Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence; or
- Other qualifications equivalent to a Bachelor's degree, Level 6 MQF, recognised by the Government of Malaysia, subject to the relevant requirements above.

English Competency Requirement for International Students

International students must achieve a minimum of MUET Band 4, IELTS 6.0 or CEFR Low B2 equivalent. Students who do not meet the requirement need to complete English proficiency courses as determined by the HEP.

Core Courses
- Applied Programming
- Natural Language Processing
- Deep Learning for Computer Vision
- Advanced Machine Learning
- Research Methodology
- Project Report

Electives

Choose one:
- Ethics and Cybersecurity
- Network Security and Cryptography

Choose one:
- Applied Statistics
- Data Management



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND ENGLISH



MASTER OF EDUCATION (TEACHING AND LEARNING)

(N-DL/0110/7/0020) (08/33) (MQA/PA19177)

The Master of Education in Teaching and Learning is designed to enhance professional competence, deepen educational knowledge and expand career opportunities for educators and professionals involved in teaching, training and learning development.

The programme equips learners with knowledge, skills and digital competencies to make teaching and learning more effective, engaging and responsive to contemporary educational needs.

It recognises education as a broad and evolving field shaped by culture, society, history, policy and practice. Students will explore educational philosophies, values, literacy traditions, policies, regulations, systems and teaching practices that influence educational settings.

Through the flexibility of ODL, learners can pursue postgraduate education while balancing professional and personal commitments. The integration of educational technology and digital learning prepares graduates to contribute meaningfully to twenty-first-century education.

Intakes

January, May, August

Course Requirement and Duration

11 subjects, including Practicum and Research Inquiry

Full-time: 1.5 years to 3 years
Part-time: 2.5 years to 4 years

Assessment Mode

Continuous and final assessments

Course Admission Criteria

Applicants must fulfil one of the following:

- A Bachelor's degree in Education, Level 6 MQF, with a minimum CGPA of 2.50 or its equivalent as accepted by the HEP Senate; or
- A Bachelor's degree in Education with a minimum CGPA of 2.50, subject to rigorous internal assessment; or
- A Bachelor's degree with a minimum CGPA of 2.50, subject to prerequisite courses; or
- A Bachelor's degree with a minimum CGPA of 2.50, subject to rigorous internal assessment and prerequisite courses; or
- Other relevant equivalent qualifications recognised by the Malaysian Government.

Applicants must achieve MUET or any English competency test equivalent to CEFR Low B1.

English Competency Requirement for International Students

Applicants with a foreign bachelor's degree must achieve an IELTS score of 5.5 or an equivalent qualification, in addition to a GPA of 2.5. Applicants with a bachelor's degree in a discipline other than Education with less than one year of teaching experience are required to complete a bridging programme.

Subjects

All modules must be completed:

- Foundations of Education
- Curriculum and Pedagogy
- Educational Technology and Digital Innovation in Learning
- Teaching of Language and Literature
- Teaching of Mathematics and Science
- Teaching of Social Studies and Environment
- Educational Research Methodology
- Educational Management and Leadership
- Business and Entrepreneurship in Educational Contexts
- Research Inquiry in Education Settings
- Practicum

FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION, MEDIA AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES



MASTER IN COMMUNICATION AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

(N-DL/0323/7/0028) (07/31) (MQA/PA19179)

The Master in Communication and Creative Industries is designed for aspiring leaders, strategists, content creators and industry professionals who want to advance their expertise in communication, media and the creative sectors.

The programme equips students with advanced knowledge, critical insight and practical skills to navigate changing media landscapes, digital transformation, branding, content production, audience engagement and creative industry development.

Through a research-informed and practice-oriented approach, students will learn to apply communication theories, creative strategies and emerging technologies to address real-world challenges in local, regional and global contexts.

Programme Aims

The programme aims to:

- Develop skilled communication and creative industry professionals who can respond to complex media and industry changes.
- Enable students to apply advanced theories, research methods and strategic thinking to communication and creative industry challenges.
- Cultivate innovative leaders who can drive creativity, collaboration and sustainable growth across the communication and creative sectors.

