



# **ACADEMY OF BRUNEI STUDIES UNIVERSITI BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS MAJOR IN BRUNEI STUDIES**

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**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

**1.1 APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS**

1.1.1 These regulations shall apply to all students registered for the Bachelor of Arts Major in Brunei Studies degree programme offered by Academy of Brunei Studies (hereinafter referred to as “ABS”) from the August 2016 and later intakes.

1.1.2 These regulations should be read in conjunction with the following regulations:

1.1.2.1 The existing GenNEXT Rules and Regulations for GenNEXT Undergraduates Programme (Aug 2013); and

1.1.2.2 The existing UBD Examinations Rules and Regulations for GenNEXT Undergraduates Programme.

**1.2 AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS**

These regulations shall be subject to amendments made by the senate from time to time. Any decision of the senate shall be final.

**2.0 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**2.1** To enrol in this programme, applicants must satisfy the following entry requirements:

2.1.1 Applications with ‘A’ Level Qualification

160 points or more for two (2) ‘A’ Level, OR  
200 points or more for three (3) ‘A’ Level in relevant subjects

Applicants with International Baccalaureate (IB) Qualification

IB Diploma, OR IB Certificate; AND  
24 points or more with a minimum 5 points each, in at least two relevant subjects taken at high level, or 5, 5, 4 for three relevant subjects taken at high level.

Applicants with Higher National Diploma (HND) or Equivalent Qualification

Any relevant HND or equivalent from institution recognised by senate, AND  
5 Merits of core modules excluding Communication Skills

### Applicants with the First Year Bachelor Degree

Passes the first year bachelor degree from institutions recognised by senate would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

### Mature Applicants

At least 25 years of age on the date of admission to the degree programme

At least one (1) 'A' Level pass or equivalent in relevant subjects

At least 5 years of working experience in related field.

#### 2.1.2 Malay Language Requirement

At least a numerical grade of six in Malay Language at GCE 'O' Level.

#### 2.1.3 English Language Requirement

At least a numerical grade of six in English Language at GCE 'O' Level, OR grade 'C' or better in IGCSE English (as a Second Language), OR an IELTS score of 6.0 or better, OR TOEFL minimum overall score of 550 or equivalent.

### **3.0 DEGREE OFFERED BY FACULTY**

Bachelor of Arts Major in Brunei Studies is a four-year degree programme, offered two intake per year, August and January.

### **4.0 MAJOR OFFERED BY FACULTY**

Brunei Studies.

### **5.0 MODULES CLASSIFICATION (CODES)**

PB-XXXX

### **6.0 DECLARATION OF MAJOR**

Students who opt to undertake Brunei Studies as their major are strongly advised to declare it from the first semester. This is to enable them to read Brunei Studies major core modules which start in the first semester.

## 7.0 PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Types of Module	Modular Credits
Major Core	16
Major Option	56
Compulsory Breadth	16
Outside Faculty Breadth	16
Remaining Breadth	4
Discovery Year	32
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>140</b>

## 8.0 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**8.1** Students must accumulate a minimum of 140 modular credits from a combination of major core, major options and breadth modules as specified by the programme structure. Detailed programme structure is attached in Schedule A.

### 8.1.1 Major Requirement

8.1.1.1 Students must accumulate a total of 72 modular credits from a combination of major core and major option modules, except for students pursuing a double major programme.

### 8.1.2 Breadth Requirement

8.1.2.1 Students must accumulate a minimum of 68 modular credits from a combination of compulsory breadth, outside faculty breadth, remaining breadth modules and including modules taken in the Discovery Year.

8.1.2.1.1 Students have to take the following compulsory breadth modules as prescribed by the university:

8.1.2.1.1.1 PB-1501 Melayu Islam Beraja (4 modular credits) or  
PB-1502 Introduction to Brunei

8.1.2.1.1.2 MS-1501 Islamic Civilization and the Modern World (4 modular credits)

8.1.2.1.1.3 LE-1503 Communication Skills I (4 modular credits)

8.1.2.1.1.4 LE-2503 Communication Skills II (4 modular credits)

8.1.2.1.2 At least 20 modular credits (outside faculty breadth and remaining breadth modules) will have to be taken from outside the faculty, of which at least 4 Modular Credits must be taken from the Faculty of Science (FOS), Institute of Health Science (IHS) or Faculty of Integrated Technologies (FIT).

8.1.2.1.3 Students must accumulate a total of 32 modular credits during the Discovery Year.

## **8.2 Level Requirement**

8.2.1 Students must read and pass a maximum of 40 modular credits of Level 1000 modules.

8.2.2 Students must have complete a minimum of 24 modular credits of Level 4000 modules in their major subject.

8.2.3 Students may be allowed, in lieu of their Level 4000 modules, to read a maximum of 8 modular credits of Level 5000 modules. Level 5000 modules that are taken by the students will be given a Level 4000 status.

