

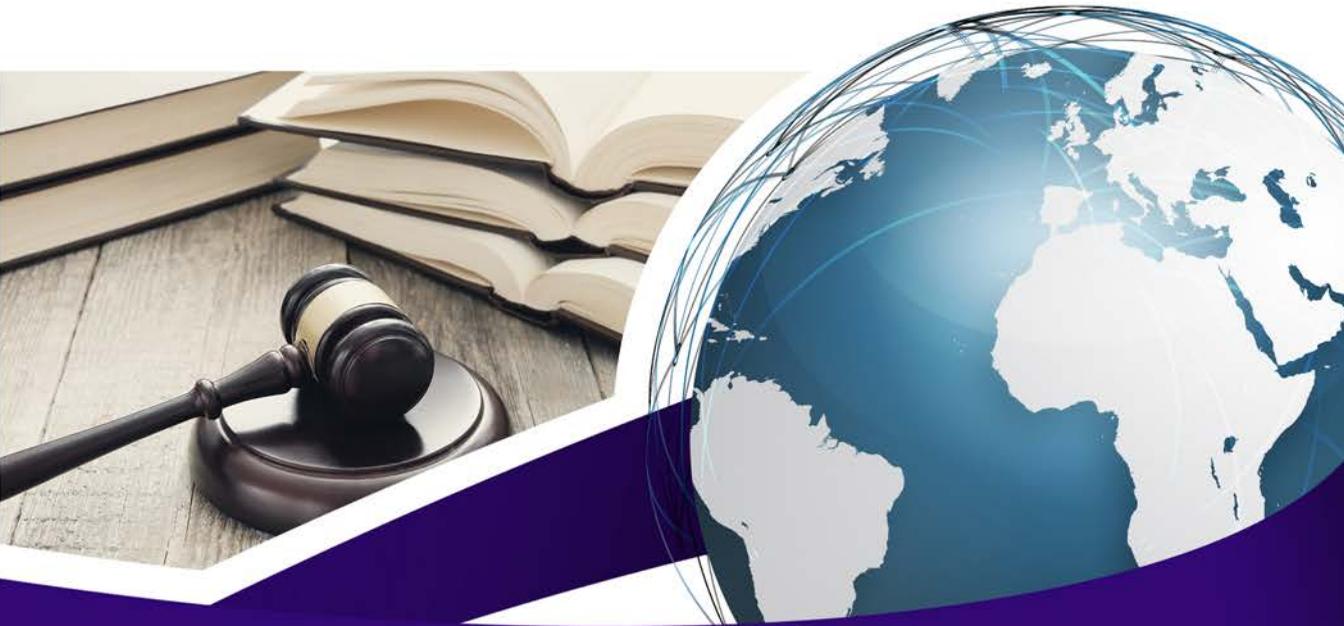


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Nilai-nilai teras tersebut ialah Ilmu, Iman & Akhlak, Amal, Kepimpinan (Qiyaadah), Kolaborasi (Ta'awun), Keusahawanan (Tijaarah), Transformasi (Taghyir), Inovasi (Ihtikaar)

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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 FLAIR, 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 FLAIR, 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 FLAIR is one of the best experiences of your life.
Thank you

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Postgraduate Academic Calendar 2020/2021 Session (Research Mode)

Semester I

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	DURATION
SEMESTER I, 2020/2021 SESSION			
27 September 2020	Registration Session of New Students	Graduate School Office	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
	New Students Briefing Session	Resital Seni Hall, 1 st Floor, Centre of Art & Heritage Building (next to Graduate School Building)	1 month
27 September - 26 October 2020	Registration Session of Returning Students	Student Portal	14 weeks
1 October - 31 December 2020	Research Activities		2 weeks
18 October - 2 November 2020	Research Methodology Course	Online via UniSZA.webex.com	1 month
1 January - 30 January 2021	• Progress Report Submission by Students	Student Portal	1 month
	• Progress Report Submission	Staff Portal	

SEMESTER II, 2020/2021 SESSION

28 February 2021	Registration Session of New Students	Graduate School Office	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
28 February - 27 March 2021	Registration Session of Returning Students	Student Portal	1 month
28 February - 27 March 2021	Application for Deferment of Study	Submit the form to the faculty	1 month
7 March - 30 July 2021	Research Activities		20 weeks

