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ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND
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1. UNIVERSITY VISION AND MISSION

Vision

- Xiamen University Malaysia aspires to become a university with a distinct global outlook, featuring first-class teaching and research, and embracing cultural diversity.

Mission

- To nurture young talents with dignity and wisdom, turning them into fine citizens of the region who will contribute to the prosperity of the people and social progress of Malaysia, China and Southeast Asia.

2. PROGRAMME AIMS

The specific aims of this programme are to arouse students' curiosity and interest in language learning and literature while cultivating their creativity, imagination, and cooperative ability, nurturing them into all-round developed whole-man.

3. PROGRAMME EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES (PEO)

The PEOs are to produce graduates who are:

PEO1

Knowledgeable and competent in the field of English language and literature;

PEO2

Able to communicate effectively and collaboratively in English language;

PEO3

Able to comprehend, analyse, discuss and evaluate various types of literary texts and discourses with relevant theories and skill in literary studies and language studies;

PEO4

Able to use a broad range of information, media and technology applications to comprehend, discuss, analyze and generalize in language studies and literary studies independently;

PEO5

Possess leadership, professionalism, managerial and entrepreneurial skills.

4. PROGRAMME LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLO)

At the end of the programme, graduates will be able to:

PLO1	Knowledge and Understanding	Demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of English language and literature
PLO2	Cognitive Skills	Demonstrate intellectual independence in the application of English language and literature theories within related fields by applying critical, analytical and evaluation skills and with creative and innovative solutions in the field of study/work/practice
PLO3	Practical Skills	Manipulate a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning and do research in English language and literature
PLO4	Interpersonal Skills	Express themselves fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expression
PLO5	Communication Skills	Use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes and produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organizational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices
PLO6	Digital Skills	Use a broad range of information, media and technology applications to support study/work
PLO7	Numeracy Skills	Analyze linear and non-linear information for study/work
PLO8	Leadership, Autonomy and Responsibility	Demonstrate leadership through their analytical, problem-solving and decision-making skills, and their ability to work independently and in teams
PLO9	Personal Skills	Indicate possession of positive thinking and values in learning, work and life, engage effectively in self-directed lifelong learning and professional pathways and assess aspects of socio-political, economic and cultural issues
PLO10	Entrepreneurial Skills	Demonstrate entrepreneurial competency in selected project(s)
PLO11	Ethics and Professionalism	Observe and identify ethical issues and demonstrate responsibility and commitment professionally to their societies, nations and the world of which they are a part

5. EXPECTED AREAS OF GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT

Company secretary or interpreter, writer and editor for publishing, editor/writer for website or advertising field, government official, public relations officer, public speaker, translator/interpreter, diplomat, English language teacher, data manager, data designer, digital curator, cultural designer, information architect, data scientist, metadata analyst, etc.

6. CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

The minimum requirement for graduation will be **123** credits, with all the components meeting the minimum credit values specified in Table 1.

Table 1: Components of the Programme and its Value

	Course Classification	Credit Value	Percentage (%)
1	Compulsory courses/modules	12	9.8%
2	Core/Major(s)/Specialisation:		
	• Major Core	65	52.8%
	• Major Elective	15	12.2%
	• Projects/thesis /dissertation	6	4.9%
3	Optional/elective courses:		
	• General Elective	14	11.4%
	• Open Elective	3	2.4%
4	Minor courses (if applicable)		
5	Industrial training/Practicum	8	6.5%
6	Others (specify):		
	Total Credit Value	123	100.0%

Compulsory Courses

Compulsory Courses refer to *Mata Pelajaran Pengajian Umum (MPU)*, or General Studies, which is a compulsory component of undergraduate education in Malaysia as mandated by the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE), as shown in Table 2a below.

MPU aims to develop well-rounded graduates by complementing academic studies with broader knowledge, essential skills, ethical values, and social responsibility. Through courses that promote critical thinking, effective communication, integrity, and community engagement, MPU prepares students to become responsible citizens and lifelong learners in an increasingly interconnected world.

