

LIST OF COURSES & CURRICULUM STRUCTURE	
Compulsory courses	Research Methodology International Relations in East Asia Economic Development in East Asia Major Powers in East Asia ASEAN and East Asian Regionalism East Asian Language (Level 1)* East Asian Language (Level 2)*
Elective courses	Trade and Finance in East Asia Non-Traditional Security Issues in East Asia Modern History of East Asia Current Issues in East Asia Government and Political Systems in East Asia Graduate Seminar in East Asia
Graduation requirement	Thesis**

*For the East Asian language requirement, students have a selection of Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Thai, or the Malay language.

**For the thesis, students must present their thesis proposal at the end of the second semester. Students must take 22 units for the core subjects and 6 units for the elective subjects.



Staff Specialisation

A team of dedicated faculty and researchers who specialize in different countries and functional issues related to East Asia, with award-winning research outputs.

NAME	SPECIALISATION
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nor Azizlan Idris	Geographical: Southeast Asia Issues: Foreign policy, international organizations
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zarina @Zairina Othman	Geographical: East Asia Issues: Human security, non-traditional security issues, regional security
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kuik Cheng Chwee	Geographical: East Asia, ASEAN, China Issues: Small states, alignment behavior, regional multilateralism
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sity Daud	Geographical: East Asia, Japan and Korea Issues: Political economy, security studies
Assoc. Prof. Dr. D. Ravichandran K. Dhakshinamoorthy	Geographical: Asia-Pacific, India Issues: Bioethics, ASEAN, resource security
Dr. Sharifah Munirah Alatas	Geographical: Indian Ocean Region (IOR), India Issues: Water and energy security, defence policy
Dr. Guido Benny	Geographical: East Asia, ASEAN, Indonesia Issues: Multilateralism, regionalism, socio-economic aspects, economic security
Dr. Farizal Mohd. Razalli	Geographical: Southeast Asia and Latin America Issues: Energy security, IR leadership, regionalism
Mr. Chin Kok Fay	Geographical: Taiwan, Southeast Asia Issues: International political economy, global finance, trade and security, food security
Ms. Marina Abdul Majid	Geographical: East Asia Issues: International biotechnology law, international sustainable development law, and environmental justice
Ms. Hoo Chiew Ping	Geographical: Northeast Asia, South Korea and North Korea, Japan Issues: Alliance politics, great powers, strategic studies, security studies

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East Asia is the fastest growing region in the world, with many large and emerging economies whose ongoing transformation promises to change the lives of millions.

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Dr. Satu Limaye
Director, EWC in Washington as the inaugural speaker of EAIR Forum

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GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS		
	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	
	DOMESTIC STUDENTS	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Degree requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) or its equivalent. • Preference will be given to applicants with CGPA 3.00 and above or its equivalent. • Mid-career professionals with nine or more years of relevant work experience will also be considered. 	
English language requirements	MUET: Band 4	TOEFL: 550 score minimum or IELTS: Band 6
Documents to be submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcript and copy of first degree in relevant field • Proof of competency in English language (MUET for Malaysian students, TOEFL or IELTS for international applicants) • Certified copy of high school diploma (SPM or STPM for Malaysians) • 2 letters of recommendation from your employer/institution of higher education • Passport-sized photo • Processing fee of RM100 (for locals) or USD30 (international) • Centre for Graduate Studies Checklist 	
Online submission dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April-May for Semester I intake • October-November for Semester II intake 	
Semester commencement date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-September each year for Semester I intake • Mid-February each year for Semester II intake 	
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Application form	Fill out the online application form at: http://guest.ukm.my or Visit the postgraduate or master's programme website at: http://www.ukm.my/pps/ or http://www.ukm.my/ppsps/east-asian-studies/	
Mode of study	Full time and Part time	Full time only