8.2.4 The rest of the level requirement can be read at either Level 2000 or Level 3000 modules.

## **9.0 MAJOR MINOR REQUIREMENTS**

**9.1** Students may take a major-minor route if they wish to gain an additional specialisation. Major-minor route are not compulsory.

**9.2** Students wishing to take the major-minor route may do so by completing a minimum of 72 modular credits in their declared single major discipline, and a minimum of 24 modular credits as specified by the programme where they wish to take the Minor (from another faculty).

**9.3** Students must complete their study within a maximum of six years.

## **10.0 MINOR OFFERED BY FACULTY**

Students outside the ABS may choose to study a minimum of 24 modular credits of ABS modules as minor.

## **11.0 DOUBLE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

**11.1** To qualify, applicants will need to meet the following requirements:

11.1.1 Satisfy the Bachelor of Arts Major in Brunei Studies admission requirements.

11.1.2 Maintain a cGPA of 3.0 in the first two semesters in their first year of study.

11.1.3 Apply to pursue a double major at the end of the second semester of candidature.

11.1.4 Obtain the Director's recommendation to pursue a double major.

**11.2** Students shall declare their double major at the beginning of the third semester of candidature.

**11.3** Second Major outside ABS (for ABS students)

11.3.1 ABS students who wish to take a second major in another faculty must successfully complete a minimum

of 52 modular credits of ABS major modules, which must include 8 modular credits of major core modules for the first major.

11.3.2 The requirements related to compulsory breadth, outside faculty breadth, remaining breadth and Discovery Year remain unchanged.

11.3.3 For their second major outside the faculty, they must satisfy the minimum requirements of the other faculty for the second major.

11.3.4 If the second major is taken in FOS, IHS or FIT, the student is exempt from the outside faculty breadth requirement of a minimum 4 modular credits from science-based faculties.

11.3.5 If the second major is in UBDSBE or FASS, the student is still required to take the breadth requirement, of at least 4 modular credits from FOS, IHS or FIT, as required by UBD Generation Next Undergraduate Degree Rules and Regulations.

#### **11.4 ABS as Second Major (for non-ABS students)**

11.4.1 Students from outside ABS who wish to take a second major in ABS will need to successfully complete a minimum of 52 modular credits of ABS major modules, which must include 8 modular credits of major core modules. They will be subject to ABS Rules and Regulations as far as that Major is concerned.

11.4.2 The requirements related to compulsory breadth, outside faculty breadth, remaining breadth and Discovery Year remain unchanged.

11.4.3 Students from FOS, IHS and FIT are exempt from the outside faculty breadth requirement of a minimum 4 modular credits in ABS.

11.4.4 Students from UBDSBE and FASS are still required to take the breadth requirement, of at least 4 modular credits from FOS, IHS or FIT, as required by UBD Generation Next Undergraduate Degree Rules and Regulations.

**11.5** Double majors students must maintain a cGPA of 2.5 for both majors in two consecutive semesters, failing which, failing which, they will be required to withdrawn from the double major and revert back to a single major.

**11.6** The maximum period of candidature for double major students is 6 years.

#### **12.0 DOUBLE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

**12.1** To qualify, applicants will need to meet the following requirements:

12.1.1 Satisfy the Bachelor of Arts Major in Brunei Studies admission requirements.

12.1.2 Maintain a cGPA of 3.5 in the first two semesters in their first year of study.

12.1.3 Apply to pursue a double degree at the end of the second semester of candidature.

12.1.4 Obtain the permission from Director/ Dean of both faculties.

**12.2** Students shall declare their double degree at the beginning of the third semester of candidature.

**12.3** Second Degree outside ABS (for ABS students)

12.3.1 ABS students who wish to take a double degree will need to satisfy the minimum requirement for Bachelor of Arts Major in Brunei Studies (72 modular credits of ABS major core and major option modules).

12.3.2 The requirements related to compulsory breadth, outside faculty breadth, remaining breadth and Discovery Year remain unchanged.

12.3.3 ABS students are also subject to the minimum requirement of the other faculty for the second degree.

**12.4** ABS as Second Degree (for non-ABS students)

12.4.1 Students from outside ABS who wish to take a second degree in ABS will need to satisfy the minimum requirement for the Bachelor of Arts Major in Brunei Studies (72 modular credits of ABS major core and major option modules). They will be subject to ABS Rules and Regulations as far as that Major is concerned.

12.4.2 The requirements related to compulsory breadth, outside faculty breadth, remaining breadth and Discovery Year remain unchanged.

12.4.3 If the student is from FOS, IHS or FIT, the student is exempt from the outside faculty breadth requirement of a minimum of 4 modular credits in ABS.

12.4.4 If the student is from UBDSBE or FASS, the student is still required to take the breadth requirement, of at least 4 modular credits from FOS, IHS or FIT, as required by UBD Generation Next Undergraduate Degree Rules and Regulations.