Table 2a: Components of the **Compulsory** Courses and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value	International	Malaysian
U1 (3 courses @ 2 credits per course) Philosophy, Values & History Appreciation					
1	Bahasa Melayu Komunikasi 2	MPU1012	2	√	-
2	Integriti dan Antirasuah (Integrity and Anti-Corruption)	MPU1022	2	√	√
3	Aspirasi Negara Bangsa (Malaysian Nation-State Aspiration)	MPU1032	2	-	√
4	Falsafah dan Cabaran Semasa	MPU1042	2	-	√
5	Citra Malaysia (Malaysian Citra)	MPU1052	2	√	-
U2 (1 course @ 2 credits) Soft Skills					
6	Bahasa Kebangsaan A	MPU2012	2	-	1. Fail Bahasa Melayu SPM OR 2. Scored below C/ without credit in Bahasa Melayu SPM
7	Writing for Professional Purposes	MPU2022	2	√	1. Malaysian students with a credit in BM at SPM OR 2. Took and Passed Bahasa Kebangsaan A in diploma level MUST take Writing for Professional Purposes.
U3 (1 course @ 2 credits) Knowledge About Malaysia					
8	Artificial Intelligence and Malaysia's Digital Economy	MPU3012	2	√	√
U4 (1 course @ 2 credits) Practical Course (Community Service, Motivational, Co-curriculum)					
9	Community Service	MPU4012	2	√	√
Total Credit Value (Compulsory Courses)			12		

General Elective Courses

General Elective Courses refer to courses designed to give students options beyond their major-related courses in order to diversify their scope of knowledge.

Students in Arts field can choose courses they are interested in Group II (Business), Group III (Science) and Group IV (Artificial Intelligence) as shown in Table 2b. Students in English Language and Literature shall achieve at least a total of 14 credits with each group meets the minimum requirement of 1 course.

Table 2b: Components of the **General Elective** Courses and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value	Remarks
Group II (Business)				
	Group II comprises general elective courses in the field of Business such as <i>Introduction to Finance, Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development, and Introduction to International Business.</i>	G02XX		Minimum 1 course
Group III (Science)				
	Group III comprises general elective courses in the field of Science such as <i>Environmental Problems and Environmental Awareness, A Brief History of Astronomy, and Introduction to Chinese Medicine.</i>	G03XX		Minimum 1 course
Group IV (Artificial Intelligence)				
	Group IV comprises general elective courses in the field of Artificial Intelligence , comprising: • Discipline-based (Compulsory) • General (Optional)	G04XX		Minimum 1 course
Total Credit Value (General Elective Courses)			14	

*Note: The courses listed are provided as examples for reference only. The actual general elective courses offered may vary each semester. Students should refer to the **General Elective Course Library** for the list of general elective courses available in a particular semester.*

Major Core Courses

Major Core Courses refer to courses designed to meet the core educational objectives; each major has its own features.

Table 2c: Components of the **Major Core** Courses and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value
1	Grammar in Use	ENG101	3
2	A History of the English Language	ENG102	3
3	Introduction to Theory of Literature	ENG103	3
4	Task Listening	ENG105	3
5	Topics in Professional Communication	ENG106	3
6	Academic Writing	ENG107	3
7	Literature and Other Subjects	ENG108	3
8	Literature in a Digital Age	ENG109	3
9	Effective Reading	ENG111	3
10	Introduction to Linguistics	ENG112	3
11	The History of English Literature	ENG113	3
12	Appreciation of Drama	ENG201	3
13	Critical Appreciation of the Novel	ENG202	3
14	Appreciation of Poetry	ENG203	3
15	Discourse Analysis	ENG205	3
16	Creative Writing	ENG206	3
17	Topics on Individual Authors	ENG207	3
18	Research Methodology	ENG208	3
19	Links Between Literature, Film and TV	ENG302	3
20	Translation Theory and Practice	ENG303	3
21	World Literature	ENG310	3
22	Aesthetics	ENG311	2
Total Credit Value (Major Core Courses)			65

Table 2d: Components of the **Final Year Project** and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value
1	Thesis	ENG304	6
Total Credit Value (Final Year Project)			6

Table 2e: Components of the **Industrial Training** and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value
1	Industrial Training	ENG305	8
Total Credit Value (Industrial Training)			8

Major Elective Courses (courses marked with asterisk*)

Major Elective Courses refer to courses designed to help students to identify their interested field or direction within the major, which enable them to be better prepared for their careers pathways.

For major elective courses, students are required to choose designated courses based on table below:

Table 2f: Components of the **Major Elective** Courses and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value	Remarks
	<u>Group 1</u>			
1	Beginning French	LGS001*	4	Choose 1 language, i.e. French or German with 3 levels (12 credits)
2	Intermediate French	LGS002*	4	
3	Advanced French	LGS003*	4	
4	Beginning German	LGS004*	4	
5	Intermediate German	LGS005*	4	
6	Advanced German	LGS006*	4	
	<u>Group 2</u>			
7	Bilingualism	ENG001*	3	Choose 1 (3 credits)
8	Linguistics and Its Theories	ENG002*	3	
9	Second Language Acquisition	ENG003*	3	
10	Language and Social Interaction	ENG010*	3	
11	Malaysian Literature	ENG013*	3	
12	Theories of International Relations	ENG014*	3	
13	English - Chinese Interpretation	ENG015*	3	
Total Credit Value (Major Elective Courses)			15	

