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Melambangkan kebesaran Islam yang menjadi junjungan, pegangan dan cara hidup warga UniSZA

PERISAI

Bermaksud pertahankan Islam dan ilmu bagi mengekalkan UniSZA menjadi khazanah gedung ilmu yang terunggul dan dirujuk

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Membawa maksud penerokaan dan penyebaran ilmu demi kegunaan sejagat berdasarkan Kalamullah yang bersifat suci, bersih, bertamadun serta kesesuaian penggunaannya di sepanjang zaman

IKATAN TIGA DI BAWAH BUNGA PADI

Melambangkan ikatan perpaduan antara tiga kaum yang utama di Malaysia

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Merupakan kesinambungan daripada logo KUSZA terdahulu yang diolah semula selari dengan peredaran zaman dan berasaskan corak asas seni bina Islam. Gabungan bentuk lapan kelopak ini melambangkan teras perpaduan dan integriti masyarakat UniSZA. Lapan bucu bintang melambangkan lapan nilai teras (naseem) yang diterapkan di UniSZA yang menjadikan garis panduan hidup untuk berjaya di dunia dan akhirat.

Nilai-nilai teras tersebut ialah Ilmu, Iman & Akhlak, Amal, Kepimpinan (Qiyaadah), Kolaborasi (Ta'awun), Keusahawanan (Tijaarah), Transformasi (Taghyir), Inovasi (Ihtikaar)

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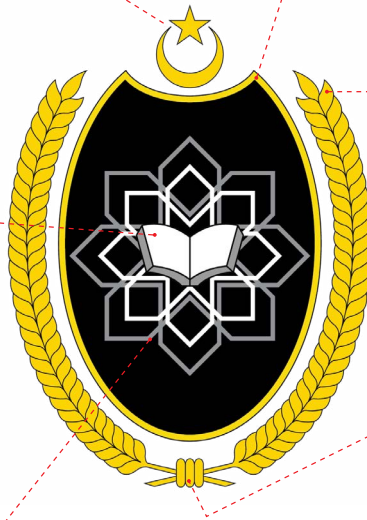
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■ KUNING

Melambangkan kemuliaan, kemegahan dan kebijaksanaan

■ KELABU

Melambangkan keseimbangan





Foreword by **THE DEAN**

Assalamualaikum w.b.t. and Greetings to all

The legal field is flooded by myriad of challenges and opportunities and the legal education itself is progressively becoming more relevant than before. Commendable students are keen to acquire legal education and then pursue their career in various relevant fields. Now is an exciting time for you to join us as the faculty has adaptively grown in all dimensions. To cite one, the faculty embarks upon new directions driven by the constant increase of change and challenges in the legal education by building local and international partnerships that will allow our teaching, learning, and research to continue to be relevant thus becoming the vanguard of this change.

At FUHA, we believe that legal education is more than just earning a scroll of academic merits. In our desire for students to develop intellectually, we are *concerned* with the overall physical, emotional and spiritual development of the students. The students are encouraged to think about their education as a whole, rather than treating it merely as another phase in life. In achieving this, the students are not left alone to fend against the odds but are supported and guided by their academic advisers throughout their stay here in UniSZA. The extent to which each student takes advantage of the academic and extracurricular opportunities which are available here depends, in large appraisal, on the student's own initiative. It is our hope that students learn to take conscientiousness in planning their lives as postgraduates.

At FUHA, there are many people who are ready and more than willing to reach out their hands in providing assistance and advice. All you need to do is just ask. That is why we developed a stimulating learning environment and culture where enthusiastic academic and administrative staffs are only a knock on their doors away should there be any academic inquiries or any relevant matters.

This handbook is a means for providing you with the current information about the postgraduate programs available at the faculty, the requirements, as well as relevant policies and procedures. I hope that you will find this information helpful as you enroll into and proceed through the program of your choice. Most importantly, please enjoy your learnings and take full advantage of the many opportunities available to you as you make your way through your study years.

I hope that being part of FUHA is one of the best experiences of your life.
Thank you

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UNIVERSITI SULTAN ZAINAL ABIDIN



Academic Calendar

Research Programme 2025/2026 Session

(Postgraduate Studies)

SEMESTER I, 2025/2026 SESSION

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	DURATION	NOTES
7 September 2025 - 1 November 2025	Registration Session of New Students	Graduate School Office/Online	8 Weeks	The Prophet Muhammad's Birthday 5 September 2025 (Friday)
7 September 2025 - 18 October 2025	Registration Session of Returning Students	Student Portal	6 Weeks	
7 September 2025 - 18 October 2025	Application for Deferment of Study	Submit the form to the faculty	6 Weeks	Malaysia Day 16 September 2025 (Tuesday)
28 September 2025*	Breifing Session for New Students	Online via UniSZA.webex.com	1 Day	Deepavali 20 October 2025 (Monday)
12 October 2025 - 26 October 2025*	Research Methodology Class	Online via UniSZA.webex.com	2 Weeks	Christmas 25 December 2025 (Thursday)
2 November 2025*	Research Methodology Examination	Online via UniSZA.webex.com	1 Day	
1 December 2025 - 25 January 2026	Progress Report Submission by Students	Student Portal	8 Weeks	Israk and Mi'raj 16 January 2026 (Friday)
1 December 2026 - 8 February 2026	Progress Report Submission by Supervisors	Staff Portal	10 Weeks	Chinese New Year 17 & 18 January 2026 (Tuesday & Wednesday)
15 February 2026	End of Semester			

