INTRODUCTION

The Faculty of Human Ecology, established on the 1st of April, 1992, now has five academic departments and one unit. They are the Departments of: Human Development and Family Studies; Social and Development Sciences; Resource Management and Consumer Studies; Music; and, Government and Civilization Studies and the Unit for External Education and Industrial Training. The strength of the faculty lies in its multi-disciplinary approach in teaching, research and the provision of professional services.

The Faculty of Human Ecology offers PhD Degree Program in the following fields:

Department of Resource Management and Consumer Studies:
- Family Economics and Management
- Gender and Development
- Housing Studies
- Consumer Science

Department of Human Development and Family Studies:
- Family Ecology
- Psychology of Child Development
- Developmental Psychology
- Human Development

Department of Social and Development Sciences:
- Community Development
- Social Psychology

Department of Government and Civilization Studies:
- Philosophy and Civilization Studies
- Politics and Government

Department of Music
- Music
ENTRANCE REQUIREMENT

A recognised Master’s degree in a related field.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENT

a) Credit Requirement:

All candidates must take 1 credit hour seminar course (SPS 6903) and the doctoral thesis (SPS 6999).

b) Comprehensive Examination

All doctoral candidates must take their comprehensive examinations (CE) after semester 2 and not later than semester 5.

c) Thesis

Doctoral candidates are required to register for SPS 6999 (PhD Thesis) as partial fulfillment of the program. This is a research project that will be undertaken by candidates under the supervision of a supervisory committee that comprises of at least three academic staff.

All candidates are encouraged to present their research proposals before embarking on their research especially those that involve field data collection. The thesis will be examined and a viva voce will be held to determine candidates’ competence in their chosen field of study.

STUDENT INTAKE

There are two intakes in an academic year, normally in the September (First) semester and February (Second) semester. Foreign applicants are advised to apply well in advance to allow for ample time for correspondence.

All applications must be submitted to the School of Graduate Studies which coordinates all postgraduate applications at the university. Please visit the graduate school website at www.gso.upm.edu.my to get details on how to file your application and other related information.
FIELDS OF STUDY

Common Courses

All fields of studies offer courses within their respective areas. However, common courses that cut across these programs are on basic research methods such as: Quantitative Research Methodology, Qualitative Research Method; and Interpretation of Research Data.

To meet special need of students that may not be catered for by courses that are outlined and offered in each of the program below, a special topics course is also offered that could be tailored to this purpose.

With approval of their supervisory committees/ supervisors, students may also register for courses from other faculty within the university.

Department of Resource Management and Consumer Studies:

➢ Family Economics and Management

Family Economics and Management focuses on studies related to poverty and well-being, family businesses and microenterprises, personal and family finances, gender, resource management and sustainability.

Some of the courses offered for these programs are as follow:

- Concepts and Theories of Family Resource Management
- Decision Making Analysis
- Economics of Ageing
- Family Economic Analysis

➢ Gender and Development

Gender and Development focuses on gender and its relations to class, ethnicity and sexual orientations with emphasis on diversified pattern of social and cultural changes.

Some of the courses offered for this programs are as follow:

- Analysis of Work and Family Interaction
- Gender Issue and Human Development
- Gender Theories
❖ Housing Studies

Housing studies emphasizes housing as the basic needs in quality human capital development with a focus on the role of housing planning and housing design effect on the behaviour and interaction amongst occupants and their environment.

Some of the courses offered for this program are as follow:

- Housing and Social Environment
- Housing Economics and Policies
- Housing Theories
- Land Issues and Housing

❖ Consumer Science

Consumer Science integrates various disciplines with emphasis on the formulation and application of theories in understanding consumer behavior by taking into account lifestyles, changing environment and the local culture.

