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## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

### Doctor of Philosophy (Policy Studies)

is designed to prepare a new generation of researchers that intent to play managerial roles in the public, non-profit and private sectors at the national and international levels. It primarily aimed at equipping students with knowledge, tools and research skills related to science, technology and innovation (STI) policies formulation, implementation, evaluation and review. It takes into consideration the interactions amongst STI, government, laws, society and cultures, and how they influence policy in pursuit for socio-economic development. This program trains graduates to create a continuous flow of innovative ideas by leveraging on the existing stock of knowledge in STI related policies that will benefit industry and the research community.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Master's Degree from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia or any other Institutions of higher learning recognised by the Senate; OR

Other qualifications equivalent to a Master's degree and experience in the relevant field recognised by the Senate; OR

Candidates who currently registered in a Master's Degree programme at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, and approved by the Graduate Studies Committee of the respective faculty and the Senate.

### Additional requirement for International Applicants

An English Certificate of IELTS with the minimum band of 6.0 OR TOEFL with the minimum score of 550

## CORE COURSES

- Research Methodology
- Research in Policy Studies
- 1 University General Course
  - Seminar on Global Development
  - Economics and Social Issues (Malaysian Student)
  - Malaysian Society and Culture (International Student)

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The highly flexible degree covers the strategic policy spectrum from business operations through to top management decision making. It will prepare you for roles such as:

- Programme Manager
- Project Planning Manager
- Strategic Planning Manager
- Corporate Planning Manager
- Policy and Planning Manager
- Policy and Research Manager
- Senior Manager in Regulatory Affairs



BY RESEARCH



Intake: February, May, September and November



Min Duration: 3 years (6 semesters)  
Max Duration: 8 years (16 semesters)



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*"Broadened my horizons..!"*

“ I was searching to diversify my options in research rather than having to do lab experiments. Thus, I did my Doctor of Philosophy (Policy Studies) while maintaining my background in environmental engineering at UTM Razak (Perdana Centre). The myriad issues, political influences, and cultures broadened my horizons beyond my Malaysian bubble. ”

### DR. INTAN SAZRINA SAIMY @ SAMAN

Senior Lecturer  
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia



*"On-time completion..!"*

“ I was privileged to be enrolled to Doctor of Philosophy (Policy Studies) programme in 2011-2014 UTM Razak (Perdana Centre). The Policy Study at UTM Razak doesn't just prepare you academically; it also prepares you for the ever-changing policy landscape of science, technology and innovation. Completing my study on time and seeing my friends finish their studies too was a great accomplishment for me. ”

### DR. ZALINA MOHD TAHIR

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