* Subject to change

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Academic Calendar

Research Programme 2025/2026 Session

(Postgraduate Studies)

SEMESTER II, 2025/2026 SESSION

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	DURATION	NOTES
22 February 2026 - 18 April 2026	Registration Session of New Students	Graduate School Office/Online	8 Weeks	Anniversary of the Coronation of the Sultan of Terengganu 4 March 2026 (Wednesday)
22 February 2026 - 4 April 2026	Registration Session of Returning Students	Student Portal	6 Weeks	Nuzul al-Quran 7 & March 2026 (Saturday & Sunday)
23 February 2026 - 4 April 2026	Application for Deferment of Study	Submit the form to the faculty	6 Weeks	Hari Raya Aidilfitri 20 March 2026 - 22 March 2026 (Friday - Sunday)
29 March 2026*	Breafing Session for New Students	Online via UniSZA.webex.com	1 Day	Birthday of the Sultan of Terengganu 26 April 2026 (Sunday)
12 April 2026 - 23 April 2026*	Research Methodology Class	Online via UniSZA.webex.com	2 Weeks	Labour Day 1 May 2026 (Friday)
30 April 2026*	Research Methodology Examination	Online via UniSZA.webex.com	1 Day	Day of Arafat & Hari Raya Aidiladha 26 - 28 May 2026 (Thursday - Sunday)
14 June 2026 - 8 August 2026	Progress Report Submission by Students	Student Portal	8 Weeks	Wesak Day 31 May 2026 (Sunday)
14 June 2026 - 22 August 2026	Progress Report Submission by Supervisors	Staff Portal	10 Weeks	The Yang di-Pertuan Agong's Birthday 1 June 2026 (Monday)
30 August 2026	End of Semester			Awal Muharam 16 June 2026 (Tuesday)
				The Prophet Muhammad's Birthday 25 August 2026 (Tuesday)
				National Day 31 August 2026 (Sunday)

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Academic Calendar

Coursework & Mix Mode Programme 2025/2026 Session

SEMESTER I, 2025/2026 SESSION

ACTIVITY	DATE	PERIOD	REMARK
Registration	28 September 2025 - 2 October 2025	5 Days	-
Lecture	5 October 2025 - 20 November 2025	35 Days	20 October 2025 (Deepavali Day)
Mid Semester Break	23 November 2025 - 27 November 2025	5 Days	-
Lecture	30 December 2025 - 15 January 2026	35 Days	25 December 2025 (Christmas Day)
Revision Week	18 January 2026 - 22 January 2026	5 Days	17 February 2026 - 18 February 2026 (Chinese New Year)
Final Examination	25 January 2026 - 12 February 2026	15 Days	-
Semester I Break	15 February 2026 - 26 February 2026	10 Days	-

SEMESTER II, 2025/2026 SESSION

ACTIVITY	DATE	PERIOD	REMARK
Lecture	1 March 2026 - 16 April 2026	35 Days	4 March 2025 (Anniversary of the Coronation of the Sultan of Terengganu) 20 March 2026 - 21 March 2026 (Eid Fitr)
Mid Semester Break	19 April 2026 - 23 April 2026	5 Days	-
Lecture	26 April 2026 - 11 June 2026	35 Days	26 April 2026 (Birthday of the Sultan of Terengganu) 1 May 2026 (Labour Day) 26 May 2026 (Day of Arafah) 27 May 2026 - 28 May 2026 (Hari Raya Haji Holiday) 31 May 2026 (Wesak Day) 2 June 2026 (The Yang di-Pertuan Agong's
Revision Week	14 June 2026 - 18 June 2026	5 Days	-
Final Examination	21 June 2026 - 2 July 2026	10 Days	-
Semester I Break	5 July 2026 - 16 July 2026	10 Days	-

**** SHORT SEMESTER SESSION 2025/2026**

ACTIVITY	DATE	PERIOD	REMARK
Dissertation / Research Project	19 July 2026 - 24 September 2026	50 Days	31 August 2026 (National Day) 16 September 2026 (Malaysia Day)

* Subject to change

** Subject to program requirements AND NOT EXCEEDING the duration provided

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Faculty Background

Faculty of Law and International Relations (FUHA), University of Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA) is officially commenced in early 2007, one year after the establishment of Universiti Darul Iman Malaysia (UDM), later known as Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA).

Study programmes offered in FUHA have actually started since the institution's status of an Islamic college known as Kolej Ugama Sultan Zainal Abidin (KUSZA). The Diploma in Law Programme was first offered at School of General Studies of KUSZA in July 1991 session. The Programme was later recognised by the Department of Public Service Malaysia (JPA) in 1996. Today, the Programme has succeeded producing twenty seven generations of graduates and counting.

In 2006, FUHA has made a bigger success when its proposal to offer the Bachelor of Laws with Honours (LLB Programme) has been approved by the Ministry of Education (formerly known as the Ministry of Higher Education), and the first enrollment of students was taken place in July the same year. For coming years, FUHA is looking forward to producing law graduates with quality and well-equipped to work in legal world.