Open Elective Courses (courses marked with asterisk*)

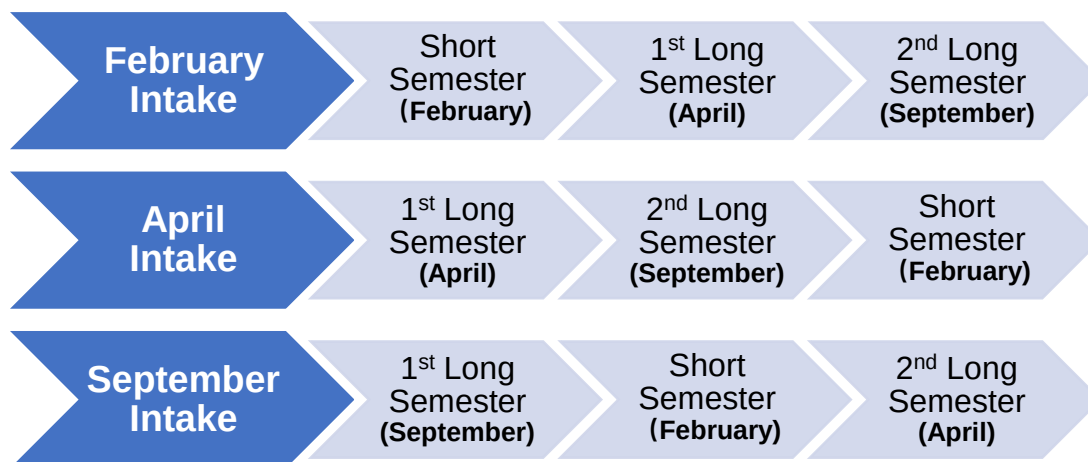
Open Elective Courses refer to courses designed to give students more chances to study units from the disciplines of linguistics, literature, and culture studies for their own choice in the university.

Table 2g: Components of the **Open Elective** Courses and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value	Remarks
1	British and American Thought and Culture	ENG004*	3	Choose 1 (3 credits)
2	Modern American Culture	ENG005*	3	
3	Modern British Culture	ENG006*	3	
4	Phonetics & Phonology	ENG007*	3	
5	Morphology & Syntax	ENG008*	3	
6	Semantics & Pragmatics	ENG009*	3	
7	Pedagogical Approaches in Education	ENG012*	3	
Total Credit Value (Open Elective Courses)			3	

7. LIST OF COURSES OFFERED FOR EACH ACADEMIC YEAR

There are three (3) semesters in each academic year: two (2) long semesters and one (1) short semester. The sequence of course registration varies according to the intake:



Students should be aware that the total number of credits shall not exceed **20** for long semester and **7** for a short semester.

It is important to note that the arrangement of courses for each academic year listed below is subject to change based on programme needs or institutional requirements.

Year	Semester	Course Name	Course Code	Classification	Credit
Year 1	1 st Long Semester	Grammar in Use	ENG101	Major Core	3
		Task Listening	ENG105	Major Core	3
		Topics in Professional Communication	ENG106	Major Core	3
		Academic Writing	ENG107	Major Core	3
		Effective Reading	ENG111	Major Core	3
		The History of English Literature	ENG113	Major Core	3
		Integriti dan Antirasuah (Integrity and Anti-Corruption)	MPU1022	Compulsory	2
		Total Credit Value			20
	2 nd Long Semester	Introduction to Theory of Literature	ENG103	Major Core	3
		Literature and Other Subjects	ENG108	Major Core	3
		Literature in A Digital Age	ENG109	Major Core	3
		Introduction to Linguistics	ENG112	Major Core	3
		Appreciation of Drama	ENG201	Major Core	3
		Appreciation of Poetry	ENG203	Major Core	3
		Bahasa Melayu Komunikasi 2	MPU1012	Compulsory	2
		Aspirasi Negara Bangsa (Malaysian Nation-State Aspiration)	MPU1032	Compulsory	
		Total Credit Value			20