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	DURATION
21 March - 25 March 2021	Research Methodology Course	Graduate School Office	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
27 June - 1 July 2021	Research Methodology Course (Arab Stream)	Student Portal	1 month
1 – 30 August 2021	• Progress Report Submission by Students	Student Portal	1 month
	• Progress Report Submission by Supervisors	Staff Portal	

Postgraduate Academic Calendar 2020/2021 Session (Mixed Mode)

Semester I, 2020/2021 Session

ACTIVITY	DATE	PERIOD	NOTE
• New students' registration • Existing students' registration	• 25 - 27 Oct 2020 • 27 Sep - 26 Oct 2020	3 days	
Lecture	25 Oct - 12 Dec 2020	7 weeks	29 Oct: Maulidur Rasul 14 - 15 Nov: Deepavali
Mid semester Break	13 - 19 Dec 2021	1 weeks	25 Dec: Christmas
Lecture	20 Dec - 6 Feb 2021	7 weeks	12 - 13 Feb: Chinese New Year
Revision	7 Feb - 10 Feb 2021	4 days	4 Mar: Pertabalan Sultan Terengganu
Final examination	11 Feb - 20 Feb 2021	10 days	
Semester I Break	21 Feb - 6 Mar 2021	2 weeks	

Semester II, 2020/2021 Session

ACTIVITY	DATE	PERIOD	NOTE
Lecture	7 Mar - 24 Apr 2021	7 weeks	26 Apr: Keputeraan Sultan Terengganu 29 Apr: Nuzul al-Quran
Mid semester Break	25 Apr - 1 May 2021	1 weeks	1 May: Labour Day
Lecture	2 May - 19 Jun 2021	7 weeks	13 - 14 May: Hari Raya Aidilfitri
Revision	20 Jun - 23 Jun 2021	4 days	26 May: Wesak Day
Final examination	24 Jun - 3 Jul 2021	10 days	07 Jun: Hari Keputeraan YDP Agong 19 Jul: Arafah Day
Semester II Break (for Full Time students)	4 Jul - 11 Sep 2021	10 weeks	20 - 21 Jul: Hari Raya Haji 10 Aug: Awal Muharam 31 Aug: Independence Day

Short Semester, 2020/2021 Session

ACTIVITY	DATE	PERIOD	NOTE
Dissertation writing (for Full Time students)	11 Jul - 28 Aug 2020	7 weeks	19 Jul: Arafah Day 20 - 21 Jul: Hari Raya Haji
Dissertation submission	29 - 4 Aug 2020		10 Aug: Awal Muharam 31 Aug: Independence Day

*Note: Academic calendar is subject to change



Faculty Background

Faculty of Law and International Relations (FLAIR), University of Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA) was officially established 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 FLAIR 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 four generations of graduates and counting.

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

Since 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 Programmes are continuously taught. In March 2007, FLAIR was established and was given the responsibility to conduct the study programmes.

With the exception of the two programmes, FLAIR is currently running a Bachelor's Degree of International Relations with the first intake successfully enrolled in September 2014. FLAIR is also welcoming degree holders to pursue Master's Degree and Doctor of Philosophy in Law as well as International Relations.

Vision, Mission and Objectives

Vision

Faculty of Law and International Relations aspires to be a national and world class school of law 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.



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***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:

- i. Type of award : Master of Law
- ii. Field of study : Law (NEC 380)
- iii. Mode of study : Full Research (Full time / Part time)
- iv. Duration of study : Full time : 2 - 4 years
: Part time: 3 - 5 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	Law of Islamic Transactions
Criminal Law	Law of Partnership
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 and Law

Tuition Fees:

SEMESTER	MALAYSIANS (RM)	INTERNATIONAL (RM)
1 st Semester	1,395.00	3,070.00
2 nd Semester & Odd Semester	855.00	2,500.00
3 rd Semester & Odd Semester	875.00	2,500.00
Final Semester	1,355.00	2,500.00

Graduation Requirements:

