FACULTY OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REGULATIONS

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- **This document should be read together with UBD Generation Next Degree Programme Rules and Regulations, from which this document derives.**
- **This document should also be read with the FASS Bachelor of Arts Programme Structure document, which is subsumed under here.**

1.0 Admission Requirements

Entrance requirements:

1.1 TWO A-Level credits with at least 160 points,

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THREE A-Level credits with at least 200 points. If an applicant has more than   three A-Level Credits, only the best three grades will count,

OR

The International Baccalaureate Diploma score of 28 points.

1.2 At least Credit 'C' in English Language 'O' Level **OR** an IELTS score of 6.0 or equivalent (including UBD's English Language Bridging course).

1.3 At least Credit 'C' in Malay Language 'O' Level is required by those students wishing to study Malay medium modules.

1.4 Applicants with Higher National Diploma (HND) qualifications should obtain a minimum of 5 merits, excluding Common Skills.

Fulfilling the entry requirements does not guarantee a place on the programme. Admission is competitive and limited.

2.0 Types of Modules Offered
'Level' refers to the level of difficulty and rigour of a particular module irrespective of the Year it is offered or when it is taken by a student.

Module Type	Definition
Level 1000 Level 2000 Level 3000 Level 4000	These modules vary in difficulty and depth at Undergraduate study - Level 1000 indicating the lowest, and Level 4000 the highest, usually in accordance to the year of study.
Level 5000	These modules are designed for Postgraduate level depth, analysis and application.

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Major Core	These are compulsory modules which all students registered for a particular Major must read and pass in order to satisfy his/her graduation requirements.
Major Option	There are modules which are offered as part of a Major and count towards the requirements for graduation with a Major. The number of modules which a student must read and pass varies across the different programmes.
Compulsory Breadth	These are modules that all students must read and pass to satisfy their graduation requirement.
Breadth	These are modules which students are free to choose to read and pass to satisfy the breadth requirements of their degree. They can be taken from within the Faculty or across Faculties.

3.0 Degrees Offered by Faculty
Bachelor of Arts (B. Arts)

4.0 Majors Offered by Faculty
Major disciplines include the following: Sociology-Anthropology; Bahasa Melayu & Linguistik; Professional Communication & the Media; Geography & Development; English Language & Linguistics; Historical Studies; English Literature; Art & Creative Technologies; Kesusasteraan Melayu; and Environmental Studies.

5.0 Minors Offered by Faculty
It is not compulsory for students to take up a Minor subject.

A Minor is awarded on completion of a minimum of 24 Modular Credits in any subject listed in Section 4.0.

In addition, the following can also be taken as a Minor: Philosophy; Drama & Theatre Studies; Southeast Asian Studies; Gender Studies; and Tourism.

6.0 Graduation Requirements
In order to graduate, students need to have passed a minimum of **128 Modular Credits** and fulfill all other University, Faculty and Programme requirements.

The Modular Credit Requirements:

Type of Module	Modular Credits (MCs)
Major	Minimum 64 MCs (Single Major) Minimum 52 MCs for each major (Double Major)
Compulsory Breadth	8 MCs (MIB: 4MCs; English Communication Skills:4MCs)
Outside Faculty Breadth	At least 16 MCs
Discovery Year	32 MCs
Level 1000	Minimum 32 MCs; Maximum 40MCs.

6.1 *At least 16 Modular Credits 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 Sciences (IHS) or Faculty of Integrated Technologies (FIT).

6.2 *A student must read a minimum of 32 Modular Credits of Level 1000 modules*. Only a maximum of 40 Modular Credits of Level 1000 modules will count towards credit accumulation of 128 Modular Credits in order to graduate.

6.3 *Students are required to undertake two semesters of Discovery Year Programme*. For Study Abroad Programme (SAP), modular credits and GPA may be calculated per module taken. Internship, Community Outreach Programme and Innovation/Incubation Projects each have a value of 16 Modular Credits for one semester.

6.4 A student must have completed a minimum of 24 Modular Credits of Level 4000 modules to graduate. Level 5000 modules that are taken by undergraduate students will be given a Level 4000 status. However, a maximum of only 8 Modular Credits of Level 5000 modules may be taken by an undergraduate.

6.5 A student may graduate having successfully completed a minimum of 128 Modular Credits, and having satisfied all the requirements for Graduation stated in this document, in UBD Generation Next Degree Programme Rules and Regulations document, as well as in the FASS BA Programme Structure document within the period of six years of candidature.

7.0 Modes of Study

7.1 Single Major
Students may follow the Single Major mode of study by completing a minimum of 64 Modular Credits in their declared Single Major discipline. Students must complete their study within a maximum of 6 years. It is not compulsory to take a Minor, but instead students on this route will still be required to satisfy the minimum 128 Modular Credit requirements to graduate.

7.2 Major-Minor
Students wishing to take the Major-Minor route may do so by completing a minimum of 64 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. Students must complete their study within a maximum of 6 years.

7.3 Double Majors
7.3.1 Students who wish to take a Double Major degree within FASS (by Dean's recommendation) must successfully complete a minimum of 52 Modular Credits from each of two Major programmes. This will allow for the Compulsory Breadth Modules (8 Modular Credits) and the Discovery Year (32 Modular Credits, some of which may be counted towards their major), and adding up to 128 Modular Credits minimum in order to graduate. Students must complete their study within a maximum of 6 years.

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7.3.2 Only students with a minimum cGPA of 3.0 for their first year of study will qualify for this route. Eligible and intending students must apply to do a Double Major degree at the end of their second semester.