On 1 January 2007, KUSZA has officially become one of UniSZA's campuses, where all study programmes offered previously including the Diploma in Law and LLB Programme are continuously taught. In March 2007, FUHA was established and was given a responsibility to conduct the academic programmes.

With the exception of the two programmes, FUHA is currently running a Bachelor's Degree of International Relations with the first intake successfully enrolled in September 2014. FUHA is also welcoming degree holders to pursue Master's Degree and Doctor of Philosophy in Law as well as International Relations. FUHA now offers PhD in law, PhD in International Relations, Master of Law (by research), Master of Comparative Law (mixed mode), Master of Commercial Law (mixed mode) and Master of International Relations (by research).

Vision, Mission and Objectives

Vision

Faculty of Law and International Relations aspires to be a national and world class school of legal and international relations based on teaching, research and resolution of legal issues effectively.

Mission

Faculty of Law and International Relations shall:

- i. Enhance the Programmes of Law and International Relations up to international level.
- ii. Meet UniSZA's aspiration to develop and produce talented students and leaders who are knowledgeable, refined and noble.
- iii. Nurture to the development and reformation of Law and International Relations.

Objectives

- i. To introduce and strengthen the faculty up to the international level.
- ii. To ensure all academic staff are competent and qualified in teaching, research, writings, publications, and consultations.
- iii. To produce semi-professional and professional graduates in their respective fields to meet the needs of the industry in the public as well as private sector.
- iv. To produce graduates who are competent, ethical, knowledgeable and skilled in legal and international relations fields in terms of the foundation, theory, practice and progress from time to time.



Faculty Management

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Assistant Secretary

Mdm. Nazirah binti Kamaruddin

Senior Administrative Assistant

Mdm. Hayati binti Abd. Hadi

Administrative Assistant

Mdm. Siti Aisyah binti Ali

Mdm. Amirah binti Abdullah

Operational Assistant

Mr. Ahmad Syazwan bin Yusof

Law Postgraduate Programmes



1. MASTER OF LAW (BY RESEARCH)

Entry Requirements:

- i. A bachelor's degree in Law or Shariah with a minimum CGPA of 2.75 out of 4.0 or its equivalent qualification as accepted by Senate of UniSZA; **OR**
- ii. A bachelor's degree in Law or Shariah not meeting CGPA of 2.75 but above CGPA of 2.50 out of 4.0 or its equivalent qualification may be accepted, subject to UniSZA rigorous internal assessment; **OR**
- iii. A bachelor's degree in Law or Shariah below a CGPA of 2.50 out of 4.0 or its equivalent qualification may be accepted, subject to a minimum of 5 years working experience.
- iv. International candidates must pass TOEFL with a minimum score of 600 **OR** online TOEFL test with a minimum score of 100 **OR** IELTS with a minimum band of 6.0 **OR** its equivalent.

Programme information:

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| i. Type of award | : Master of Law |
| ii. Field of study | : Law (NEC 0421) |
| iii. Mode of study | : Full Research |
| iv. Duration of study | : Full time : 2 - 3 years
: Part time : 3 - 4 years |

Fields of Study:

Administrative Law	Jurisprudence
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Juvenile Justice
Business Law	Land Law
Child Law	Law of Contract
Consumer Law	Law of Equity
Constitutional Law	Law of Evidence
Construction Law	Law of Islamic Banking, Finance and Capital Market
Corporate Law	Islamic Law of Transactions
Criminal Law	Partnership Law
Cyber Law	Legal Profession and Ethics
Employment Law	Law of Takaful
Family Law	Law of the Sea
Human Rights Law	Legal System
Intellectual Property Law	Law of Torts
International Law	Law of Trust
Islamic Judiciary	Refugee Law
Islamic Law	Tourism Law

Tuition Fees*:

SEMESTER	LOCAL STUDENT	
	FULL TIME (RM)	PART TIME (RM)
	MASTER	MASTER
1 st Semester	1,385.00	1,285.00
2 nd Semester & Above	865.00	765.00
Examination (Thesis)	500.00	500.00
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT		
1 st Semester	3,170.00	
2 nd Semester & Above	2,500.00	
Examination (Thesis)	800.00	

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

Graduation Requirements:

- i. Pass Research Methodology course offered by the Graduate School;
- ii. Fulfilment of the minimum duration of study;
- iii. Publication of ONE (1) Scopus/WOS-indexed article OR TWO (2) articles from other indexed journals related to the thesis;
- iv. Submission of thesis between 40,000 – 50,000 words; **AND**
- v. Pass in *viva voce*.

Assessment Methods:

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



2. MASTER OF COMPARATIVE LAWS (MIXED MODE)

Entry Requirements:

- A bachelor's degree in Law or Shariah with a minimum CGPA of 2.75 out of 4.0 or its equivalent qualification as accepted by Senate of UniSZA; **OR**
- A bachelor's degree in Law or Shariah not meeting CGPA of 2.75 but above CGPA of 2.50 out of 4.0 or its equivalent qualification may be accepted, subject to UniSZA rigorous internal assessment; **OR**
- A bachelor's degree in Law or Shariah below a CGPA of 2.50 out of 4.0 or its equivalent qualification may be accepted, subject to a minimum of 5 years working experience.
- International candidates must pass TOEFL with a minimum score of 600 OR online TOEFL test with a minimum score of 100 OR IELTS with a minimum band of 6.0 OR its equivalent.
- Applicants without a Bachelor of Laws can be considered, provided that they have a degree and experience in the related field of studies.