- i. Attendance in TWO (2) Research Methodology courses offered by the Graduate School and FLAIR;
- ii. Fulfilment of the minimum duration of study;
- iii. Publication/Acceptance for publication of ONE (1) article in indexed journal 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 the Research Methodology course (first year of study before Proposal Defence)
 - b. Present Proposal Defence (first year of study)
 - c. Submit Progress Report (every semester)
 - d. Present progress of research at FLAIR Postgraduate Colloquium
 - e. Present progress of research at Final Defence (before Notice of Submission)
- ii. **Summative Assessment:**
 - a. Examination of thesis by one internal examiner and one external examiner.
 - b. *Viva voce*.



2. MASTER IN COMPARATIVE LAWS (MIXED MODE)

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.
- v. 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:

- i. Type of award : Master in Comparative Laws
- ii. Field of study : Law (NEC 380)
- iii. Mode of study : Mixed mode (Full time / Part time)
- iv. Duration of study : Full time: 1 (3 semesters) - 3 years
: Part time: 2 - 5 years
- v. Total of credit : 40 (courses: 20 credit + dissertation: 20 credit)

Tuition Fees:

MALAYSIANS (RM)	INTERNATIONAL (RM)
TOTAL: RM9, 295*	TOTAL: RM18, 615*
= RM200 (registration) + RM8,000 (RM200 x 40 credits) + RM1,095 (others)	= RM200 (registration) + RM16,000 (RM400 x 40 credits) + RM2,415 (others)

Note: *Fees are based on estimation.

Graduation Requirements:

- i. Fulfilment of the minimum duration of study;
- ii. Pass all the courses;
- iii. Submission of dissertation with a minimum of 20,000 words; **AND**
- iv. Pass in examination of dissertation by two internal examiners.

Assessment Methods for Coursework:

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

Assessment Methods for Dissertation:

Examination of dissertation by two (2) internal examiners whereby supervisor shall be deemed the First Examiner. The Second Examiner shall be appointed internally from senior lecturers.

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 Human Rights Law	Comparative Human Rights Law
Comparative Family Law	
Comparative Constitutional Law	
Semester 2 (Year 1)	Semester 2 (Year 1)
Comparative Alternative Dispute Resolution	Comparative Family Law
Dissertation (min 20,000 words)	Comparative Constitutional Law
Semester 3 (Short Semester) (Year 1)	
Dissertation (continuation)	Semester 3 (Year 2)
	Comparative Alternative Dispute Resolution
	Dissertation (min 20,000 words)
	Semester 4 (Year 2)
	Dissertation (continuation)



Synopsis of Master In 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.

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.

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 deal 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.

3. MASTER IN COMMERCIAL LAW (MIXED MODE)

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.
- v. 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:

- i. Type of award : Master in Commercial Law
- ii. Field of study : Law (NEC 380)
- iii. Mode of study : Mixed mode (Full time / Part time)
- iv. Duration of study : Full time: 1 (3 semesters) - 3 years
: Part time: 2 - 5 years
- v. Total of credit : 40 (courses: 20 credit + dissertation: 20 credit).

Tuition Fees:

MALAYSIANS (RM)	INTERNATIONAL (RM)
TOTAL: RM9, 295*	TOTAL: RM18, 615*
= RM200 (registration) + RM8,000 (RM200 x 40 credits) + RM1,095 (others)	= RM200 (registration) + RM16,000 (RM400 x 40 credits) + RM2,415 (others)

Note: *Fees are based on estimation.

Graduation Requirements:

- i. Fulfilment of the minimum duration of study;
- ii. Pass all the courses;
- iii. Submission of dissertation with a minimum of 20,000 words; **AND**
- iv. Pass in examination of dissertation by two internal examiners.

Assessment Methods for Coursework:

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

Assessment Methods for Dissertation:

Examination of dissertation by two (2) internal examiners whereby supervisor shall be deemed the First Examiner. The Second Examiner shall be appointed internally from senior lecturers.



