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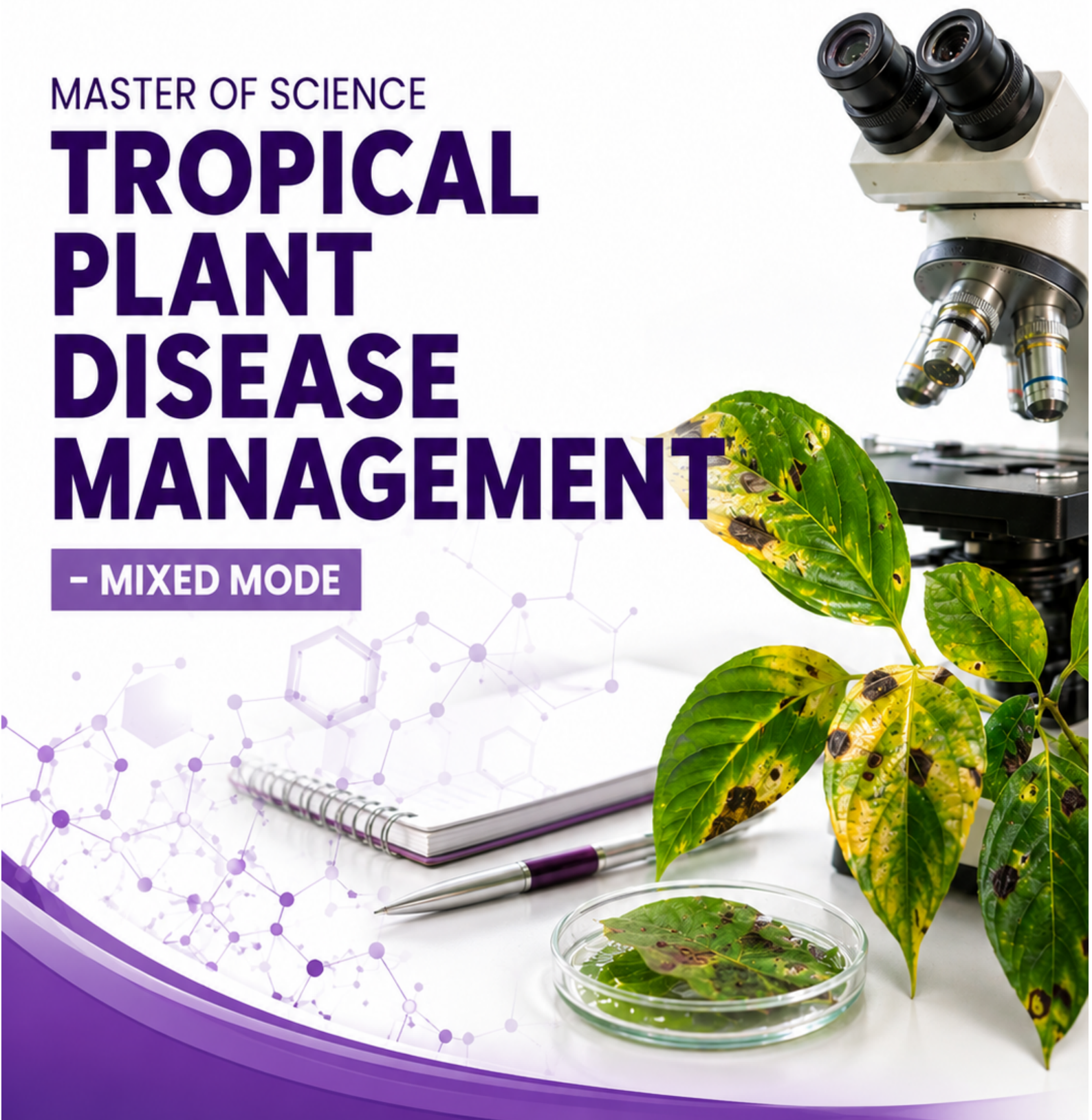
APEXTM



MASTER OF SCIENCE

TROPICAL PLANT DISEASE MANAGEMENT

– MIXED MODE



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TROPICAL PLANT DISEASE MANAGEMENT (MIXED MODE)

Master of Science in Tropical Plant Disease Management (MSc TPDM) is a programme by mixed mode. Students will only need to complete 2 (two) semesters in 1 (one) year study with a total of 40 credits. The aim is to provide a strong knowledge in the field of plant pathology and disease management through comprehensive lectures and hands-on laboratory practices.

