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MASTER OF SCIENCE CORRECTIONAL SCIENCE

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BACKGROUND

The Master of Science (Correctional Science) programme is the latest offering by the School of Social Development. This programme offers a coursework-based degree for students who wish to obtain a masters degree via coursework and a research project. Generally, the program aims to train students in the field of correctional services which encompasses the ethics of the profession of psychology, human services and research ethics in correctional. Ethical and humanitarian aspects will be implemented in all courses offered in this program as it relates to the treatment and rehabilitation system. Students will be taught the theoretical aspects of the discipline and gain exposure of real working conditions in actual correctional settings.

THE AIM AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Through this programme, students will be able to:

- improve knowledge and understanding of concepts, theories and practices of correctional science and related areas in line with the needs of correctional profession.
- practice knowledge and skills in the correctional profession based on hands on learning experiences.
- practice helping skills by demonstrating a caring attitude, friendliness and empathy in professional relationships with clients, community, and correctional capacity as correctional officer.
- apply the planning, implementing and evaluating skills in correctional practices and regulations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

Applicants for Master's Programme must possess:

a) University Requirement

1. A Bachelor's degree with Honours from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other

institution of higher learning recognized by the University Senate with a CGPA of at least 2.75; or

2. A Bachelor's degree from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other institution of higher learning recognized by the University Senate with a CGPA of less than 2.75 and with working experience in a related field; or
3. A Bachelor's degree with Honours in Pure Science and Technology or any other Professional field from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other institution of higher learning recognized by the University Senate with a CGPA of at least 2.50 ; OR
4. A Bachelor's degree in Pure Science and Technology or any other Professional field from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other institution of higher learning recognized by the University Senate with a CGPA of less than 2.50 and working experience in a related field; or
5. A Postgraduate Diploma of Correctional Science offered by UUM with CGPA of 3.5 and above; or
6. A Diploma with ten (10) years' working experience and minimum age of 35 years and passed APEL assessment (Level 7); or
7. Any other equivalent qualification recognized by the University Senate.

b) English Language Requirement

International applicants should meet any one of the following English Language requirements before they are accepted for admission into the programmes.

1. Obtain a minimum score in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):
 - 550 in the TOEFL Paper Based Test; or
 - 80 in the TOEFL Internet Based Test; or
2. Obtain a minimum score of 6.0 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or
3. Possess a degree from any countries with English Language Education System; (Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Bot-

swana, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cameroon, Canada, Cayman Island, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Grenada, Guam, Guernsey, Guyana, India, Ireland, Isle of Man, Jamaica, Jersey, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Montserrat, Namibia, Nauru, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Helena, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Seychelles, Si-

erra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, U.S Virgin Islands, Uganda, United Kingdom, USA, Zambia, dan Zimbabwe); or

4. Possess a degree from any Public University in Malaysia with English as a language of instruction; or
5. Possess a degree from any Private University or College University in Malaysia that are listed in Malaysian Qualifications Register (MQR).

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The Master of Science (Correctional) programme is a 43 credit hours programme. This programme is offered in coursework mode with the following courses:

► Research Methods and Applied Statistics (13 credit hours)

- Applied Statistics and Computer Application
- Research Methodology
- Project Paper

► Core Courses (24 credit hours)

- Theory and Practice of Individual Counselling
- Theory and Practice of Group Counselling
- Correctional Treatment for Offenders
- Criminal Behaviour Modification
- Crime and Criminology
- Corrections and the Criminal Justice System
- Seminar in Corrections
- Recidivism Prevention

► Case Management Course (6 credit hours)

- Case Management in Correctional Science

► Credit value:

- 43 credit hours

► Mode and Duration of study:

- Full-time: 3 semesters (minimum), 10 semesters (maximum)
- Part-time: 4 semesters (minimum), 15 semesters (maximum)

► Fees:

- Full-time (UUM Sintok): per credit hour RM150.00
- Part-time (Offshore): per credit hour RM300.00