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# **Master of Science (Computer Science) by Research**

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SCAN TO APPLY



## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- (i) A Bachelor's degree (Level 6, MQF) in Computing or related fields with a minimum CGPA of 3.00, as accepted by the university Senate; OR
- (ii) A Bachelor's degree (Level 6, MQF) in Computing or related fields with a minimum CGPA of 2.00 and not meeting a CGPA of 3.00 can be accepted subject to a thorough rigorous assessment by the faculty; OR
- (iii) A Bachelor's degree (Level 6, MQF) in Non-Computing field with a minimum CGPA of 2.50 can be accepted subject to a thorough rigorous assessment by the faculty to identify the appropriate prerequisite courses that equivalent to their working experience in the Computing or related fields; OR
- (iv) A Bachelor's degree (Level 6, MQF) in Non-Computing field with a minimum CGPA of 2.50 can be accepted subject to appropriate prerequisite courses; OR
- (v) Other qualifications equivalent to a Bachelor's degree (Level 6, MQF) in Computing or related fields recognised by the Government of Malaysia must fulfil the requirement on item i or ii.

## English Language Proficiency Requirements (International Candidates only)

- (a) International applicants or non-English speaking countries applicants must achieve a minimum of Band 4 in MUET or equivalent to CEFR (Low B2) such as Band 5.5 in IELTS, score of 46 in TOEFL iBT and score of 51 in PTE; OR
- (b) Fulfil the general language requirement outlined by the university.

### Criteria on Conferment of Degree

- Produce at least one (1) article published / accepted in Scopus / WoS indexed journals before submitting the final dissertation.
- Present research work at least once at any conference and publish in Scopus indexed proceedings.

## DURATION OF STUDY

**Full Time 2 – 6 semesters | Part Time 4 – 8 semesters**

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Study areas under the Master of Science (Computer Science) by Research programme are:

- Nature-inspired Computational Intelligence
- Evolutionary Robotics, Behaviour-Based Robotics
- Artificial Neural Networks
- Evolving Game AI
- Multi-Objective Optimization and Metaheuristics
- Agent Technology
- Semantic Technology
- Natural Language Processing
- Image Processing
- Sentiment Analysis
- Augmented Reality
- Neuroinformatics

| FEES<br>MODE | LOCAL (MYR) |           | INTERNATIONAL<br>(MYR) |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|------------------------|
|              | FULL TIME   | PART TIME | FULL TIME              |
| Registration | 730.00      | 730.00    | 3080.40                |
| Semester 1   | 2033.00     | 1923.00   | 4380.00                |
| Semester 2   | 2008.00     | 1898.00   | 4380.00                |
| Semester 3   | 2033.00     | 1923.00   | 4380.00                |
| Semester 4   | 2008.00     | 1898.00   | 4380.00                |
| Semester 5   | 2033.00     | 1923.00   | 4380.00                |
| Viva Voce    | 1000.00     | 1000.00   | 1000.00                |
| Total Fees   | 11845.00    | 11295.00  | 25980.40               |

## Graduate On Time Schedule

| Semester | Activities  | Milestones  | Assessments  |
|----------|---|---|--|
| 1        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend Research Methodology Course</li> <li>Write research proposal</li> <li>Learn to use reference manager software (Mendeley) and document preparation system (LaTeX)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass Research Methodology Course</li> <li>Pass Proposal Defence</li> <li>Pass Progress Report</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research Methodology Course</li> <li>Proposal Defence</li> <li>Progress Report</li> </ul> |
| 2        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write dissertation chapter 1, 2 and 3 (Introduction, Literature Review and Methodology)</li> <li>Attend Research Literacy Course</li> <li>Write review/survey paper</li> </ul>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit review/survey paper to a Scopus/WoS indexed journal</li> <li>Pass Progress Report</li> </ul>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress Presentation</li> <li>Progress Report</li> </ul>                                 |
| 3        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct experiment or field work</li> <li>Write dissertation chapter 4 (Results and Findings)</li> <li>Attend Research Literacy Course</li> </ul>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present research work at a conference</li> <li>Pass Progress Report</li> </ul>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress Presentation</li> <li>Progress Report</li> </ul>                                 |
| 4        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write dissertation chapter 5 (Conclusion)</li> <li>Write journal article</li> <li>Prepare a complete dissertation</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit article to a Scopus/WoS indexed journal</li> <li>Submit Dissertation</li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-Viva</li> <li>Viva Voce</li> <li>Dissertation</li> </ul>                              |