MSc TPDM is specifically designed for those who have the interest to study tropical plant diseases and plant disease management. This programme offers subjects ranging from Principles and Applications of Plant Pathology, Advanced Plant Disease Management, Plant Pathogenic Fungi, Plant Pathogenic Bacteria and Viruses, Advanced Plant Cell Culture Technology, Insect and Vertebrate Agricultural Pests, and Field Crop Management. The students will be exposed to current issues on tropical plant diseases not only through lectures, but also through field trips and active round table discussions. The students will also conduct a mini research project related to tropical plant diseases and their management starting from the first semester and continue to the second semester. This is believed will help to prepare the students to deal with the actual problems happening in the agriculture field because it will require the students to apply all the knowledge gained during the lectures, field trips, and round table discussion into practical work. This will indirectly help to provide the soft and practical skills to future graduates of plant pathology and disease management.

OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

The Programme Educational Objectives (PEO) of the Master of Science in Tropical Plant Disease Management are to:

PEO 1	Graduates can apply fundamentals knowledge and research skills as plant pathologists to comprehend information, organise ideas, evaluate and analyse information and apply these to any situation.
PEO 2	Graduates share knowledge of plant disease laboratory and management skills, disease diagnosis with the latest methods, and the ability to perform skills independently.
PEO 3	Graduates of tropical plant disease management have the ability to learn new skills, have good communication skills, demonstrate professionalism and leadership to be applied in the national education system and the national agricultural industry.

Students who have completed their Master of Science in Tropical Plant Disease Management at the School of Biological Sciences are expected to comply on the following Programme Learning Outcomes (PLOs):

PLO 1	Apply advanced knowledge in the field of tropical plant disease management and demonstrate theoretical and conceptual skills in research and innovation.
PLO 2	Demonstrate and apply critical and creative thinking skills in problem solving and to make rational decision related to research.
PLO 3	Conduct research under minimal supervision and apply the latest methods in research.
PLO 4	Work in groups to solve problems in plant disease diagnosis and determine appropriate methods to manage plant diseases.
PLO 5	Demonstrate good communication skills while working in the plant pathology laboratory, research institution, and industry.
PLO 6	Apply digital and multimedia techniques to explain tropical plant disease management information.
PLO 7	Apply mathematical knowledge to analyse data and verify results on plant disease management.
PLO 8	Demonstrate active leadership skills in plant disease management.
PLO 9	Identify needs, have the ability and preparation to face change, and practice continuous self-improvement in the field of plant pathology and plant disease management.
PLO 10	Demonstrate an entrepreneurial attitude in the field of plant pathology and plant disease management.
PLO 11	Demonstrate high ethical and professional values throughout the programme and during conducted research, as well as being knowledgeable in the areas of legal and regulatory provisions in research.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

In order to qualify for the Master of Science in Tropical Plant Disease Management, students are required to fulfil **40 credits** over a period of **not less than 2 semesters**. The distribution of units is shown as below:

No	Course classification	Credit value	Percentage (%)
1	Compulsory*	-	-
2	Core**	36	90
3	Elective***	4	10
TOTAL		40	100

Note:

- * Compulsory courses refer to *Mata Pelajaran Umum* (MPU) and other courses required by the HEP
- ** Core courses also include common courses of faculty
- *** Optional/elective courses refer to courses where students can exercise choice

LIST OF COURSES

Six (6) core courses (36 credits) and choose any one (1) course for elective (4 credits).

