

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES, ARTS AND HERITAGE

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INTRODUCTION

The Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage (FKWS) is a term coined by the Vice Chancellor of the Universiti of Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Professor Datuk Mohd Harun Abdullah, in commemoration of UMS' 20th anniversary. It is a merger of the School of Arts and Social Sciences. The faculty offers ten specialized programmes namely Communication, Industrial Relations, Sociology & Social Anthropology, Creative Arts, International Relations, Visual Art Technology, Music Arts, Geography, History, and Islamic Studies. The lectures and tutorials are integrated based on modules designed by experienced academician in their respective fields.

The Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage is a multi-disciplinary research center that focuses on teaching, learning, and research in various areas, designed to produce graduates to be competent with positive attitude and skillful in their respective field. The interaction of students from different cultures and religious background contribute to the development of religious tolerance, a cultured society, and ultimately will lead to a developed country. The faculty offers courses which are designed specifically to take into account human factors, social, environmental, and the latest technology in order to produce professionals and intellectuals in the field of arts and social sciences. The dedicated faculty's management is determined to make FKSW a premier education center for undergraduate and postgraduate students. The strategic location of UMS in Borneo with its diverse cultural heritage, creates a huge potentials for research and explorations in the field of social sciences and the performing arts.

VISION

The Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage (FKSW) vision is to support, generate and sustain knowledge in the humanities and social sciences in local and global arena.

MISSION

The Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage (FKSW) mission is to generate excellence in the interdisciplinary knowledge of the humanities and social sciences, by strengthening intellectual and soft skills in order to produce professional human resources who can compete at the global level.

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OBJECTIVES

- To broaden the knowledge of humanities which include the field of arts and social science, through an all-inclusive teaching and learning approach which utilizes the latest technological trends to produce holistic graduates.
- Produce a group of experts in all areas of Social Sciences and Arts, who are able to offer specialist services and consultation.
- To produce professional work force for the relevant fields. To foster strategic relations between the faculty with the industries as well community.
- Strengthen the relationship and academic cooperation in the field of social sciences and arts with other Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the country and abroad.
- Implement standards that are recognized by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA); and acquire an assessment from experts within and outside the country.

PROGRAMMES

There are four degree programmes offered at this faculty namely; the Bachelor of Social Science with honors; Bachelor of Arts with Honours; Bachelor of Visual Technology with Honours; and Bachelor of Islamic Studies with Honours. Below are the following specializations:

HA02 COMMUNICATIONS

This program offers a theoretical, empirical and communication with a special focus on production, representation and reception patterns and practices in Malaysia. Courses introduce students to various media products and genres and engage them in the deconstruction of media discourses and narratives. Students are also introduced to issues pertaining to media policies, media control and regulation as well as the globalization of the media and the new media and its impact in terms of culture, politics and economy towards the society at large. The program offers specialization to students in the field of journalism and broadcasting as well as public relations and advertising in addition to complement students with skills in writing, production and critical thinking.

Career Prospects

Academician, Campaign Director, Corporate Communication, Public Relations Officer, Journalist, Broadcast Journalist, Radio Announcer, News Reader, Radio & Television Producer, Advertising Executives. content provider

HA05 MUSIC

The music program offers both theoretical and practical courses that include the Classical Music Module, the Popular Music Module, the Traditional Music Module, the Contemporary Music Module and the Non-Popular Music Module. Aside from a focus on the performance and composition, this program also offers a variety of other courses related to the music industry such as Music

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Business and Technology, Liberal Music and Information Technology and Music. Sampling and Music Arrangement is also offered to the students enrolled in this program. Besides absorbing production knowledge, the students are taught how to analyse and encouraged to be pioneers in composition through a study of the issues related to the music industry.

Career Prospects

Song writers, film scorers, jingle writers, orchestra music conductors, chamber music conductors, music producers, music therapists, music librarians, sound engineers, recording studio technicians, digital audio editors, music synthesizer, session musicians, vocalists, back-up singers, consumer analysts, music business consultants, lyricists.

HA11 CREATIVE ARTS

The Creative Arts program consists of three streams, namely writing, theater and dance. The courses offered are arts, film, dance and performing arts including arts management. In addition to offering basic courses for all streams, students are equipped with basic theoretical knowledge and have the opportunity to practice internally with the aim of building students' skills and appearance in the arts. The program also prepares students for job market prospects with additional knowledge such as the basics of media use, animation design, studio and theater studios, art upgrades and artists.

Career Prospects

Biographical Writing, Screenwriting, Screenplay, Editorial, Documentary, Songwriter, Drama, Columnist, Script Editor or Sub-editor, Book Reviewer, News Reader, Press Journalist, Mass Media Journalist, Top Magazine Reporter, Novelist, Publisher, Officer Media Publisher, Advertising Account Executive, Media Marketing Officer, Media Executive, Arts Officer, Performing Arts Producer, Event Manager, Stage Manager, Production Manager, Art Marketing Executive, Lecturer and Coach of Writing, Visual Arts and Performing Arts, Fashion Designers, Dance Therapists, Choreographers, Artists, Planners, Performing Arts Directors, Cultural Servants, Actors.

