



يونيڤرسيتي سلطان زين العابدين
UNISZA
UNIVERSITI SULTAN ZAINAL ABIDIN

INTERNATIONAL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (BY RESEARCH)

ACADEMIC SESSION 2025/2026

FACULTY OF LAW AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Entry Requirements:

- A Master's degree or other qualifications in the field or related fields from any higher education institution duly recognised by the Senate of UniSZ.
- International candidates must pass TOEFL with a minimum score of 500 OR online TOEFL with a minimum band of 5.0 OR MUET with a minimum band of 3 OR its equivalent.



Programme Information:

- Type of award : Doctoral Degree
- Field of study : Social and Behavioural Science (NEC 310)
- Mode of study : Full Research
- Typical duration of study : Full Time : (3 – 6 Years)
Part Time : (4 – 7 Years)



Fields of Specialisation:

Diplomacy	International Current Issues
Democracy	International Political Economy
Foreign Policy	Peace Studies
Globalization	Religion and International Relations
Human Rights for Non-Citizens	Strategic Studies
International Humanitarian	Middle East Geopolitics
International Human Rights	Palestinian Studies
International Organizations	International Islamic Humanitarian Assistance
International Political Theories	Small States and International Mediation
International Politics	Malaysian Foreign Policy
International Security	ASEAN Studies



Tuition Fees*:

LOCAL STUDENT		
PROGRAMME / SEMESTER	FULL TIME (RM)	PART TIME (RM)
	PhD	PhD
1 st Semester	1,435.00	1,335.00
2 nd Semester & Above	865.00	765.00
Examination (Thesis)	1,000.00	1,000.00
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT		
1 st Semester	3,170.00	
2 nd Semester & Above	2,500.00	
Examination (Thesis)	1,300.00	

Note : *Fees are based on estimation and may change from time to time



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Graduation Requirements:

- i. Attendance in Research Methodology courses offered by the Graduate School;
- ii. Fulfilment of the minimum duration of study;
- iii. Publication of TWO (2) Scopus/WOS-indexed articles OR ONE (1) Scopus/WOS-indexed article and TWO (2) articles from other indexed journals before viva voce.
- iv. Submission of thesis not more than 80,000 words; AND
- v. Pass in *viva voce*.



Assessment Methods:

- i. **Formative Assessment** (Students are required to):
 - a. Attend and Pass the Research Methodology course offered by Graduate School (before Proposal Defence)
 - b. Pass research proposal presentation
 - c. Submit Progress Report (every semester)
 - d. Present progress of research at FUHA Postgraduate Colloquium
 - e. Pass research findings presentation (before filling Notice of Submission)
 - f. Publication
- ii. **Summative Assessment:**
 - a. Examination of thesis by one internal examiner and one external examiner.
 - b. *Viva voce*.