No	Code/ course credit	Course title
Compulsory core course		
1	BGT511/3	Principles and Applications of Plant Pathology
2	KAA500/3	Research Methodology
3	BGT512/4	Plant Pathogenic Fungi
4	BGT501/20	Dissertation
5	BGT513/3	Advanced Plant Disease Management
6	BGT514/3	Plant Pathogenic Bacteria and Viruses
Elective core course		
1	BGE521/4	Advanced Plant Cell Culture Technology
2	BGE522/4	Insect and Vertebrate Agricultural Pests
3	BGE523/4	Field Crop Management

**COURSE REGISTRATION PLANNING SCHEDULE
FULL-TIME CURRICULUM STRUCTURE**

Semester 1			Semester 2			Semester 3 (KSCP)		
Code	Course	Credits	Code	Course	Credits	Code	Course	Credits
BGT511 (Core)	Principles and Applications of Plant Pathology	3	BGT501* (Research) (Core)	Dissertation	20 (TL)	BGT501* (Research) Viva Voce (Core)	Dissertation	20
KAA500 (Core)	Research Methodology	3	BGE521 (Elective)	Advanced Plant Cell Culture Technology	4			
BGT512 (Core)	Plant Pathogenic Fungi	4		OR				
BGT513 (Core)	Advanced Plant Disease Management	3	BGE522 (Elective)	Insect and Vertebrate Agricultural Pests				
BGT514 (Core)	Plant Pathogenic Bacteria and Viruses	3	BGE523 (Elective)	OR				
				Field Crop Management				
Total		16	Total		24	Total		0

Note:

For more information, kindly contact the Programme Coordinator, Associate Professor Dr. Masratul Hawa Mohd, at masratulhawa@usm.my

**COURSE REGISTRATION PLANNING SCHEDULE
PART-TIME CURRICULUM STRUCTURE**

Semester 1			Semester 2			Semester 3			Semester 4			Semester 5 (KSCP)		
Code	Course	Credits	Code	Course	Credits	Code	Course	Credits	Code	Course	Credits	Code	Course	Credits
BGT511 (Core)	Principles and Applications of Plant Pathology	3	BGE521 (Elective)	Advanced Plant Cell Culture Technology OR	4	BGT513 (Core)	Advanced Plant Disease Management	3	BGT501* (Research) (Core)	Dissertation	20 (TL)	BGT501* (Research) Viva Voce (Core)	Dissertation	20
KAA500 (Core)	Research Methodology	3	BGE522 (Elective)	Insect and Vertebrate Agricultural Pests OR		BGT514 (Core)	Plant Pathogenic Bacteria and Viruses	3						
BGT512 (Core)	Plant Pathogenic Fungi	4	BGE523 (Elective)	Field Crop Management										
Total		10	Total		4	Total		6	Total		20	Total		0

Note:

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SYNOPSIS OF THE COURSES

BGT501/20 Dissertation

This course offers students the opportunity to conduct a research project on tropical plant disease management under the supervision of a lecturer. In addition to conducting the research project, students in this course will learn about reference management software and thesis writing techniques. Students will also have the opportunity to broaden their experience of key techniques and current methodologies in the field of tropical plant disease management. This course is delivered through the supervision of laboratory research, discussions and workshops. Students will be assessed through thesis projects, seminars and supervision.

BGT511/3 Principles and Applications of Plant Pathology

The course introduces the concepts, basic principles and history of plant pathology, including the basic symptomatology and aetiology of plant diseases. Various aspects related to plant diseases are covered, such as symptoms and signs of plant diseases, infectious and non-infectious diseases, disease triangle, disease cycle, inoculum potential, pathogenicity and virulence, pathogen entry processes and mechanisms, and host defence mechanisms against pathogen infection. Current topics related to plant health such as food safety and mycotoxins are also covered. In addition to conventional teaching methods, current learning methods such as information exchange via the e-learning platform, video presentation and online discussion are also used.

BGT512/4 Plant Pathogenic Fungi

This course provides in-depth knowledge on the diversity of fungus-like organisms and fungi that cause diseases on plants. It also includes detailed information on plant-pathogen interaction, adaptation to pathogenicity, types of plant diseases and control strategies, recognition of pathogens from different groups, discrimination of disease signs and symptoms, isolation of pathogens from diseased plants, morphological identification, and skills for accurate diagnosis of plant diseases in the field. Pathogens from each group will be described with emphasis on the disease cycle, production, survival and spread of the inoculum. Students will be assessed through sample collection, practical reports, presentations, tests, and a final examination. Mixed teaching and learning are practiced in this course. In addition to conventional teaching methods, current learning methods such as information sharing via the e-learning platform, video presentations and online discussions are used.

