

## **PhD in Business Economics**

The Doctor of Philosophy (Business Economics) program aims at training students in economic theory, quantitative and qualitative methods and several areas of specialization in business economics. The program prepares students with knowledge and research capability in one of the five areas of specialization; Finance, Accounting, Management, Marketing and Hospitality. A research thesis is required to be submitted at the end of the program. Students pursuing the degree should be capable of conducting independent research in the field of business economics and related areas. Graduates from this program can be employed in academics, research institutions or public and private agencies.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION OF THE PROGRAM**

#### **Admission Requirements**

Candidates should have a cumulative grade-point average (CGPA) of not less than 3.00 on a 4-point scale at the Master level or equivalent.

An applicant with an outstanding bachelor degree with CGPA of 3.75 and above or equivalent to first class honours may, subject to any other requirements, also apply for direct admission into PhD degree programme.

An applicant for provisional admission may also be made by a student who has submitted his Master's thesis for examination.

#### **Admission**

Intake is twice annually and admission is open at the beginning of the First Semester (September) and Second Semester (February) of each year.

#### **Program Requirements**

##### **Seminar/Research Proposal**

Students are required to register for SPS 6903 Seminar. This 1-credit seminar course is meant for students to prepare and orally present their research proposal, and should be taken, at the latest, by the third semester of their study programme. The course will be graded on a Satisfactory/Non-satisfactory basis.

##### **Doctoral Research**

A PhD candidate is required to register for SPS 6999 PhD Research every semester. This is a research project whereby at the end of the study period the candidate will submit a research work.

##### **Comprehensive Examination**

PhD candidates must pass a comprehensive examination before starting their research. The written examination is based on the written PhD research proposal, which must be

submitted to the Unit of Graduate Study at the faculty not later than the 12th week of the 5<sup>th</sup> semester of the PhD Program. However, the candidate can submit and have the examination earlier than the given dateline. The oral examination will be arranged within three weeks upon the receipt of the written research proposal. During the oral examination, the candidate will present the proposal to an Examination Committee, which will be appointed by the Faculty. Candidates are not allowed to sit for the examination more than twice.

### **PhD Thesis**

All PhD students must present and pass the thesis examination. Thesis topics must be related to the area of specialization and has to be approved by the Thesis Examination Committee to be appointed by the UPM.

### **Tuition Fees**

The Basic fees imposed by the Graduate School Office are:

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester (MYR)</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Semesters (MYR)</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Semester (MYR)</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> and Subsequent Semester (MYR)</b>
<b>Local Students</b>	2,462.50	2,212.50	1,650.00	<b>2,650.00</b>
<b>International Students</b>	5,762.50	4,012.50	3,450.00	<b>3,800.00</b>

- If the thesis is submitted before the deadline the student is required to register and pay **MYR 350.00** only for next semester.
- If you have to re-submit your thesis, your re-submission fees in **MYR 2,250.00**.

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND LIST OF COURSES

### Coursework requirement: (Waiting for senate approval)

Students are also allowed to register for other courses offered by the Faculty and University. Options are listed in the following details.

#### List Of Research Method Class

Course Codes	Course Names	Credit Hours	Faculty
EDU5901	Descriptive Research Methodology	3	Education
EDU5950	Educational Statistics	3	
DCE5950	Statistics for Social Sciences	3	
DCE5900	Research Methods	3	
FEM5001	Research Method and Design	3	Human Ecology
FEM5002	Social Statistic	3	
FST5002	Research Methodology and Statistics In Food Science and Technology	3	Food Science & Technology
FST5102	Advanced Methodology in Food Analysis	3	
KOM5113	Communication Research Methods	3	Modern Languages and Communication
KOM5115	Statistics for Communication Research	3	
KOM5117	Data Analysis and Interpretation	3	

For Economics Courses, please refer to MSc in Economics Course Outline in the Guideline provided by the faculty.

#### Other Courses

Course Codes	Course Names	Credit Hours	Faculty
EDU5825	Organizational Theory	3	Education
DCE5131	Quality Improvement in Human Resource Development	3	
DCE5231	Management of Training and Development	3	
DCE5632	Organizational Change and Development	3	
DCE5634	Organization, Employee and Community Relations	3	
FEM5101	Human Development theories	3	Human Ecology
FEM5301	Society and Culture	3	
PSP5100	Decision Making Analysis	3	
PMK5101	Food Choice And Acceptability	3	Food Science & technology
PMK5102	Strategic Foodservice Operation	3	