**12.5** Double degree students must maintain a cGPA of 3.5 for both programmes in any two consecutive semesters to remain in the double degree, failing which, they will be required to withdrawn from the double degree and revert back to a single degree.

**12.6** The maximum period of candidature for double degree is 7 years.

**13.0 DISCOVERY YEAR PROGRAMME**

**13.1** Students are required to undertake two semesters of Discovery Year Programme. It is comprised of any one (1) or a combination of study abroad programme (1-2 semesters), internship (1-2 semesters), community outreach programme (1-2 semesters) and/or innovation or incubation projects (1-2 semesters) as specified in the GenNEXT Rules and Regulations for GenNEXT Undergraduates Programme.

**13.2** For study abroad programme (SAP), modular credits are calculated per module taken. Internship, community outreach programme and innovation/incubation projects each have a value of 16 modular credits for one Semester. The grades gained for Discovery Year Programme are not counted towards GPA and cGPA calculations.

**13.3** Eligibility for study abroad programme (including the student exchange) will be competitive based on academic performance in the first three semesters of study.

**13.4** All students must attain 32 modular credits during the Discovery Year.

#### **14.0 ADVANCE PLACEMENT CREDITS, EXEMPTIONS AND WAIVERS**

Students who transfer from other universities may qualify for exemptions with the Faculty's recommendation. Credit transfer regulations (Regulations and Procedures for Credit Transfer for GenNEXT Bachelor Degree Programmes) will be followed.

#### **15.0 ACADEMIC ADVISORS**

All academic staff will act as academic advisors, where his/her roles and responsibilities include:

**15.1** Acting as a mentor to the assigned group of students;

**15.2** To counsel and discuss with students on any issues related to academic progress, whenever required;

**15.3** Keeping track of students' progress throughout the whole duration of degree; and

**15.4** Liaising with Dean of Students where and when necessary.

#### **16.0 PLAGIARISM**

Students should be aware that plagiarism is a form of academic misconduct that puts at risk their continuation as a student at UBD. The concept that is central to the allegation of plagiarism is that the student intended to plagiarise the work or ideas of another person. Students will have to follow the procedures set out in the UBD Examinations Rules and Regulations for GenNEXT Undergraduates Programme and or any other policy governing plagiarism in UBD.

#### **17.0 EXAMINATION**

Regulation governing examination on the programme should be read in conjunction with the UBD Examinations Rules and Regulations for GenNEXT Undergraduates Programme.

#### **18.0 BARRING OF STUDENTS**

Regulation governing barring of students should be read in conjunction with the UBD Examinations Rules and Regulations for GenNEXT Undergraduates Programme.



## 19.0 TRANSFER AND TERMINATION

Regulations governing transfer between programmes and termination of candidature should be read in conjunction with the UBD Examinations Rules and Regulations for GenNEXT Undergraduates Programme. Students who are terminated from the programme are not allowed to reapply in the same programme.

### SCHEDULE A: PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS - MAJOR IN BRUNEI STUDIES

Type of Modules	Modules Code	Modules Title	MCs
Major Core	PB-1201	Asas Pengajian Brunei	4
Major Core	PB-1202	Kaedah Penyelidikan	4
Major Core	PB-4208	Research Project	8
<b>TOTAL MCs</b>			<b>16</b>

#### Major Options

Minimum of 56 modular credits to choose from the list below:

Modules Code	Modules Title	MCs
PB-1301	Masyarakat dan Budaya Brunei	4
PB-1302	Brunei History and Sultanate	4
PB-1303	Perkembangan Pendidikan di Brunei	4
PB-2301	Komuniti dan Teknologi	4
PB-2302	Perundangan Islam Brunei	4
PB-2303	Islam di Brunei	4
PB-2310	Bahasa-Bahasa Etnik di Brunei	4
PB-2311	Kesusasteraan Melayu Brunei	4
PB-2312	Introduction to Brunei Economy	4
PB-2307	Non-Governmental Organizations in Brunei	4
PB-2308	Geography of Brunei	4
PB-2309	Warisan Budaya Kampong Ayer Brunei	4
PB-3301	Adat Istiadat Melayu Brunei	4
PB-3303	Industri Tradisi Brunei	4
PB-3304	Budaya Material Brunei	4
PB-4301	Community Project 1	4
PB-4302	Brunei's Politics	4
PB-4312	Brunei Businesses, Industries and Economic Issues	4
PB-4304	Isu-Isu Pembangunan Brunei	4
PB-4305	Brunei's Foreign Policy	4
PB-4306	Institusi-Institusi Pentadbiran Brunei	4
PB-4309	Pengenalan Kepada Ekonomi Maritim Brunei	4
PB-4310	Industri Perikanan di Brunei	4
PB-4311	Sosioekonomi dan Wawasan Brunei 2035	4