BGT513/3 Advanced Plant Disease Management

This course is an advanced course designed to introduce students to the application of plant disease management principles. Various methods of management from current and latest techniques will be learned, such as management with chemicals, biological agents, cultural practices, resistant varieties, and law enforcement. Students will discuss more about important diseases and their management. Students will analyse and discuss current issues related to plant disease management using current journals, field work and online learning. In addition to conventional teaching methods, current learning methods such as information sharing via the e-learning platform, video presentations and online discussions will be used.

BGT514/3 Plant Pathogenic Bacteria and Viruses

This course provides core knowledge on plant pathogenic bacteria and viruses, covering in detail the classification, symptoms, disease transmission and common plant diseases caused by both microorganisms. This course also includes detailed information on research methods, current case studies and the latest methods of controlling plant diseases caused by bacteria and viruses. This course is delivered through lectures, exercises, discussions, and problem-based learning. Students are assessed through assignments, presentations, reports, practical reports, and final examinations. In addition to conventional teaching methods, current learning methods are also used, such as information exchange via the e-learning platform, video presentations and online discussions.

BGE521/4 Advanced Plant Cell Culture Technology

This course provides students with the fundamentals for a deeper understanding of plant biotechnology. The objective of this course is to provide an understanding of the basic principles of plant science and molecular biology and the integration of these disciplines to provide healthy plants in a safe environment for food, non-food, animal feed and health applications. This course is designed to provide students with theoretical knowledge through lectures and critical discussion of current technological developments in research with trends in the goals and needs of today's biotechnology industry through the seminar. Selected topics include the latest scientific achievements in the field of plant biotechnology: the cultivation of plant cells, the genetic transformation of plants, the application in biotechnology, the importance of plant biotechnology in agriculture, environmental protection, medicine, the energy sector and in the production of high-value products for food and pharmaceuticals, as well as the social, economic, ethical and/or legal aspects of plant biotechnology. In addition to conventional teaching methods, current learning methods such as information exchange via the e-learning platform, video presentation and online discussion are also used.

BGE522/4 Insect and Vertebrate Agricultural Pests

This course covers the biology of pests of economic importance in tropical agriculture in Malaysia. The focus is on insect and vertebrate pests of important crops such as rice, oil palm, coconut, cocoa, rubber, vegetables, and fruits. The biotic and abiotic factors that enable the pests to live as agricultural pest populations are discussed, as well as the various measures to control them, namely physical, chemical, mechanical, and biological control, and quarantine measures. In the context of chemical control, aspects of the action, toxicity, physiology and technology of pesticides and their impact on the environment are discussed. The concept of integrated pest management and sustainable agriculture is discussed from the perspective of plant protection. In addition to conventional teaching methods, current learning methods such as sharing information via the e-learning platform, video presentations and online discussions are also used.

BGE523/4 Field Crop Management

This course introduces the practises of growing perennial and annual crops, including soil management, selection of crop varieties, identification of plant diseases and insect pests, symptoms of damage, fertiliser rates and requirements, and the risk of economic threshold from specific diseases in each crop. Current learning methods are used, such as sharing information via the e-learning platform, video presentations and online discussions. In addition, topics related to the soil nutrient plan, water drainage and current issues related to agronomy are discussed.

KAA500/3 Research Methodology

This course covers research proposal elaborating on key elements of research methodology like problem statement, objectives, philosophy, and scientific method. Emphasis is also given on the important subjects in Scientific Writing starting from introduction to strategies of writing good quality manuscript. Ethics and technical aspect in research and journal publication will also be emphasised.