Programme information:

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|------|-------------------|--|
| i. | Type of award | : Master of Comparative Laws |
| ii. | Field of study | : Law (NEC 0421) |
| iii. | Mode of study | : Mixed mode |
| iv. | Duration of study | : Full time : 1 - 3 years
: Part time : 2 - 5 years |
| v. | Total of credit | : 40 (courses: 20 credit + dissertation: 20 credit) |

Tuition Fees*:

SEMESTER	FEES (RM)			
	FULL TIME		PART TIME	
	LOCAL	INTERNATIONAL	LOCAL	INTERNATIONAL
1 st	4,120.00	7,575.00	2,520.00	4,375.00
2 nd	3,580.00	7,055.00	1,980.00	3,855.00
3 rd	2,000.00	3,855.00	3,600.00	7,055.00
4 th			1,980.00	3,855.00
TOTAL	9,700.00	18,485.00	10,080.00	19,140.00

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

Graduation Requirements:

- Fulfilment of the minimum duration of study;
- Pass all the courses;
- Pass proposal defence and final defence;
- Submission of dissertation between 20,000 – 25,000 words; **AND**
- Pass in examination of dissertation by two internal examiners.

Assessment Methods for Coursework:

- i. Continuous Assessment : 60 %
- ii. Final Exam : 40 %

Dissertation:

The dissertation shall be examined by two (2) internal examiners appointed by the faculty.

Programme Structure:

FULL-TIME STRUCTURE	PART-TIME STRUCTURE
LIST OF COURSES	
Semester 1 (Year 1)	Semester 1 (Year 1)
Law Research and Methodology	Law Research and Methodology
Comparative Family Law	Comparative Family Law
Comparative Human Rights Law	
Comparative Alternative Dispute Resolution	
Semester 2 (Year 1)	Semester 2 (Year 1)
Comparative Constitutional Law	Comparative Human Rights Law
Dissertation	Comparative Alternative Dispute Resolution
Semester 3 (Short Semester) (Year 1)	
Dissertation (continuation)	Semester 3 (Year 2)
	Comparative Constitutional Law
	Dissertation
	Semester 4 (Year 2)
	Dissertation (continuation)



Synopsis of Master of Comparative Law Courses:

LLM50104 LAW RESEARCH AND METHODOLOGY

This course introduces students to the nature of research methodology in general and legal research in particular. It discusses the different processes of the legal research methodology with special emphasis on writing a research proposal. Topics such as research design, formulating hypothesis, preparing statement of problem and literature review will be given special attention. Students will be guided on identifying and accessing the various types of primary and secondary legal resources including the electronic databases.

This course will also introduce students to the specialized nature of legal bibliography and research. This will be accomplished through the study of the unique tools of legal research, as well as the range of techniques and strategies necessary to accomplish effective research. The group and class discussion during the face to face sessions will also discuss current developments in the fields of legal literature and research, including the developments in electronic resources and technologies and the legal publishing business. This course will provide the basic foundation, upon which the student must continue to build to enhance their skills.

LLM52104 COMPARATIVE HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

This course will provide a comparative overview of the concept, norms and regimes established, at the international level as well as in Malaysia and Islam, to protect and promote human rights. It will trace the growth of international human rights law from its beginnings in the law of diplomatic protection through to the proliferation of human rights instruments and bodies which followed in the wake of the atrocities of the WWII. It will explore the enforcement of human rights law and its related approach in relation to human rights violations. It will analyse the efficacy of the UN Charter and Treaty bodies, the use of coercive measures to enforce human rights norms, and the growing nexus between international criminal and human rights law. It will also examine the right to life, the right to equality, freedom of expression and religion, prohibition of torture, rights of women and children, rights of minorities and refugees. Whenever possible, all these rights will be discussed in comparative manner.

LLM52204 COMPARATIVE FAMILY LAW

This course deals with advanced discussion on the concepts and legal framework of non-Muslim family law and Islamic family law. Some related issues in Malaysia such as inter religious marriage and same sex marriage will be analysed. The discussion is made comparatively where the positions in Malaysia are, wherever possible, compared to the position of Islamic law. Topics in this course include betrothal, marriage requirements, effects of marriage, nullity of marriage, divorce and matrimonial proceedings, ancillary claims, and parents and children.

LLM52304 COMPARATIVE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

This course will elaborate an area in laws which give an alternative to the parties involved in a dispute to resolve it without having to litigate before the court. The course will trace the ADR's origins, definition, types, its advantages over litigation. It will further deals with ADR contract clauses, and the most common ADR methods: mediation and arbitration. Other topics include ADR in Malaysia and its related governing bodies and rules. The course also discusses the concepts and processes similar to ADR from Islamic perspectives.

LLM52404 COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

This course deals with advanced discussion on the concepts, constitutional doctrines, constitutional framework, application of important constitutional provisions and some related issues in Malaysia and some other jurisdictions. The discussion is made comparatively where the positions in Malaysia are, wherever possible, compared to those of various jurisdictions and Islamic law. Topics in this course include the concept of constitution, constitutional ideas / doctrines, human rights, amendment process and special features.