Year	Semester	Course Name	Course Code	Classification	Credit
Year 1	Short Semester	General Elective Course Select from Table 2b	Gxxxx	General Elective	2
		Falsafah dan Cabaran Semasa	MPU1042	Compulsory	2
		Citra Malaysia (Malaysian Citra)	MPU1052	Compulsory	
		Bahasa Kebangsaan A	MPU2012	Compulsory	2
		Writing for Professional Purposes	MPU2022	Compulsory	
		Total Credit Value			6
Year 2	1 st Long Semester	Critical Appreciation of the Novel	ENG202	Major Core	3
		Discourse Analysis	ENG205	Major Core	3
		Aesthetics	ENG311	Major Core	2
		AI, Language and Society Group IV- Compulsory	G0401	General Elective	4
		Major Elective Course (Group 1) - Beginning Level			
		Beginning French	LGS001*	Major Elective	4
		Beginning German	LGS004*	Major Elective	4
		Open Elective Course - Choose 1			
		British and American Thought and Culture	ENG004*	Open Elective	3
		Modern American Culture	ENG005*	Open Elective	3
		Modern British Culture	ENG006*	Open Elective	3
		Phonetics & Phonology	ENG007*	Open Elective	3
		Morphology & Syntax	ENG008*	Open Elective	3
		Semantics & Pragmatics	ENG009*	Open Elective	3
		Pedagogical Approaches in Education	ENG012*	Open Elective	3
		Total Credit Value			19
	2 nd Long Semester	Creative Writing	ENG206	Major Core	3
		Topics on Individual Authors	ENG207	Major Core	3
		Research Methodology	ENG208	Major Core	3
		Translation Theory and Practice	ENG303	Major Core	3
		Major Elective Course (Group 1) - Intermediate Level			
		Intermediate French	LGS002*	Major Elective	4
		Intermediate German	LGS005*	Major Elective	4
		Major Elective Course (Group 2) - Choose 1			
		Bilingualism	ENG001*	Major Elective	3
		Linguistics and Its Theories	ENG002*	Major Elective	3
		Second Language Acquisition	ENG003*	Major Elective	3
		Language and Social Interaction	ENG010*	Major Elective	3
		Malaysian Literature	ENG013*	Major Elective	3
		Theories of International Relations	ENG014*	Major Elective	3
		English-Chinese Interpretation	ENG015*	Major Elective	3
		Total Credit Value			19
	Short Semester	General Elective Course Select from Table 2b	Gxxxx	General Elective	2
		Artificial Intelligence and Malaysia's Digital Economy	MPU3012	Compulsory	2

Year	Semester	Course Name	Course Code	Classification	Credit
		Community Service	MPU4012	Compulsory	2
		Total Credit Value			6
Year 3	1 st Long Semester	A History of the English Language	ENG102	Major Core	3
		Links Between Literature, Film and TV	ENG302	Major Core	3
		World Literature	ENG310	Major Core	3
		Thesis	ENG304	Final Year Project	6
		Major Elective Course (Group 1) - Advanced Level			
		Advanced French	LGS003*	Major Elective	4
		Advanced German	LGS006*	Major Elective	4
		Total Credit Value			19
	2 nd Long Semester	Industrial Training	ENG305	Industrial Training	8
		Total Credit Value			8
	Short Semester	General Elective Course Select from Table 2b	Gxxxx	General Elective	2
		General Elective Course Select from Table 2b	Gxxxx	General Elective	2
		General Elective Course Select from Table 2b	Gxxxx	General Elective	2
		Total Credit Value			6
Grand Total				123	

8. PREREQUISITE COURSES

A prerequisite is a course that must be completed before taking a more advanced course.

Course Code	Course Name	Prerequisites
ENG002*	Linguistics and Its Theories	ENG112 Introduction to Linguistics
ENG304	Thesis	ENG208 Research Methodology & completed at least 80 credits
ENG305	Industrial Training	Completed at least 80 credits
LGS002*	Intermediate French	LGS001* Beginning French
LGS003*	Advanced French	LGS001* Beginning French
		LGS002* Intermediate French
LGS005*	Intermediate German	LGS004* Beginning German
LGS006*	Advanced German	LGS004* Beginning German
		LGS005* Intermediate German

9. IMPORTANT NOTE

Threshold Requirement

A grade threshold refers to the minimum number of marks that a student needs to obtain in a particular component of the course.

English Language and Literature students must obtain a threshold mark of 40 in all assessment components, including the final examination, and an overall mark of 55 or above to pass a core / major / elective course.

Note: The above information is subject to change as new information becomes available in accordance with the guiding standards and requirements set by relevant authorities.

Additional Requirement

China students of September 2017 intake and onward need to complete their 4-year studies for the following programmes:

- Bachelor of Economics in Finance (Honours)
- Bachelor of Management in Accounting (Honours)
- Bachelor of Management in International Business (Honours)
- Bachelor of Management in E-commerce (Honours)
- Bachelor of Management in Hospitality Management (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts in Advertising (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Studies (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English Language and Literature
- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics (Honours)