ACADEMIC STAFF INVOLVED IN TEACHING FOR THE MASTER OF TROPICAL PLANT DISEASE MANAGEMENT [MSc TPDM]

EXPERTISE & ACCESS TO USM EXPERTS		
No	Name	Expertise (USM expert link)
1	Hafizi Rosli, Dr.	https://experts.usm.my/cvitaef/hafizirosli
2	Hasber Salim, Associate Professor Dr.	https://experts.usm.my/cvitaef/hasbersalim
3	Hasnuri Mat Hassan, Dr.	https://experts.usm.my/cvitaef/hasnurimh
4	Latiffah Zakaria, Professor Dr.	https://experts.usm.my/cvitaef/lfah
5	Masratul Hawa Mohd, Associate Professor Dr.	https://experts.usm.my/cvitaef/masratulhawa
6	Mohammad Fadhli Mad' Atari, Dr.	https://experts.usm.my/cvitaef/madatari
7	Nik Mohd Izham Mohamed Nor, Dr.	https://experts.usm.my/cvitaef/nikizham
8	Rosnida Tajuddin, Dr.	https://experts.usm.my/cvitaef/rosnidatajuddin

REGISTRATION

Self-registration must be completed in accordance with the dates specified in the USM Admission Offer Packet and the Academic Calendar. For the latest course registration announcements, please visit the IPS website <https://ips.usm.my/>.

Enrolment for postgraduate studies is via the internet. Original documents of degree certificates and academic transcripts must be submitted for verification upon request from IPS.

Deferral of enrolment is possible in justified cases. An official application can be submitted to IPS for review. If your application is approved, you will receive a new offer. If your application is not approved, you may reapply for the same programme without penalty: <https://onlineips.usm.my/admission/>.

CANDIDATURE MATTERS DURATION

A student who registers for postgraduate study must fulfil the duration of candidature as stated in the offer letter.

Programme	Full-time		Part-time	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Mixed mode	1 year / 2 semesters	2 years / 4 semesters	2 years / 4 semesters	4 years / 8 semesters

Renewal of registration and course(s) registration

It is a student's responsibility to renew enrolment each semester and pay tuition fees within the renewal period. Announcement of enrolment renewal and course registration period will be posted on the IPS website, www.ips.usm.my usually two (2) months prior to the start of the new semester. Students are advised to check the USM website and official email regularly for updated information prior to the registration period.

Renewal of registration

Renewal of registration is compulsory to be completed via the CampusOnline Portal (<http://campusonline.usm.my>) before the beginning of each semester.

Mixed Mode

Login to the Campus Online Portal and click 'Online Reg'. You will be directed to course registration page. Complete the course selection process until invoice of the fees is generated. Fees payment needs to be made before the new semester commence.

Payment of tuition fees

Renewal of registration is considered complete once payment of tuition fees has been made. All payments MUST be made within the prescribed time limit to avoid the penalty for late registration. A copy of the invoice and proof of payment/scholarship letter MUST be sent to the Bursary and IPS within the renewal period of each semester.

Students who have renewed their enrolment through the internet but have not made the payment within the prescribed time limit will be considered as late enrolment and will be liable to pay a penalty of RM200. Students who do not renew their enrolment within the prescribed period (without valid reasons) will be suspended from their studies.

If one or more courses you wish to register for are not offered this semester, you may apply to defer your studies for that semester. Re-registration is therefore not required, but the request for deferral must be submitted before the start of the new semester.

Malaysian Culture and Malay Language (LKM111)

Compulsory for all international students and to be passed prior to graduation. The minimum required passing grade is C. Registration of the course is at the School of Languages, Literacies and Translation.

Exemption can be given to students who have taken and pass the equivalent course. Application for exemption must be submitted for approval to the Dean, School of Languages, Literacies and Translation.

Pre-requisite course(s)

Registration of all pre-requisite courses (if applicable) must be done latest by the first week of the semester. Students need to complete the pre-requisite form, obtain approval from the respective School/Centre/Institute and submit to IPS together with the evidence (receipt) of payment. Pre-requisite form can be downloaded from IPS website.

Add/drop of courses for mixed mode students

Any add/drop of course(s) must be made using the Add/Drop form available at IPS website. The form must be signed by the respective Dean/Director/Deputy Dean and submitted to IPS immediately. Final confirmation of course registration after the add/drop of courses can be checked through Campus Online Portal.

Course(s) can be added within the first two (2) weeks of the semester. The application must be made using the Add/Drop Form.

Course(s) can be dropped up to the sixth (6) week after the semester commence.

Tuition fee will be credited into the student's account for the following semester if the course(s) is dropped within the first two (2) weeks of the semester. No refund will be made for courses dropped after the second (2) week of the semester.

The application must be made using the Add/Drop Form.

