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# MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

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## BACKGROUND

The Master of Social Work (MSW) programme is the latest course offered by the School. This programme offers a coursework-based degree for students who wish to obtain a masters degree via coursework. Through this course, students will be exposed to advance knowledge in theories and practice in social work and social services. The mode of study comprises a total of 46 credit hours of courses, which include (i) 19 credit hours core courses, (ii) 6 credit hours project paper, (iii) 9 credit hours elective courses, and (iv) 12 credit hours compulsory practicum training in social work related agencies.

## THE AIM AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The aim of the Master of Social Work (MSW) Programme is to produce knowledgeable, skillful and ethical graduates in human services profession in accordance with the national higher education aspirations and professional standards.

At the end of this programme, the students are expected to be able to:

- apply advanced social work theories in the relevant fields of practice;
- upgrade the existing knowledge, skills and methods to become highly skilled and excellent social workers;
- uphold with utmost integrity the social work ethical and professional values in performing their duties, and
- develop an inquisitive mind to confront and tackle challenges more effectively.

## 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 Diploma with ten (10) years' working experience and minimum age of 35 years and passed APEL assessment (Level 7); or
6. Any other equivalent qualification recognized by the University Senate;

### b) Additional Admission Requirement

1. Application for Master of Social Work programme must pass an interview and/or a psychology test.

### c) 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, Austral-

ia, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Botswana, 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 Social Work programme is a 46 credit hours programme. This programme is offered in coursework mode with the following courses:

### ► Core Courses (19 credit hours)

- Advanced Social Work Theory and Practice
- Social Work and Welfare Services in Asia
- Social Work Ethics, Values and Spirituality
- Policy Planning and Analysis
- Crisis Intervention and Disaster Management
- Research Methodology

### ► Project Paper (6 credit hours)

- Project Paper

### ► Practicum (12 credit hours)

- Practicum

### ► Elective Courses (9 credit hours)

#### Area 1 - Family and Community

- Contemporary Social Work with Children and Adolescents
- Interpersonal Practice with the Family
- Advanced Social Work Practice with Adults and the Elderly
- School Social Work Services

- Social Work with Marginalized Groups

#### Area 2 - Social Enterprise and Administration

- Advocacy in Social Work Practice
- Program Evaluation in Social Services
- Crime and the Criminal Justice System
- Community Work in Social Work Practice
- Managing Human Service Organizations

#### Area 3 - Health and Mental Health

- Social Work Practice in Health Care Settings
- Psychopathology and Social Work Practice
- Social Work Practice in Substance Abuse
- Social Work Practice with People Living with HIV/AIDS

### ► Credit value:

- 46 credit hours

### ► Mode and Duration of study:

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

### ► Fees (per credit hour):

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