PMK5001	Special Topic	3	
FHU5201	Forest Resource Inventory and Analysis	3	Forestry
FHU5202	Forest System Modeling and Analysis	3	
FHU5203	Forest Resource Valuation and Accounting	3	
FHU5204	Sustainable Forest Resource Development	3	
KOM5111	Communication Theory	3	Modern Languages and Communication
KOM5211	Interpersonal Communication	3	
KOM5215	Intercultural Communication	3	
KOM5217	Strategies of Communication	3	
KOM5219	Development Communication	3	
KOM5315	Organizational Communication	3	
KOM5317	Theory and Practice of Corporate Communication	3	
KOM5319	Communication and Decision Making	3	
KOM5321	Advanced Public Relations	3	
KOM5325	Integrated Marketing Communication	3	
KOM5323	Principles of Advertising	3	
KOM5331	Brand Communication	3	
KOM5413	Communication Technology for Development	3	

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**For further information:**

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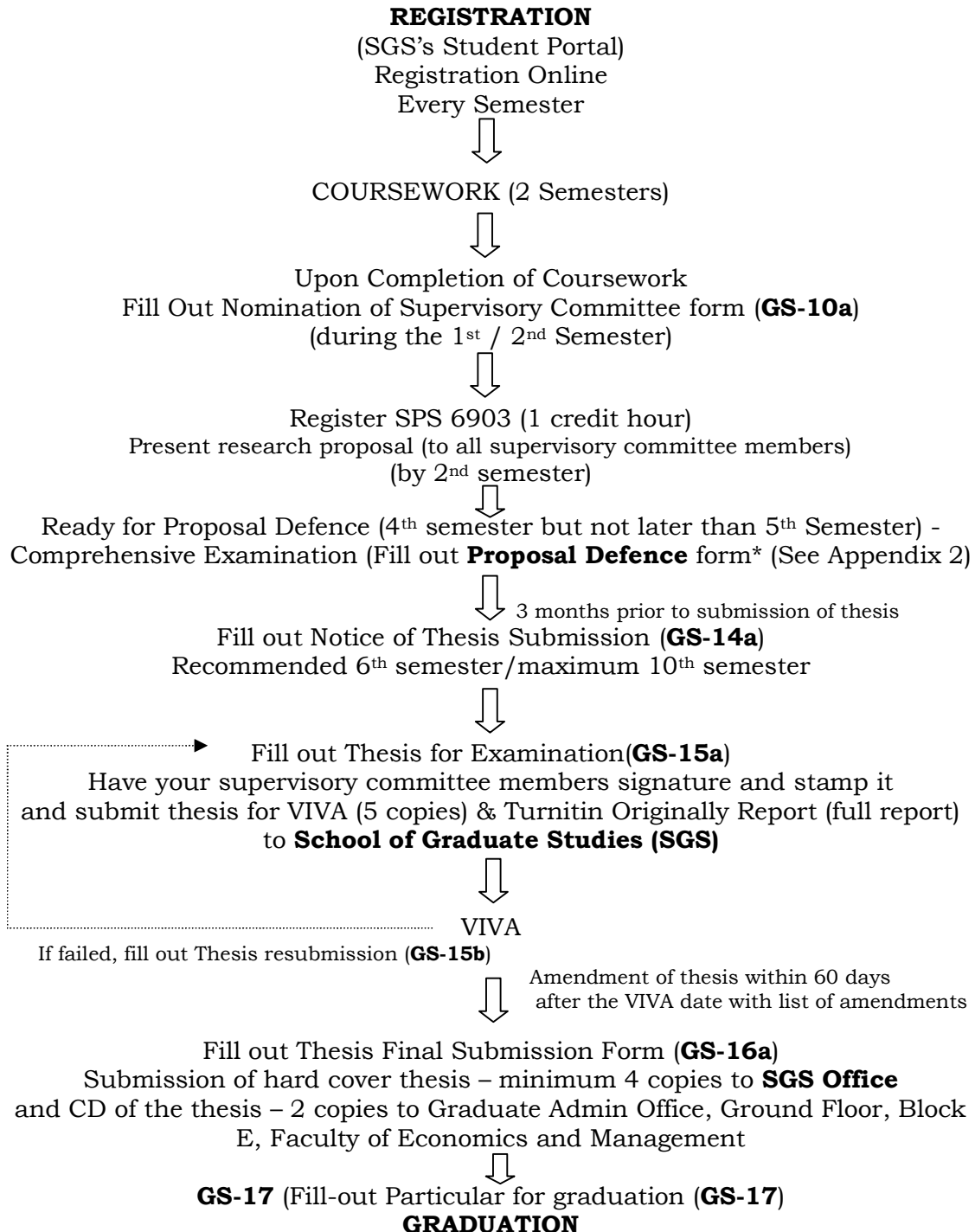
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## Ph.D Flow Chart of Milestones



\* This form can be obtained from the Graduate Admin Office, Ground Floor, Block E, FEP