- a) Students are required to check the final list of courses registered through the Campus Online Portal latest by the ninth (9) week of the semester.
- b) For Malaysian Culture and Malay Language (LKM 111), add/drop of course can be done at the School of Languages, Literacies and Translation, within the first week of the semester.

Postponement / Deferment of studies

Postponement of studies is only allowed after registration and completion of at least one (1) semester, except for medical or valid personal reasons. Postponement Form is available at IPS website. Students are allowed to postpone their studies maximum of two (2) semesters throughout the entire duration of the candidature period.

Extension of candidature

Application for extension of candidature must be made two (2) months prior to the date of expiration of a student's candidature. The maximum period of extension allowed is two (2) semesters only. Application must be made using the available form at the IPS website.

Withdrawal from the programme

Withdrawal from programme can be made by sending a withdrawal letter to Dean/Director of School/Centre/Institute.

Refund of all fees (except registration and smart card fees) will be made for withdrawal up to two (2) weeks from the date of registration.

Change of mode of study

Student must submit a new application for admission together with the processing fees for change of mode of study.

Termination of candidature

The University reserves the right to terminate a student's candidature based on:

- a) Student's failure to renew the registration before new semester commences
- b) Unsatisfactory academic performance (Mixed mode)
- c) Failure to pay the tuition fees
- d) Maximum candidature

Reactivation of candidature

Students may reactivate their candidature within 1 year of termination, depending on the duration of the candidature. Reactivation for students in research mode (terminated due to maximum candidature duration) will only be considered if the student submits a draft of their thesis within one (1) year of the date of maximum candidature. Reactivation of candidature is subject to the decision of the University.

EXAMINATIONS AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Examinations are held at the end of each semester. The examination form is required to access the examination hall and can be printed from the CampusOnline Portal. It is the student's responsibility to be present in the examination hall at the agreed time, date and place of the examination.

If a student is unable to attend the examination, he/she must notify the Examination Department (Registry Department) immediately in writing and include proof (if available) with the notification. Students must meet all academic requirements (for lectures, tutorials, practical, etc.) in order to qualify for the examinations.

The examination process is based on the principle of continuous assessment, consisting of coursework and written examination components. The coursework component may be based on participation in tutorials, tests, essays, project work, studio work, field work, etc.

Performance is assessed according to the examination grading method, which the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA), based on the following scale:

Graded	Points	Master Degree
A	4.00	Pass
A-	3.67	
B+	3.33	
B	3.00	
B-	2.67	
C+	2.33	
C	2.00	Fail
C-	1.67	
D+	1.33	

D	1.00	
D-	0.67	
F	0.00	

The passing grade for all master degree programmes is minimum grade C+ and for a doctorate degree is minimum grade B. Courses that are graded as follows will not be taken into account in the calculation of the GPA & CGPA.

- TL (Incomplete)
- DK (with permission)
- P/F (Dissertation)
- Courses with code Y & Z

Dissertation course for Mixed Mode Programme will be considered for graduation and will be awarded a PASS/FAIL grade.

Academic Status GPA above 3.00 is necessary for an “ACTIVE” status and opportunity to continue the programme.

- GPA below 3.00 for any one semester will be categorised as “MONITORING” status.
- Fail and OUT (F&O) status will be awarded for failure to obtain any credits.
- Student will be terminated if the CGPA is between 0.00-0.99 accumulated after 2 semesters.

Repeating Course

- Students are allowed to repeat course(s) to achieve a minimum CGPA of 3.00 as long as the duration of student candidature is still active.
- If student obtains grade B- or below for any course, the course can be repeated if offered either in Semester I or Semester II or Inter-Academic Session Break (KSCP).
- Repeating of course(s) is not allowed in KSCP for students who obtain grade F* or X in the normal semester.
- Project/dissertation must be completed during the stipulated period according to the programme.
- A student who repeats the project/dissertation is required to select a new topic.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

All parties shall assist the University in preventing any misconduct involving misattribution of data, stealing of ideas or direct plagiarism, intentional interference and failure to act with integrity in the creation, development, application and use of knowledge, ideas and information in relation to the work of others.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

As a postgraduate student in the School of Biological Sciences, USM, you can use a myriad of services in the school and university while pursuing your studies, namely:

