

## A Programme that Opens Many Doors



THE importance of English can never be underestimated, being the language of business and communication worldwide. Knowing English increases one's chances of getting a good job in a multinational company locally or in finding work abroad.

Combining the versatility of English as a vital language with education, the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) English with Education conducted by Tunku Abdul Rahman University College's (TAR UC) Faculty of Social Science and Humanities (FSSH) since 2019 aims to fill the need for graduates who are proficient in the English language and equip potential teachers with innovative pedagogical approaches.

Not only does it offer vast exposure to knowledge-based learning and hands-on student-centred teaching methodology, the programme also prepares prospective English teachers with the knowledge and skills essential to provide effective English instruction.

In general, it targets to prepare all-round graduates who can perform effectively in any English language related workplace setting, producing highly employable graduates equipped with critical thinking skills that will empower them to understand the ever-changing media as well as forms of communication and to function effectively in any professional setting where they need to clearly and persuasively express their ideas in writing and verbal communication.

Graduates are also expected to possess entrepreneurial competencies and willingness to develop themselves by engaging in lifelong learning as well as strong professional ethical values at the workplace.

Izura Nurlina is currently undertaking the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) English with Education. She shares, “I found many options from different universities that offered an English major, but what I found unique about the programme at TAR UC was that it entails Business Communication, which hones our interpersonal communication skills for the corporate workplace.

On top of that, English Literature is part of the syllabus. These two subjects make a great practical combination in honing my skills for my future job and career.”

She hopes to be a newscaster or TV host in the future. She added that the programme prepares her well, saying, “It teaches me subjects that matter in a practical manner. For instance, Phonetics and Phonology helps me speak English more fluently and Curriculum and Syllabus Design helps me better understand the target audience and vision of Malaysia’s curriculum design. This is helpful as my second ambition is to become a school teacher,” she said.

This three-year Bachelor degree programme incorporates an internship element in the final year – a teaching practicum over a 14-week long semester that students are required to undertake at a school. Students will undergo an interview process for this, like applying for a job. Career prospects for graduates include English language teachers/lecturers, writers, editors, content writers/producers for online and print media, copywriters, news reporters and social media managers and more.

The October and November intakes are currently in progress. Prospective students can submit their application online at [www.tarc.edu.myn](http://www.tarc.edu.myn) For more details about Bachelor of Arts (Hons) English with Education or other programmes offered by FSSH, intakes or general enquiries about TAR UC, visit [www.tarc.edu.my](http://www.tarc.edu.my). Attractive scholarships are available based on academic merit and there is sibling discount for qualified students.