Some of the courses offered for these programs are as follow:

- Consumer Behavior and Sustainable Consumption
- Consumer Science Approach and Theories
- Consumption Economics
- Decision Making Analysis
- Evaluation of Service Quality
- Personal Financial Management
- Product Quality Evaluation
Department of Human Development and Family Studies:

➢ Family Ecology

This field focuses on the relationship of individuals and families with their bio-psycho-socio-physical and cultural environments. The program uses developmental, interaction and ecological orientation to provide a holistic and multi-disciplinary understanding of family issues and challenges.

Some of the courses offered for these programs are as follow:

- Advanced Marriage and Family Counseling
- Analysis of Marital and Family Relationships
- Contemporary Families
- Development and Evaluation of Family Programs
- Divorce and Remarriage Interventions
- Ecology of Parenting
- Family Gerontology
- Family Theory
- Family Violence
- Sociology of Ageing

➢ Psychology of Child Development

This field emphasizes application of theories on child and adolescent development. Research in psychology of child development focuses on psychomotor, cognitive, behavioral and socio-emotional development from prenatal stage to adolescence. Influences of nature versus nurture on child and adolescent development are also examined.

Some of the courses offered for this program are as follow:

- Assessment of Adolescent Personality
- Assessment of Children’s Development
- Child Development Theory
- Child Maltreatment and Prevention
- Childhood Psychopathology
- Guiding Young Children’s Behaviours
- Parent – Teacher Interaction
- Programs for Special Children
- Psychology of Child Language and Cognition
- Psychosocial Development in Children and Adolescents
Curriculum for Special Children • Risk and Resiliency in Adolescent
• Early Childhood Enrichment Programs • Special Children, Youth and Their Families

➤ Developmental Psychology
This field focuses on changes and development across human lifespan. Developmental psychology covers affective, cognitive and behavioral dimensions. Interaction between individual and environment across various stages of human life will also be emphasized.

Some of the courses offered for these programs are as follow:

• Development Psychopathology
• Measurement and Assessment in Developmental Psychology
• Theories of Developmental Psychology
• Personality Development

➤ Human Development
This field of study focuses on an in-depth understanding of human development. The programme encompasses application of theories, research methods and analyses of main aspects of human development that contribute towards improving quality of life. The framework of reference used is the human ecosystem that represents the interaction and transaction within and between elements in various contexts of the environment.

Some of the courses offered for this program are as follow:

• The Ecology of Family Across Lifespan
• Economic Analysis of Human Development
• Human Development Theories
• Society and Culture
Department of Social and Development Sciences:

➢ **Community Development**

Community Development focuses on various theories, approaches and practices in the field of community development.

Some of the courses offered for these programs are as follow:

- Organisational Networking in Community Development
- Community Development in Developing Countries
- Community Development Perspectives
- Community Empowerment

➢ **Social Psychology**

This field of study focuses on analytical skills in the application of theories and model in Social Psychology.

Some of the courses offered for these programs are as follow:

- Intergroup Relations
- Personality and Culture
- Social Cognition
- Theories of Social Psychology

Department of Government and Civilization Studies:

➢ **Philosophy and Civilization Studies**

Philosophy and Civilisation Studies focuses on analytical skills in the application of theories and models in Philosophy and Civilisation Studies.

Some of the courses offered for this programs are as follow:

- Comparative Religion
- Globalization and the Modern Society
- The History of Human Civilization
- Ideas in Cultural and Civilizational Studies
Politics and Government

Politics and Government focuses on the analytical skills in the application of theories and models in politics and government, especially in the fields of elections, political behavior and culture, ethnic relations and relations between nations.

Some of the courses offered for this program are as follow:

- Ethnicity, Nationalism and Globalization
- Political Culture and Socialization
- Theories & Philosophy of Politics
- Public Administration

Department of Music:

Music

Music focuses on the application of theories and research in the various fields of music through creative approaches and research in cross and inter disciplinary.

Some of the courses offered for this program are as follow:

- Analysis of Compositional Styles
- Applicative Musicology
- Contemporary Perspective in Music Psychology and Sociology
- Creative Music Experiences with the Elderly