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
International Trade Law	International Trade Law
Competition Law	
Intellectual Property Law	
Semester 2 (Year 1)	Semester 2 (Year 1)
Islamic Banking and Finance Law	Competition Law
Dissertation (min 20,000 words)	Intellectual Property Law
Semester 3 (Short Semester) (Year 1)	
Dissertation (continuation)	Semester 3 (Year 2)
	Islamic Banking and Finance Law
	Dissertation (min 20,000 words)
	Semester 4 (Year 2)
	Dissertation (continuation)

Synopsis of Master In 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 specialised 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.

LLM50204 INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

This course is limited only to that part of international trade law dealing primarily with international sale of goods. A typical international sale contract will involve four elements: Firstly, there will be the underlying contract of sale. Secondly, there will be a contract of carriage entered into by either the seller or the buyer depending on their respective obligations as set out in the contract of sale. Thirdly, there will be a contract of insurance for the goods whilst in transit from the seller to the buyer. Fourthly, there will be the particular mechanism of payment to be erected by the buyer: whether simply by cash, or by bill of exchange, or by documentary credit. It deals with the major topics such as (i) International sale of goods and its unification, (ii) Special trade terms: INCO Terms 2000, (iii) CIF and FOB contracts, (iv) Carriage of goods by sea, (v) Payment in international trade, (vi) Dispute resolution in international trade and Islamic aspect of international trade.

LLM50304 COMPETITION LAW

The course starts off with the basic introduction to competition policy and law and then proceeds with the economics of competition law and the development of competition policy and law in Malaysia and in other jurisdictions. The main focus of this course is to analyse the substantive provisions of competition law focusing on two important areas i.e. anti-competitive agreement (horizontal and vertical) such as cartel as well as monopolization and abuse of dominant power). The discussion will be based on Competition Act 2010, Competition Commission Act 2010 as well as other sectoral competition regulations such as under the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998. While discussing the Malaysian position, the course will also look at different jurisdiction especially in EU and US.

**LLM50404 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW**

The law relating to intellectual property has undergone massive changes due to the emergence of new technologies. In the area of copyright for example, newer method of information and communication technologies has challenged the accepted and established norm in copyright law. Respectively, in the area of trade marks, the advent of Internet and the booming Internet related commerce question the application of traditional norms of trade mark law. In the area of patents, the growing use and application of biotechnology and the increasing patenting of Internet related functions means that new regulation must be put in place.

International trade and the globalisation of economies have also set the pace of change in intellectual and industrial property law. The conclusion of GATT TRIPs Agreement by the WTO has witnessed the demand for harmonised rules and stronger intellectual property rights. It has been perceived that a more effective intellectual property regime is needed to reduce piracy which is considered as one of the major obstacles to free trade. On the whole, TRIPs has induced domestic changes in many domestic legislation, Malaysia included.

LLM50504 ISLAMIC BANKING AND FINANCE LAW

This course emphasises advanced discussion on the concept, instruments, practical operation, governing laws and Shariah principles relating to Islamic banking and finance in Malaysia particularly and in other Islamic countries generally. Topics covered include development of Islamic banking, its main features, its basis under the Shariah, legislation governing Islamic banks, important Shariah prohibited transactions, underlying principles of Shariah for products of Islamic banking. Other topics include financing products based on various principles such as, *al-mudharabah*, *al-musyarakah*, *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.

4. DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (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 380)
- iii. Mode of study : Full research (Full time / Part time)
- iv. Duration of study : Full time : 3-6 years
: Part time : 4-7 years
- v. This programme started in 2014 and was given full accreditation by the Malaysian Qualification Agency in 2020.

Fields of Specialization:

Alternative Dispute Resolutions	International Law
Business Law	Islamic International Law
Child Law	Jurisprudence
Consumer Law	Juvenile Justice
Contract Law	Land Law
Construction Law	Law of Islamic Banking and Finance
Corporate Law	Law of Torts
Criminal Law	Partnership Law
Cyber Law	Syariah Law

Tuition Fees:

SEMESTER	MALAYSIANS (RM)	INTERNATIONAL (RM)
1 st Semester	1,445.00	3,070.00
2 nd Semester & Odd Semester	855.00	2,500.00
3 rd Semester & Odd Semester	875.00	2,500.00
Final Semester	1,855.00	2,500.00

Note: *Fees are based on estimation.