3. MASTER OF COMMERCIAL LAW (MIXED MODE)

Entry Requirements:

- A bachelor's degree in Law or Shariah with a minimum CGPA of 2.75 out of 4.0 or its equivalent qualification as accepted by Senate of UniSZA; **OR**
- A bachelor's degree in Law or Shariah not meeting CGPA of 2.75 but above CGPA of 2.50 out of 4.0 or its equivalent qualification may be accepted, subject to UniSZA rigorous internal assessment; **OR**
- A bachelor's degree in Law or Shariah below a CGPA of 2.50 out of 4.0 or its equivalent qualification may be accepted, subject to a minimum of 5 years working experience.
- International candidates must pass TOEFL with a minimum score of 600 **OR** online TOEFL test with a minimum score of 100 **OR** IELTS with a minimum band of 6.0 **OR** its equivalent.
- Applicants without a Bachelor of Laws can be considered, provided that they have a degree and experience in the related field of studies.

Programme information:

- Type of award : Master of Commercial Law
- Field of study : Law (NEC 0421)
- Mode of study : Mixed mode
- Duration of study : Full time : 1 - 3 years
: Part time : 2 - 5 years
- Total of credit : 40 (courses: 20 credit + dissertation: 20 credit)

Tuition Fees*:

SEMESTER	FEES (RM)			
	FULL TIME		PART TIME	
	LOCAL	INTERNATIONAL	LOCAL	INTERNATIONAL
1 st	4,120.00	7,575.00	2,520.00	4,375.00
2 nd	3,580.00	7,055.00	1,980.00	3,855.00
3 rd	2,000.00	3,855.00	3,600.00	7,055.00
4 th			1,980.00	3,855.00
TOTAL	9,700.00	18,485.00	10,080.00	19,140.00

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

Graduation Requirements:

- Fulfilment of the minimum duration of study;
- Pass all the courses;
- Pass proposal defence and final defence;
- Submission of dissertation between 20,000 – 25,000 words; **AND**
- Pass in examination of dissertation by two internal examiners.

Assessment Methods for Coursework:

- Continuous Assessment : 60 %
- Final Exam : 40 %



Dissertation:

The dissertation shall be examined by two (2) internal examiners appointed by the faculty.

Programme Structure:

FULL-TIME STRUCTURE	PART-TIME STRUCTURE
LIST OF COURSES	
Semester 1 (Year 1)	Semester 1 (Year 1)
Law Research and Methodology (Core Course)	Law Research and Methodology (Core Course)
International Trade Law (Core Course)	International Trade Law (Core Course)
Elective Course 1*	
Semester 2 (Year 1)	Semester 2 (Year 1)
Elective Course 2*	Elective Course 1*
Elective Course 3**	Elective Course 2*
Elective Course 4**	
Semester 3 (Short Semester) (Year 1)	Semester 3 (Year 1, Short Semester)
Dissertation (Core Course)	Elective Course 3**
	Semester 4 (Year 2)
	Elective Course 4**
	Semester 5 (Year 2)
	Dissertation (Core Course)
	Semester 6 (Year 2, Short Semester)
	Dissertation (Core Course)

*Students must choose TWO (2) of the 4-credit Elective Courses offered by the faculty.

**Students must choose TWO (2) of the 3-credit Elective Courses offered by the faculty.

Synopsis of Master of Commercial Law Courses:

LLM10102 LAW RESEARCH AND METHODOLOGY (CORE COURSE)

This is a course on legal research method and writing. It introduces students to the nature of research methodology in general and legal research in particular. It discusses the different processes of the legal research methodology with special emphasis on writing a research proposal. Topics include research design, formulating a hypothesis, preparing the statement of problem and literature review, types of primary and secondary legal resources, electronic databases, and fieldwork.

LLM10204 INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW (CORE COURSE)

This course analyses legal principles and framework governing international trade, with a focus on the sale of goods, carriage of goods, payment mechanisms, and dispute resolution. This course is significant as international trade has become a central focus for nations worldwide, driving economic growth, fostering global partnerships, and shaping legal and regulatory frameworks. Key areas include the roles of international organizations such as UNCITRAL, ICC, and WTO in harmonizing trade laws, as well as the application of the CISG and INCOTERMS in commercial contracts. In addition, students will analyse conflict of laws and international arbitration, particularly the enforcement of arbitral awards under the New York Convention and Malaysia's Arbitration Act 2005.

LLM10403 COMPETITION LAW (ELECTIVE COURSE)

This course provides advanced discussion on the law and policy of competition law in Malaysia and other jurisdictions. This course is significant because it is a measure to prevent the monopoly in businesses. The topics covered include the nature and importance of Competition Law, the evolution of Competition Law and Policy, and focusing on two important areas, i.e. anti-competitive agreement (horizontal and vertical) such as cartels, as well as monopolisation and abuse of dominant power. The discussion will be based on the Competition Act 2010, Competition Commission Act 2010, and other sectoral competition regulations such as the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998.