- Hamzah Sendut Library 1 & 2 – books, periodicals and online databases are available for use, many of which are accessible from home or office. Please go to this website for more information. <http://www.lib.usm.my/>
- Institute of Postgraduate Studies (IPS) – This is the secretariat for all USM's postgraduate programs. A lot of information regarding application, registration, candidature, examination, financial assistance, workshops, etc. are in its website at <http://ips.usm.my/>
- On-campus accommodation – USM provides accommodation for postgraduate students. If you need a place to stay during your study, you can enquire and seek help from this website <https://www.myusminfo.com/usminfo/facilities/hostels>
- Sports and recreation – There are many sports and recreational facilities on campus, such as football and hockey fields, stadiums, swimming pool, gymnasium, indoor badminton courts, outdoor tennis and futsal courts and many others. The USM's Sports and Recreation website (<https://pusatsukan.usm.my/>) has more information that you may want to check.
- Thesis Room – The School of Biological Sciences has allocated a room for housing past theses for MSc and PhD. All students are most welcome to use the room.
- Postgraduate Room – The School of Biological Sciences also has allocated a spacious and cozy room for postgraduate students. This is a meeting place for students to come and mingle among themselves and lecturers, and do other things related to their studies.
- Computer lab – Our school has one computer lab that can support students' computing needs.
- Internet access – Throughout the campus, all students can freely get access to the internet. All registered students will also be given an official email account.
- Bio-postgraduate Society – This is an informal club set up and managed by the postgraduate students, which is active in organizing not only academic-type activities such as conferences, seminars, and workshops, but also social and sport programs.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

ACADEMIC CALENDAR - ACADEMIC SESSION 2025/2026

FOR ALL SCHOOLS (EXCEPT FOR SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES AND SCHOOL OF DENTAL SCIENCES)

Main Campus : Registration for New Student (26 - 28 September 2025) / **Orientation Week (29 September - 04 October 2025)
Engineering Campus : Registration for New Student (28 September 2025) / **Orientation Week (29 September - 04 October 2025)
Health Campus : Registration for New Student (30 September 2025) / **Orientation Week (30 September - 04 October 2025)