Graduate Outcomes

Upon successful completion, graduates will be able to:

- Lead projects, teams and organisations in communication, media and creative industry settings.
- Develop effective communication strategies, creative content and industry solutions.
- Use research and analysis to support strategic decision-making.
- Communicate and collaborate with diverse stakeholders.
- Uphold professional ethics, social responsibility and intercultural awareness.

Intakes

January, May, August

Duration

Full-time: 1 year
Part-time: 3 years

Assessment Mode

Coursework

Course Admission Criteria

Applicants must fulfil one of the following:

- A Bachelor's degree, Level 6 MQF, in Media and Communication with a minimum CGPA of 2.50, as accepted by the HEP Senate; or
- A Bachelor's degree, Level 6 MQF, in Media and Communication with a minimum CGPA of 2.00 but below 2.50, subject to rigorous internal assessment; or
- Any other Bachelor's degree, Level 6 MQF, in a non-Media and Communication field with a minimum CGPA of 2.00, subject to rigorous internal assessment and prerequisite courses determined by the HEP; or
- Other qualifications equivalent to a Bachelor's degree, Level 6 MQF, in Media and Communication or related fields recognised by the Government of Malaysia, subject to rigorous internal assessment.

English Competency Requirement for International Students

International applicants must meet the English-language requirement of MUET Band 4, CEFR Mid B2, IELTS 6.0 or an equivalent qualification.

Core Courses

- Designing Innovative Concepts
- Inventing Brands of the Future
- Issues in New Media
- Research Methods for Communication and Media
- Ethics and Responsibility in the Creative Industry
- Technology, New Media and Development
- The Video Game World
- Data Intelligence for Creative Content
- Digital Transformation in the Creative Industry
- Research Project

FACULTY OF LAW AND GOVERNMENT



MASTER OF CYBER LAW

(N-DL/0421/7/0019) (07/31) (MQA/PA19178)

The Master of Cyber Law is designed to meet the growing demand for legal professionals and related practitioners who can navigate the complex and rapidly changing digital landscape.

Delivered through ODL, the programme provides a flexible study pathway for working professionals, legal practitioners, government officers, corporate executives and international learners who wish to pursue advanced legal education without being limited by location or fixed study schedules.

Students may choose from two delivery options. The conventional semester-based mode delivers courses over 15-week semesters across three semesters each academic year. The modular mode delivers courses through five block sessions, with each module offered over an extensive 10-week period.

Both pathways cover the same academic content and learning outcomes and lead to the same qualification, allowing students to select the study format that best fits their personal and professional commitments.

Intake

February, May, October

Course Requirement and Duration

Students are required to complete 10 coursework subjects, including a project paper.

The programme may be completed through either:

- Conventional semester-based mode, offered across three 15-week semesters per year; or
- Modular mode, offered through five block sessions with each module delivered over 10 weeks.

Full-time: Minimum 1 year, maximum 3 years
Part-time: Minimum 2 years, maximum 5 years

Assessment Mode

- Continuous assessment: 50% to 80%, subject to variation as approved by the Academic Board
- Final assessment: 20% to 50%, subject to variation as approved by the Academic Board

Course Admission Criteria

Applicants must fulfil one of the following:

- A Bachelor's degree in Law or Shariah with a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 2.50 out of 4.0 or an equivalent qualification as accepted by the HEP Senate; or
- A Bachelor's degree in Law or Shariah with a CGPA below 2.50 out of 4.0 or its equivalent qualification, subject to a minimum of 5 years of working experience.

For a Master's degree for specialised LLM, applicants without a Bachelor of Laws can be considered, provided they have a degree and experience in the related fields of study.

English Competency Requirement for International Students

International students must achieve a minimum of MUET Band 4, TOEFL score of 600, online TOEFL score of 100, IELTS 6.0 or an equivalent qualification.

Core Courses

- Legal Research and Methodology
- Fundamentals of Cyber Law in Malaysia
- Digital Copyright and Intellectual Property in Cyberspace
- Ethical and Legal Implications of AI
- Data Governance and Privacy Regulations
- Cybercrime and Legal Frameworks in Cyberspace
- Digital Evidence and Cyber Law
- Internet Tort Law
- Cyber Law and Constitutional Rights
- E-Commerce Law
- Consumer Protection Law
- Social Media and Law
- Cyber Law Research Project



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