LLM10404 COMPETITION LAW (ELECTIVE COURSE)

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LLM10504 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW (ELECTIVE COURSE)

This course analyses legal principles and frameworks on intellectual property law, focusing on key areas such as copyright, trademarks, patents, industrial designs, geographical indications, and traditional knowledge. Students will explore how technological advancements, globalization, and international trade have significantly influenced IP regimes. This course includes discussions on GATT TRIPs Agreement, Berne Convention, Paris Agreement, Madrid Agreement, Convention on Biological Diversity (among others) and their roles in promoting harmonised legal frameworks and stronger IP protections worldwide, with a particular emphasis on Malaysia. The students will be exposed to both theoretical and practical insights on issues related to intellectual property law.

**LLM10604 ISLAMIC BANKING AND FINANCE LAW (ELECTIVE COURSE)**

This course emphasises advanced discussion on the concept, instruments, governing laws and Shariah principles relating to Islamic banking and finance in Malaysia particularly and in other Islamic countries generally. This course is significant since Malaysia is the leading country in the Islamic banking and finance industry. Topics covered include the development of Islamic banking, its main features, its basis under the Shariah, legislation governing Islamic banks, important Shariah prohibited transactions, underlying Shariah principles and practical operation of Islamic banking products. Other topics include financing products based on various principles such as al-mudharabah, al-musarakah, al-bai' bi thaman ajil and al-ijarah. Current legal issues in this industry, their possible solutions, and Shariah compliance issues are also discussed from the perspectives of Malaysia and few other well-known countries.

LLM10704 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ELECTIVE COURSE)

This course examines the legal concepts and frameworks governing Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms, including arbitration, mediation, conciliation, negotiation, and Islamic ADR, as applied to the resolution of commercial disputes. This course is significant as it provides efficient alternatives to litigation, preserving business relationships and ensuring confidentiality. The course critically explores key legal principles governing these mechanisms, focusing on both domestic frameworks, such as Malaysia's Arbitration Act 2005 and the Mediation Act 2012, and international frameworks, including the New York Convention on the Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards and the Singapore Convention on Mediation. Students will be exposed with the roles of prominent ADR institutions, including the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), ICC International Court of Arbitration, and the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC). The course also addresses selected issues in international commercial arbitration, such as jurisdictional challenges and the enforcement of awards, and explores the growing significance of Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) in cross-border commercial disputes.

LLM10803 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) AND LAW (ELECTIVE COURSE)

This course explores key issues in Information Technology (IT) from legal perspective in Malaysia and in other selected jurisdictions. The main focus is to analyse how the development of IT influences the formulation of new legal principles and how the law has responded to such challenges on emerging areas including e-commerce and digital assets, cyber torts, computer crimes and data protection. The discussion will be based on Electronic Commerce Act 2006, Computer Crimes Act 1997, Personal Data Protection Act 2010 and other related statutes including the Digital Signature Act 1997, Communications and Multimedia Act 1998, Electronic Government Activities Act 2007, Consumer Protection (Amendment) Act 2007, Copyright (Amendment) Act 1997 and Cyber Security Act 2024.

LLM10903 CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW (ELECTIVE COURSE)

Consumer Protection Law regulates the relationship between consumers, suppliers and manufacturers with the goal of promoting fair and efficient markets for the benefit of consumers. Consumer protection law is primarily a legislative regime, drawing on both public and private law enforcement strategies. The regime builds upon common law principles, in particular those of contract, equity and torts, and modifies those principles to achieve overtly instrumental ends of addressing market failure and protecting consumer interests. This course explores the legal frameworks that govern consumer transactions, emphasizing the importance of consumer protection laws in promoting fair trade practices, ensuring transparency, and safeguarding consumer rights. Students will study in detail the consumer protection regime in Malaysia and compare that regime with consumer law developments in the United Kingdom and it will cover various aspects of consumer law including the control over the sale and supply of goods, control over the supply of services, the safety of goods and services, product liability, direct and online sales, electronic commerce protection, hire purchase and dispute resolution mechanisms.

LLM11003 ADVANCED COMPANY LAW (ELECTIVE COURSE)

This course examines advanced legal concepts and regulatory frameworks governing the formation, operation, and governance of companies, with a focus on contemporary developments and comparative perspectives. Key topics include corporate governance, directors' duties, shareholder rights, corporate finance, restructuring, and insolvency. The course covers both Malaysian laws—such as the Companies Act 2016, CMSA 2007, and MCCG—and international standards from jurisdictions like the UK, US, and Asia-Pacific. It also explores emerging issues, including ESG compliance, corporate criminal liability, and the role of AI in governance.

LLM11103 INSURANCE LAW (ELECTIVE COURSE)

This course explores the legal concepts and regulatory frameworks governing insurance practices in Malaysia. It begins with an introduction to the Malaysian financial and insurance systems, followed by an examination of the legal principles underpinning insurance contracts. Students will study the classification of insurance, the formation and validity of insurance contracts, and key doctrines such as insurable interest, utmost good faith, indemnity, subrogation, contribution, and proximate cause. The course also addresses the rights and obligations of both insurers and policyholders, including claims procedures, policy exclusions, and the resolution of insurance disputes. Special emphasis is placed on statutory and regulatory requirements under key legislation, such as the Financial Services Act 2013, as well as the role of Bank Negara Malaysia and other relevant authorities in regulating and supervising the insurance industry. Contemporary legal issues such as insurance fraud, third-party rights, reinsurance, digital transformation in insurance services, and compliance with anti-money laundering (AML) regulations will be examined.