SEM	WEEKS	ACTIVITIES		DATE	REMARKS
ONE	1	Teaching & Learning (T&L 7 Weeks)		Monday, 06.10.2025 - Sunday, 12.10.2025	
	2			Monday, 13.10.2025 - Sunday, 19.10.2025	
	3			Monday, 20.10.2025 - Sunday, 26.10.2025	20.10.2025, Monday - Deepavali**
	4			Monday, 27.10.2025 - Sunday, 02.11.2025	
	5			Monday, 03.11.2025 - Sunday, 09.11.2025	
	6			Monday, 10.11.2025 - Sunday, 16.11.2025	
	7			Monday, 17.11.2025 - Sunday, 23.11.2025	
	8	Mid Semester Break (1 Week)		Monday, 24.11.2025 - Sunday, 30.11.2025	
	9	Teaching & Learning (T&L 7 Weeks)		Monday, 01.12.2025 - Sunday, 07.12.2025	
	10			Monday, 08.12.2025 - Sunday, 14.12.2025	
	11			Monday, 15.12.2025 - Sunday, 21.12.2025	
	12			Monday, 22.12.2025 - Sunday, 28.12.2025	25.12.2025, Thursday - Christmas Day
	13			Monday, 29.12.2025 - Sunday, 04.01.2026	01.01.2026, Thursday - New Year of 2025
	14			Monday, 05.01.2026 - Sunday, 11.01.2026	
	15			Monday, 12.01.2026 - Sunday, 18.01.2026	
	16	Revision Week (1 Week)		Monday, 19.01.2026 - Sunday, 25.01.2026	
	17	Examination (3 Weeks)		Monday, 26.01.2026 - Sunday, 01.02.2026	01.02.2026, Sunday - Thaipusam
	18			Monday, 02.02.2026 - Sunday, 08.02.2026	02.02.2026, Sunday - Replacement leave for Thaipusam (Main & Engineering Campus)
	19			Monday, 09.02.2026 - Sunday, 15.02.2026	
	20	Mid Semester Break / Industrial Training (4 Weeks)		Monday, 16.02.2026 - Sunday, 22.02.2026	17 & 18.02.2026, Tuesday & Wednesday - Chinese New Year
	21			Monday, 23.02.2026 - Sunday, 01.03.2026	19.02.2026, Thursday - 1st day of Ramadhan
	22			Monday, 02.03.2026 - Sunday, 08.03.2026	07.03.2026, Saturday - Nuzul Al-Quran
	23			Monday, 09.03.2026 - Sunday, 15.03.2026	
TWO	24/1	Teaching & Learning (T&L 7 Weeks)		Monday, 16.03.2026 - Sunday, 22.03.2026	21.03.2026 & 22.03.2026, Saturday & Sunday - Eid al-Fitr**
	25/2			Monday, 23.03.2026 - Sunday, 29.03.2026	
	26/3			Monday, 30.03.2026 - Sunday, 05.04.2026	23.03.2026, Monday - Replacement leave for Eid al-Fitr****
	27/4			Monday, 06.04.2026 - Sunday, 12.04.2026	
	28/5			Monday, 13.04.2026 - Sunday, 19.04.2026	
	29/6			Monday, 20.04.2026 - Sunday, 26.04.2026	
	30/7			Monday, 27.04.2026 - Sunday, 03.05.2026	01.05.2026, Friday - Labour Day
	31/8	Mid Semester Break (1 Week)		Monday, 04.05.2026 - Sunday, 10.05.2026	
	32/9	Teaching & Learning (T&L 7 Weeks)		Monday, 11.05.2026 - Sunday, 17.05.2026	
	33/10			Monday, 18.05.2026 - Sunday, 24.05.2026	
	34/11			Monday, 25.05.2026 - Sunday, 31.05.2026	27 & 28.05.2026, Wednesday & Thursday - Eid al-Adha** 31.05.2026, Sunday - Wesak Day
	35/12			Monday, 01.06.2026 - Sunday, 07.06.2026	01.06.2026, Monday - Replacement leave for Wesak Day (Main & Engineering Campus) 01.06.2026, Monday - Yanq di-Pertuan Agong's Birthday
	36/13			Monday, 08.06.2026 - Sunday, 14.06.2026	
	37/14			Monday, 15.06.2026 - Sunday, 21.06.2026	17.06.2026, Wednesday - Awal Muharram
	38/15			Monday, 22.06.2026 - Sunday, 28.06.2026	
	39/16	Revision Week (1 Week)		Monday, 29.06.2026 - Sunday, 05.07.2026	
	40/17	**Examination (2 Weeks)	Examination (3 Weeks)	Monday, 06.07.2026 - Sunday, 12.07.2026	07.07.2026, Tuesday - Georgetown World Heritage City Day
	41/18			Monday, 13.07.2026 - Sunday, 19.07.2026	11.07.2026, Saturday - Penang Governor's Birthday
	42/19			Monday, 20.07.2026 - Sunday, 26.07.2026	
COURSES DURING LONG BREAK / SEMESTER BREAK	43/20	Long Semester Break / Industrial Training (10/11 Weeks)		Monday, 27.07.2026 - Sunday, 02.08.2026	
	44/21			Monday, 03.08.2026 - Sunday, 09.08.2026	
	45/22			Monday, 10.08.2026 - Sunday, 16.08.2026	
	46/23			Monday, 17.08.2026 - Sunday, 23.08.2026	
	47/24			Monday, 24.08.2026 - Sunday, 30.08.2026	25.08.2026, Tuesday - Maulidur Rasul
	48/25		*T&L	Monday, 31.08.2026 - Sunday, 06.09.2026	31.08.2026, Monday - National Day
	49/26		Examination	Monday, 07.09.2026 - Sunday, 13.09.2026	
	50/27			Monday, 14.09.2026 - Sunday, 20.09.2026	16.09.2026, Wednesday - Malaysia Day
	51/28			Monday, 21.09.2026 - Sunday, 27.09.2026	

Note: Reduction of the study period by one (1) week, from 28.09.2026 to 4.10.2026.

**This Academic Calendar is subject to change

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SENAT KE-297 (29 JANUARI 2026)

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