7.3.3 Double Major students must maintain a minimum CGPA of 3.0 for both subjects in any two consecutive semesters, failing which they must revert to Single Major route.

7.3.4 Students who wish to take a Double Major degree within FASS must take a minimum of 16 Modular Credits at Level 4000 for each major.

7.3.5 A FASS student wishing to take a Second Major in another faculty will need to satisfy the minimum requirement in FASS for the First Major (52 Modular Credits), and will be subject to the minimum requirement of the other faculty for the Second Major. A FASS student taking this option will upon graduation receive a degree from FASS (B.Arts) only, but the Second Major subject taken in another faculty will appear in the degree transcript. If the Second Major is taken in FOS, IHS or FIT, the student is exempt from the compulsory breadth requirement of 4 Modular Credits in these faculties.

7.3.6 A student from outside FASS wishing to take a Second Major (for the Double Major) in FASS will be required to successfully complete a minimum of 52 Modular Credits in the FASS Major chosen, and will be subject to FASS Rules and Regulations as far as that Major is concerned. Upon graduation, the student will receive a degree from his or her 'home faculty' only, and the Second Major subject taken in FASS will appear in the degree transcript. A candidate from FOS, IHS or FIT is exempt from the compulsory breadth requirement of 4 Modular Credits in FASS.

7.3.7 If the student is a UBD-SBE or APB Major wanting to take a FASS Major (hence Double Majors), due to the similar nature of the Majors, he/she must still take a breadth module from FOS, IHS or FIT as required by UBD Generation Next Degree Programme Rules and Regulations.

7.4 Double Degree Programmes

7.4.1 Students may opt to major in two subjects from two different faculties upon recommendation by the Dean. To qualify, a student will need to have achieved a minimum cGPA of 3.5 for their first year of study. Eligible and intending students must to do a Double Degree programme by the end of their second semester.

7.4.2 Successful candidates must complete a minimum of 64 Modular Credits for the FASS Degree (B.Arts), and complete their study within a maximum of 7 years.

7.4.3 A Double Degree student will need to complete the Compulsory Breadth modules (8 Modular Credits) and the Discovery year component (32 Modular Credits, some of which may be counted towards their major).

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7.4.4   To remain on the Double Degree programme, a student must maintain a cGPA of 3.5 for both subjects in any two consecutive semesters, failing which the student must revert to a single degree programme.

7.4.5   Having satisfied all the graduation requirements, a student opting to take this route will graduate with degrees from two faculties (e.g. B.Arts and B.Sc).

7.4.6   Note that students wishing to take up Double Degree in FASS and in another faculty will need to satisfy the minimum requirement for the FASS Degree (64 Modular Credits), and will be subject to the minimum requirement of the other faculty for the Second Degree.

7.4.7   A student from outside FASS wishing to do one of his or her Double Degrees in FASS will be required to successfully complete a minimum of 64 Modular Credits in the FASS Major chosen, and will be subject to FASS B.A. Degree Rules and Regulations as far as that Major is concerned.

7.4.8   If the student is a UBD-SBE Major wanting to take a FASS Major (hence B.Bus and B.Arts Double Degrees), due to the similar nature of study, he/she must still take a breadth module from FOS, IHS or FIT as required by University Regulations. A candidate from FOS, IHS or FIT is exempt from the compulsory breadth requirement of 4 Modular Credits in FASS.

8.0 Module Classification (Codes)

The alpha combinations are as follows:

Module Code	Major/ Breadth Disciplines
AA	Sociology-Anthropology
AB	Bahasa Melayu & Linguistik
AC	Professional Communication & the Media
AD	Geography & Development
AE	English Language & Linguistics
AF	Southeast Asian Studies
AG	Gender Studies
AH	Historical Studies
AL	English Literature
AM	Drama & Theatre Studies
AP	Philosophy
AR	Art & Creative Technologies
AS	Kesusasteraan Melayu
AT	Tourism
AV	Environmental Studies

Note: Shade indicates Breadth (Stand-alone Minor programmes)

9.0 Modules Offered in the Faculty

Unless otherwise stated, all FASS modules can be taken as either Major or Breadth. As Breadth modules they are open to students from all other undergraduate programmes, subject to pre-requisites/ anti-requisites. A collection of approved modules (minimum six modules) in a single subject will qualify such modules for Minor status.

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10.0 Signing up for Modules

Students should seek the advice of their Academic Advisors and/ or Programme Leaders prior to signing up for a module. This is so that they can make informed decisions about the modules they wish to take, and the direction they wish to take in their degree.

11.0 Advanced Placement Credits/ Credit Transfers

11.1 The number and types of modules from which a mature student or non-normal route student is exempt will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

11.2 FASS at its discretion will exempt students from certain modules if they have achieved credits from another degree-level programme at a recognised university or institution based on the relevance and similarity of content to the programme applied for in FASS, subject to UBD Generation Next Degree Programme Rules and Regulations.

11.3 For a student transferring to another GenNext Major programme from their previous major programme in the same candidature, UBD GenNext Parent Rules and Regulations will apply.

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11.5 Credit Transfer from a non-degree level programme (e.g. Certificate, National Diploma, Ordinary National Diploma, Higher National Diploma etc) is not normally accepted.

12.0 Academic Advisors

Faculty members will assume the role of Academic Advisors for their respective programme.

13.0 Attendance and Barring

Students are strongly encouraged to attend all lectures. Attendance at tutorials is compulsory. If a student fails to attend 60% of the tutorial sessions for a particular module, he/she will be barred from taking the examination for that module (See University Examination Regulations and Procedures).

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