

Firm Foundation in Science



Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC) has been offering the Foundation in Science since 2014 via its Centre for Pre-University Studies (CPUS). And it has prepared many students well to progress into their degree studies.

The Foundation in Science at TAR UC is specifically structured in two mutually exclusive tracks to enable students to pursue their particular interest in certain branches of science.

Kleven Lim Jin Yew, who scored a CGPA of 4.0 in his foundation studies at TAR UC, says the programme focuses on academic knowledge and practical hands-on skills.

Track A of the programme emphasises physical science subjects and Track B gears its students for life science studies. TAR UC student Kleven Lim Jin Yew did his Foundation in Science (Track B) and is currently pursuing the Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Sports and Exercise Science. One reason why he chose to study at TAR UC was because it was one of the few university colleges in the country that offered a sports and exercise science degree.

"The foundation programme is great because it focuses on academic knowledge as well as practical hands-on skills to equip me for my undergraduate studies. "Moreover, it allowed me to choose my field of interest by selecting one of the tracks," he said. "One important thing I learned during my time in the TAR UC Foundation programme is to be self-disciplined. I realised that lecturers and tutors treat students as adults, and will not pamper or punish them, which is very different from high school," he said.

With the guidance of his lecturers and hard work, Lim achieved a perfect CGPA score of 4.0 in his foundation studies. "In my opinion, there are no shortcuts or secret techniques to success. I believe that by working hard, asking questions frequently, being proactive in class, and spending time to complete tutorials and practical work have contributed to my success," he said.

Even though Lim spent most of his time studying, he did not neglect his extracurricular activities. He served as a committee member of the CPUS Science and Mathematics Society (SMS). "I decided to try out for a position in the SMS because it was a good opportunity to challenge myself and develop my communication and leadership skills. "I also wanted to get out of my comfort zone and make as many friends as possible to widen my network. Being a committee member was enjoyable and rewarding," he enthused.

Apart from the Foundation in Science, TAR UC also offers five other MQA-accredited programmes, namely the Foundation in Arts, Foundation in Engineering, Foundation in Accounting, Foundation in Business and Foundation in Computing. To find out more about TAR UC's foundation programmes, please visit www.tarc.edu.my.