**Graduation Requirements:**

- i. Attendance in TWO (2) Research Methodology courses offered by the Graduate School and FLAIR;
- ii. Fulfilment of the minimum duration of study;
- iii. Publication/Acceptance for publication of TWO (2) articles in indexed journals before *viva voce*;
- iv. Submission of thesis between 80,000 – 100,000 words; **AND**
- v. Pass in *viva voce*.

i. Formative Assessment (Students are required to):

- a. Attend the Research Methodology courses (during first year of study before Proposal Defence)
- b. Present a research proposal in Proposal Defence (first year of study)
- c. Submit Progress Report (every semester)
- d. Present progress of research at FLAIR Postgraduate Colloquium
- e. Present progress of research at Final Defence (before Notice of Submission)

ii. Summative Assessment:

- a. Examination of thesis by one internal examiner and one external examiner.
- 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.

Field of Study:

Diplomacy
Democracy
Foreign Policy
Globalization
Human Rights for Non-Citizens
International Humanitarian
International Political Economy
International Human Rights
International Organizations
International Political Theories
International Politics
International Security
International Current Issues
Religion and International Relations
Strategic Studies

Programme information:

- i. Type of award : Master of International Relations
- ii. Field of study : Political Science and Sivics (NEC 313)
- iii. Mode of study : Full Research (Full time / Part time)
- iv. Duration of Study : Full Time: 4-8 semesters (2-4 years)
: Part Time: 6-10 semesters (3-5 years)

Tuition Fees:

SEMESTER	MALAYSIANS (RM)	INTERNATIONAL (RM)
1 st Semester	1,395.00	3,070.00
2 nd Semester & Odd Semester	855.00	2,500.00
3 rd Semester & Odd Semester	875.00	2,500.00
Final Semester	1,355.00	2,500.00

Note: *Fees are based on estimation.

Graduation Requirements:

- i. Attendance in Research Methodology course offered by the Graduate School;
- ii. Fulfilment of the minimum duration of study;
- iii. Publication/Acceptance for publication of ONE (1) article in indexed journal before *viva voce*;
- iv. Submission of thesis between 30,000 – 50,000 words; **AND**
- v. Pass in *viva voce*.

Assessment Methods:

- i. **Formative Assessment** (Students are required to):
 - a. Attend the Research Methodology course (first year of study before Proposal Defence)
 - b. Present Proposal Defence (first year of study)
 - c. Submit Progress Report (every semester)
 - d. Present progress of research at FLAIR Postgraduate Colloquium
 - e. Present progress of research at Final Defence (before Notice of Submission)
- 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. Master's degree or other qualifications from any higher education institution which is duly recognised by the Senate of UniSZA.
- ii. International candidates must pass TOEFL with a minimum score of 550 **OR** IELTS with a minimum band of 6.0 **OR** its equivalent.

Field of Study:

Diplomacy
 Democracy
 Foreign Policy
 Globalization
 Human Rights for Non-Citizens
 International Humanitarian
 International Human Rights
 International Organizations
 International Political Theories
 International Politics
 International Security
 International Current Issues
 International Political Economy
 Religion and International Relations
 Strategic Studies

Programme information:

- i. Type of award : Doctoral degree
- ii. Field of study : Social and Behavioural Science (NEC 310)
- iii. Mode of study : Full research (Full time / Part time)
- iv. Duration of Study: : Full Time : 6-10 semesters (3-5 years)
 : Part Time : 8-14 semesters (4-7 years)

Tuition Fees:

SEMESTER	MALAYSIANS (RM)	INTERNATIONAL (RM)
1 st Semester	1,445.00	3,070.00
2 nd Semester & Odd Semester	855.00	2,500.00
3 rd Semester & Odd Semester	875.00	2,500.00
Final Semester	1,855.00	2,500.00

Note: *Fees are based on estimation.

Graduation Requirements:

- i. Attendance in Research Methodology course offered by the Graduate School;
- ii. Fulfilment of the minimum duration of study;
- iii. Publication/Acceptance for publication of TWO (2) articles in indexed journals before *viva voce*;
- iv. Submission of thesis between 50,000 – 80,000 words; **AND**
- v. Pass in *viva voce*.

