

UMS offering 10 Master's programmes for working adults

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KOTA KINABALU: Various programmes designated for working adults are now being offered by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) through its life-long learning centre, the UMS Centre for External Education (UCEE) also known as PLUMS.

Associate Prof Dr Mohd Yusof Abdullah, the newly appointed Director said that UCEE offers ten Master's programmes by coursework in various areas on part-time basis for the upcoming September Intake 2014/2015.

These programmes are Master of Business Administration; Master of Economics, Master of Human Capital Management from School of Business and Economics; Master of Counselling (Psychology Counselling) from School of Psychology and Social Work; Master of Education with specialisation in TESL, Science, Computer in Education, Education Management, Curriculum and Instructional Design, Physical and Health Education from School of Education and Social Development.

"If you wish to complete your study in a shorter period of time (approximately one and half years), UCEE offers Master of Business Administration, Master of Economics and Masters in Human Capital Management on full-time mode.

"UCEE aims to provide quality education for our students. Courses offered will meet the needs of employers and industry players, equipping graduates with in-depth knowledge, techniques and skills required in their respective fields" said Mohd Yusof, who is also a senior lecturer at School of Education and Social Development.

"UCEE also intends to increase the number of foreign students, particularly from developing countries to study at UMS. The increase of foreign students' intake from various countries will provide the opportunity to local students to interact with the world community as well as getting opportunity to learn foreign languages and cultures."

According to him, there are many benefits available for UCEE postgraduate students including the opportunity to learn

from professional and well-experienced lecturers where a number of the lecturers contribute their expertise as consultants to various organisations and institutions.

"Their expertise available will help to nurture students' mind and further enrich their skills to enable them to excel in their respective workplace. "Apart from that, students will have safe and secured learning environment including well-equipped library and state of the art ICT facilities," he said.

He added that as a career person, working while studying is not an easy task. It requires determination and proper guidance to enable them to cope with their double responsibilities in working and studying, apart from having quality time with their respective family.

Quality time management is crucially very important which requires ability to prioritise within limited time frame.

Apart from postgraduate programmes, UCEE also offers bachelor's degree programmes for the September intake in Financial Management and Banking, Marketing and Human Resource Economics; Financial Economics and Planning and Development Economics; Communication and History; Software Engineering; International Marketing and Islamic Finance.

Classes for part-time programmes would be conducted in the evenings and weekends at the UMS main campus here.

There are also programmes offered in Sandakan, Tawau and Labuan.

"Upon successfully becoming students of the university, you are eligible to apply for student loan from Perbadanan Tabung Pendidikan Tinggi Nasional (PTPTN) and to withdraw from own EPF account," he said.

Online application for Master's programmes can be done at <https://smpp.ums.edu.my/application>.

Applications form for Bachelor programmes can be downloaded at <http://plums.ums.edu.my>. Further questions can be submitted to our marketing personnel at marketing@umslink.com.my or contact 088-448341.