LLM10320 DISSERTATION (CORE COURSE)

This course is meant to produce a dissertation that studies legal problems or issues from a commercial perspective. The dissertation comprises an introduction, problem statement, research objectives, research questions, methodology, literature review, findings, suggestions and conclusion. The dissertation components are meant to demonstrate advanced study and inquiry into a particular facet of commercial law. The course is delivered via discussion, consultation and supervision.



4. DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (LAW) (BY RESEARCH)

Entry Requirements:

- i. A Bachelor's degree in Law or Shariah; **AND**
- ii. A Master's degree or its equivalent which is duly recognised by the Senate of UniSZA.
- iii. International candidates must pass TOEFL with a minimum score of 600 OR online TOEFL test with a minimum score of 100 OR IELTS with a minimum band of 6.0 OR its equivalent.

Programme information:

- i. Type of award : Doctoral degree
- ii. Field of study : Law (NEC 0421)
- iii. Mode of study : Full Research
- iv. Duration of study : Full time : 3 - 6 years
: Part time : 4 - 7 years
- v. This programme started in 2014 and received full accreditation by the Malaysian Qualification Agency in 2019.

Fields of Specialization:

Administrative Law	Jurisprudence
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Juvenile Justice
Business Law	Land Law
Child Law	Law of Contract
Consumer Law	Law of Equity
Constitutional Law	Law of Evidence
Construction Law	Law of Islamic Banking, Finance and Capital Market
Corporate Law	Islamic Law of Transactions
Criminal Law	Partnership Law
Cyber Law	Legal Profession and Ethics
Employment Law	Law of Takaful
Family Law	Law of the Sea
Human Rights Law	Legal System
Intellectual Property Law	Law of Torts
International Law	Law of Trust
Islamic Judiciary	Refugee Law
Islamic Law	Tourism Law

Tuition Fees*:

PROGRAMME / SEMESTER	LOCAL STUDENT	
	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.

Graduation Requirements:

- i. Pass Research Methodology course offered by the Graduate School and Law Research Methodology course offered by FUHA;
- 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;
- iv. Submission of thesis between 80,000 – 100,000 words; **AND**
- v. Pass in *viva voce*.

Assessment Methods:

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

***International Relations
Postgraduate Programmes***



1. MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (BY RESEARCH)

Entry Requirements:

- i. A Bachelor's degree with CGPA of 2.75 out of 4.00 and above or equivalent from any higher education institution recognized by Senate of UniSZA; OR
- ii. A Bachelor's degree with CGPA of at least 2.50 out of 4.00 from any higher education institution recognized by Senate of UniSZA **WITH** 3 years of working experience in related field; OR
- iii. A Bachelor's degree with CGPA below 2.50 out of 4.00 from any higher education institution recognized by Senate of UniSZA **WITH** 5 years of working experience in related field; AND
- iv. Other qualifications recognized by UniSZA Senate.
- v. International candidates must pass TOEFL with a minimum score of 550 **OR** IELTS with a minimum band of 6.0 OR its equivalent.

Programme information:

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| i. Type of award | : Master of International Relations |
| ii. Field of study | : Political Science and Sivities (NEC 0312) |
| iii. Mode of study | : Full Research |
| iv. Duration of Study | : Full Time: (2 - 4 years) |
| | : Part Time: (3 - 5 years) |

Field of Study:

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

Tuition Fees*:

PROGRAMME / SEMESTER	LOCAL STUDENT	
	FULL TIME (RM)	PART TIME (RM)
	MASTER	MASTER
1 st Semester	1,385.00	1,285.00
2 nd Semester & Above	865.00	765.00
Examination (Thesis)	500.00	500.00
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT		
1 st Semester	3,170.00	
2 nd Semester & Above	2,500.00	
Examination (Thesis)	800.00	

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

Graduation Requirements:

- i. Attendance in Research Methodology course offered by the Graduate School;
- ii. Fulfilment of the minimum duration of study;
- iii. Publication of ONE (1) Scopus/WOS-indexed article OR TWO (2) articles from other indexed journals related to the thesis before *viva voce*;
- iv. Submission of thesis between 40,000 - 50,000 words; **AND**
- v. Pass in *viva voce*.

Assessment Methods:

- i. **Formative Assessment** (Students are required to):
 - a. Attend and pass Research Methodology course offered by Graduate School (before Proposal Defence)
 - b. Pass the 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*.



2. DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (BY RESEARCH)

Entry Requirements:

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

Programme information:

- i. Type of award : Doctoral Degree
- ii. Field of study : Social and Behavioural Science (NEC 0310)
- iii. Mode of study : Full research
- iv. Duration of Study: : Full Time : 3 - 6 years
: Part Time : 4 - 7 years

Field of Study:

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*:

PROGRAMME / SEMESTER	LOCAL STUDENT	
	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.

Graduation Requirements:

- i. Attendance in Research Methodology course 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;
- 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 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*.



FLOW CHART FOR PHD & MASTER'S STUDENTS (BY RESEARCH)

(Date of in force: August 2020)

NEW APPLICATION

- Application is via Postgraduate Portal.
- Anytime throughout the year.

