

TAR University College In the Limelight

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Starting right with TAR UC

TRANSITIONING from secondary education to tertiary can be a taxing experience for young school leavers. The course syllabi in higher learning institutions are specific and students have to be certain of their career path before advancing. However, most face daunting questions on what to do or where to go. These, coupled with the prospect of adapting to a whole new learning environment, can be burdensome.

Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC) understands this, plus the importance for students to choose the right academic programmes to advance their education. This is where the TAR UC foundation programme offered via the Centre for Pre-University Studies (CPUS) plays a pivotal role. It provides students with a strong academic grounding for their successful transition into tertiary studies.

The foundation programme at TAR UC focuses on developing essential skills and attributes that are highly demanded by institutions of higher learning, especially when foundation students pursue their tertiary studies in TAR UC itself.

The foundation programme in TAR UC comprises two streams – Science and Arts.

The Science stream encompasses two tracks, with one leaning towards Applied Physics, Management Mathematics, Applied Sciences, Computer Science and Engineering.

The other is more inclined towards Life Science, Information Technology, Information System, Sports Science and Built Environment.

The Arts stream also has two tracks with one focusing on Business subjects while the other on Social Science, Communication, Creative Arts and Hospitality Management.

Former Foundation in Science student Ong Si Qing who is pursuing her Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) Mechanical in TAR UC said, “Looking back, I can say that the foundation programme in TAR UC has provided me with solid fundamental knowledge, which I am reaping the benefits in my bachelor degree programme.”

Ong had also benefitted from TAR UC’s numerous financial assistance for deserving students, which enabled her to continue with her degree. She said it was also convenient for foundation students to pursue a tertiary education in TAR UC as there are credit transfers involved.

Another student who has benefited from TAR UC’s foundation programme is Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Analytical Chemistry student Teng Yu Heng.

“After extensive research in comparing many higher learning institutions, I found



Teng Yu Heng completed his Foundation in Science and is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Analytical Chemistry in TAR UC.



Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) Mechanical student Ong Si Qing did her foundation in Science in TAR UC.

that TAR UC is the only institution that offers the Foundation programme that prepares students to pursue their tertiary education in Analytical Chemistry,” he says.

Teng highlighted that the Foundation programme labs are well-equipped with the latest facilities and equipment, which offer learning experience to students, especially the laboratories.

Both conceded that their time in CPUS helped them transition into campus life in TAR UC. Ong recalled her lecturers were helpful and accommodated her requests and needs. Teng commended his CPUS lecturers as knowledgeable and are willing to help students in their studies and well-being.

■ Find out more at TAR UC’s Open Day, Dec 16 to 18 at its Kuala Lumpur main campus and branches in Penang, Perak, Johor, Pahang and Sabah or visit TAR UC’s booth at all major education fairs.

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