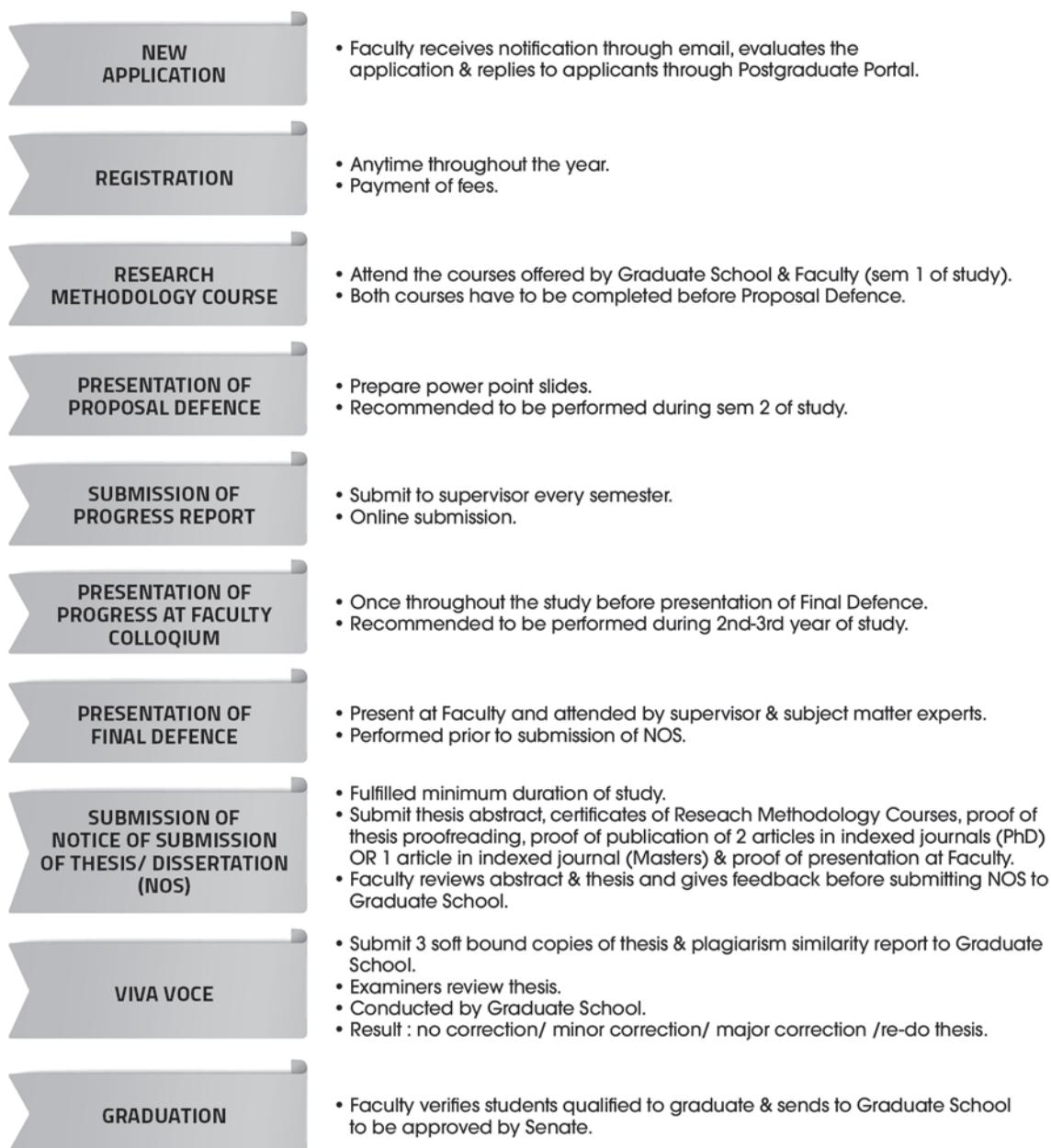
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- ii. **Summative Assessment:**
 - a. Examination of thesis by one internal examiner and one external examiner.
 - b. *Viva voce*.



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