REGISTRATION

- Payment of fees.
- Online registration.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COURSE

- PhD in Law students: Attend both courses offered by Graduate School & Faculty.
- Master of Law, Master of IR and PhD in IR: Attend the course offered by Graduate School only.
- Students must pass the courses before applying for Proposal Defense.

PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL

- Prepare presentation slides.
- Recommended to be performed during 1st year of study.

SUBMISSION OF PROGRESS REPORT

- Submit to supervisor every semester.
- Online submission.

PRESENTATION OF PROGRESS AT FACULTY COLLOQUIUM

- Once throughout the study before presentation of research findings.
- Recommended to be performed during 2nd-3rd year of study.

PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH FINDINGS (PRE VIVA)

- Present at Faculty and attended by supervisor & subject matter experts.
- Performed prior to submission of NOS.

SUBMISSION OF NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF THESIS/ DISSERTATION (NOS)

- Fulfilled minimum duration of study.
- Submit thesis abstract, certificates of Research Methodology Courses, proof of thesis proofreading, proof of presentation at faculty and proof of publication;
for PhD: 2 articles in SCOPUS/ISI indexed journals OR, 1 article in SCOPUS/ISI indexed journal AND 2 articles in other in indexed journals)
for Masters: 1 article in SCOPUS/ISI indexed journals OR 2 articles in other indexed journals)
- Faculty reviews abstract & thesis and gives feedback before submitting NOS to Graduate School.

VIVA VOCE

- Submit 3 soft bound copies of thesis & plagiarism similarity report to Graduate School.
- Examiners review thesis.
- Result : no correction/ minor correction/ moderate correction/ major correction /re-viva.

GRADUATION

- Faculty verifies students qualified to graduate & sends to Graduate School to be approved by Senate.

FACULTY OF LAW AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FACULTY PRESENTATION GUIDELINES FOR MASTER (MIXED MODE)

PROPOSAL DEFENCE	FINAL DEFENCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a defence on RESEARCH PROPOSAL in front of TWO (2) faculty assessors. To be held in early dissertation period (preferably during first semester of dissertation). Students to inform Faculty on the intention to defence by filing in the Proposal Defence Form. Students to submit a Research Proposal on the following items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Title of Dissertation Introduction/Background of Research Problem Statement Research Objectives Research Questions Research Methodology Literature Review Significance of Study Scope of Study Chapter Outlines List of References 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a defence on RESEARCH FINDINGS in front of TWO (2) faculty assessors. Students to inform Faculty on the intention to defence by filing in the Final Defence Form. Students to submit Research Findings on the following items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Thesis Title Thesis Abstract (300 - 500 words) A summary of thesis including the research findings Complete List of References

NOTE:

Thesis Abstract must comply with the UniSZA Graduate School format which is available online at <https://pps.unisza.edu.my/index.php?lang=english>

NOTE:

- Student to submit the above particulars to Faculty in **Microsoft Words** (not more than 25pg/Arial font 12/1.5 line spacing) AND **presentation slides**.
- Student will be given 20 minutes to present.
- The slides should not be more than 20 pages.
- Supervisor is required to attend.

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FACULTY OF LAW & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (FUHA) FACULTY PRESENTATION GUIDELINES FOR PHD & MASTER (BY RESEARCH)

FIRST PRESENTATION (PROPOSAL DEFENCE)	SECOND PRESENTATION (POSTGRADUATE COLLOQUIUM)	THIRD PRESENTATION (FINAL DEFENCE) updated 21/01/2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A defence on research proposal. To be held within the 1st year of study (semester 1-2). Students must pass Research Methodology Course by PPS and **Law Research Methodology Course by FUHA before applying for proposal defence. Students are required to submit a Research Proposal of 4,000 - 7,000 words on the following items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Title of Thesis Introduction/Background of Research Problem Statement Research Objectives Research Questions Brief Research Methodology Brief Literature Review Significance of Study Scope of Study Chapter Outlines Brief List of References <p>NOTE : May also include THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK and HYPOTHESIS (if required by Supervisor)</p> <p>**applicable for students of PhD in Law only.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A presentation on research progress. Annual Colloquium Usually held in Sept/Oct every year. Only once throughout study period (preferably during 2nd – 3rd year of study ie PhD: semester 4-5; Masters: semester 2-3) Students are required to deliver a Research Progress Report of about 5,000 - 10,000 words on the following items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Title of Thesis Thesis Abstract Research Objectives Significance of Study Research Methodology Literature Review Research Outcome(s) Finding(s) to date Research Plan to complete the thesis List of Publications to date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A presentation on research finding. Students are required to submit the following items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Title of thesis Thesis Abstract (300 - 500 words) A summary of thesis including the research findings (2,000- 5,000 words) List of Publications <p>NOTE : Thesis Abstract must comply with the UniSZA Graduate School format which is available online at https://pps.unisza.edu.my/index.php?lang=english</p>

NOTE:

Student must submit the above particulars to FUHA in Microsoft Words & Presentation slides. Student will be given 20 minutes to present in each seminar. Slides should not be more than 20 pages. Main supervisor is required to attend all the Seminars together with his/her student.

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