HA12 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

This program introduces students to the relationships among employers, employees and government based on interpersonal and This program introduces students to the relationships amongst employers, employees and the government based on interpersonal and inter-organizational approaches. Students will also focus in multi-disciplinary courses such as labour law, labour history, labour migration, industrial sociology, industrial democracy, political economy in the context of industrial relations, employee safety and health, human resource management, compensation management, employee management information systems, and employment relations practices in formal and informal sectors. In addition, the courses will also cover trade union issues, the dynamics of current employment relations, strategic negotiation and dispute resolution. Consequently, the career prospects for the program graduates may include, but are not limited to, careers in academia, labour law enforcement, industrial relations, training and safety of workers in the public sector. Meanwhile for the private sector, our graduates will have promising career prospects in the domain of human resource administration and labour negotiation.

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Career Prospects

Industrial Relations Officer, Human Resource Manager / Executive, Administrative Officer, Academician, Occupational Safety Officer
Labour Management Consultant.

HA14 SOCIOLOGY & SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

This programme introduces students to the social issues by using the main concepts, theories, methodologies and research in the disciplines of sociology and social anthropology. The programme offers courses such as an Introduction of Anthropology, an Introduction of Sociology, Urban Anthropology, Rural Sociology, Ethnic Relations, Industrial Sociology, Family Systems, Structure and Organization of Power, Social Inequality, Society and Religion, Development and Environment, Society and Economics, Environmental Sociology, Gender Issues, Borneo Ethnography, Theory and Method in Ethnomusicology, Sociology of Complex Organizations, Sociology of Tourism, Sociology of Migration, as well as Research Methodology and Data Analysis.

Career Prospects

Lecturer, Administrator, Politician, District Officer, Social Research Officer, Curator.

HA15 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The forces of globalization are generating profound effects on many spheres of economic, social and political activity. The program contains a combination of theoretical and empirical analysis, with opportunities to examine historical as well as contemporary issues and developments in world politics. Courses include international political economy, international public law, international trade, regional politics and security studies.

Career Prospects

Administrative and Diplomatic Officers, Security Analysts, Consultants International Crisis Research Fellow, Lecturer, Public Administration Officer, International economic consultants and public relations officer.

HA18 GEOGRAPHY

The programme offers courses that are related to the study of geography which include physical geography, human geography, urban geography, economy geography, population and settlement environment, land management and planning, cartography and graphic. This program emphasizes towards technology advancement for all geographic applications through Geographic Information System (GIS) and Remote Sensing using computers, software and satellite data.

Career Prospects

Officer / Assistant Researcher, Consultant, Geographic Information Systems Analyst, Remote sensing analyst, Trainer, Planning Officer, Meteorological Officer, Geospatialist.

HA24 HISTORY

The History programme offers courses that provide students the insights and understanding of the world that we live in. The focus of this program is on Malaysian history, starting from the Sultanate of Malacca to the political development of the 1990s. Emphasis is also given on Malay histeography, socio-economic history and the history of Sabah and Sarawak. Besides, the program also introduces students with the history of various regions which include the Middle East, Latin America, United States, Europe, East Asia and Australasia.

Career Prospects

Administrative Officer, Researcher in the Department of Archives /Museum, Researcher in the Department of Archives / Museum, Trainer

HA32 VISUAL ARTS

Visual Arts Technology Programme is tailored to provide a comprehensive knowledge on visual arts through theoretical and practical practices through a series of carefully designed courses. The educational approach of the program emphasized on the theoretical and practical aspect in providing well balanced knowledge through learning and research process. The theoretical aspect covers studies on media research, history, appreciation, interpretation, and aesthetic, and art criticism. The practical aspect focuses on the exploration of new media and technology, mastery of medium and application of relevant techniques in the studios and fieldwork. Both theory and practical aspects come with management elements that will produce a generation of students who will fulfill the demand of industry and to procude profesional human recources in visual arts area who can compete at the global level.

Career Prospects

Visual Arts Lecturer, Gallery Director, Film Director, artist-in-residence, Graphic Designer, Planner, Entrepreneur, Video Editor, Media Broadcaster Researcher, Cinematographer, Painter, Gallery Manager, Art Teacher, Photographer, Copy Writer, Animator, Graphic Designer, Print Media Personnel.

HI15 ISLAMIC STUDIES

The Islamic Studies Program offers parallel courses for the needs of humanity and human beings who have potential, dynamic and fulfilling Islamic understanding. It is on the request of the people who want Islamic studies programs to be offered in Sabah as there is no higher education in Islamic studies in Borneo.

Career Prospects

Lecturer, Religious/Arabic Teacher, Islamic Education Teacher, Quran Teacher, Officer or Research Assistant, Religious Administrative Officer, Administrative Officer, Religious Supervisor, Religious Counselor, Religious Happy Editor, Military Officer (KAGAT), Religious and Counseling Division (BAKA), Imam, Halal Manufacturing Officer, Halal Industrial Officer.

