MASTER IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE
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PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Core Courses (38 Units)

1. General Cluster
   - Global Classroom: Integrated Approaches to Sustainable Development
   - Research Methods for Sustainable Development
   - Project Design Evaluation and Management
   - MSDP Project

2. Global Health Cluster
   - Health Policy and Management

   - Energy Infrastructure Planning
   - Human Ecology and Sustainable Development

4. Management Cluster
   - Budget Planning and Financial Management
   - Information Technology for Development

5. Social Science Cluster
   - Economic Analysis for Sustainable Development
   - Law and Governance in Development
   - Social Services Management

Electives (6 Units)*

1. General Cluster
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2. Global Health Cluster
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### Duration

- **Full Time:** Minimum 4 semesters / Maximum 8 semesters
- **Part Time:** Minimum 6 semesters / Maximum 10 semesters

### Admission Requirements

I. **Qualification: Bachelor Degree**

A) **CGPA of at least 2.75 OR**

B) **CGPA of 2.5 - 2.74**

- Research experience - 1 year; OR,
- Professional experience in related field - 1 year; OR,
- One (1) academic publications in related field; OR,
- Grade B for major/elective courses; OR,
- Grade B+ for final year project; OR,

C) **CGPA of 2.00 - 2.49**

- Research experience - 5 years or professional experience in related field - 5 years, AND
- One (1) academic publications in related field; OR,
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II. **APEL A Certificate (APEL T-7)**

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**LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS**

*Applicable for International Applicants Only*

- A minimum score of 35 in Internet-based TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language); or
- A minimum score of 5.0 in IELTS (International English Language Testing System); or
- A minimum score of 154 in Cambridge English Advance (CAE); or
- A minimum score of 154 in Cambridge Proficiency Advance (CPE); or
- A minimum score of 36 in Pearson Test of English (PTE); or
- English is the candidate’s mother tongue or National Language; or
- The candidate graduated from an institution of Higher Learning in which the medium of instruction at Bachelor and Master level is English; or
- English courses offered by British Council (The level of qualification and the relevant courses are to be identified by the University Postgraduate Studies Council); or
- English courses from selected Malaysian public/private University or institution (The level of qualification and the relevant courses are to be identified by the University Postgraduate Studies Council).

**FEES**

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**WHY MALAYSIA?**

- **Quality Education**
  Malaysia is ranked as the World’s 11th most preferred study destination by UNESCO.
- **Affordable Tuition Fees**
  Malaysia is mainly attractive to foreign students for the affordability of its education in compare with similar countries.
- **Reasonable Cost of Living**
  Kuala Lumpur is voted as Most Affordable City in The World for Students by QS Best Student Cities 2016.
- **English as Medium of Instruction**
  The MSDP program at USM is fully taught in English to facilitate your career path into the international job market.
- **Safe & Stable Environment**
  Malaysia is one of the world's most peaceful and politically stable countries to live in.

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