WELCOME TO
FACULTY OF DENTISTRY
The increasing public awareness and demand for oral health services and extensive development of healthcare facilities throughout the country requires rapid development of oral healthcare services. The commitment given by the government to improve health and enhance the quality of life has led to the need for more oral health professionals.

Faculty of Dentistry (FPg) USIM was established in 2006 to provide tertiary education opportunities for students from religious schools (Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Agama) in the professional fields such as medicine and dentistry. We aim to produce graduates who are technically competent, scientifically knowledgeable, biologically oriented, committed to respect human dignity, socially sensitive, ethically and professionally responsible and an effective team member while always upholding the principles of Islamic values. With the vision that our graduates could lead efforts in improvement of oral health care in the community, they could also contribute to the progress of ummah in general.

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“Being one of the fourth batch dental students; going through the ups and downs as this faculty develops, my experience with FPg USIM was great from the start. I like the fact that the number of students are small and that the lecturers and staffs are friendly. They are always willing to help and are very flexible in meeting to help students. As an outdoor enthusiast, it is my greatest pleasure that this faculty offers me a number of social and outdoor activities throughout the years. I also like the fact that this faculty is a safe place to study and live.”

MUHAMMAD FAIQ MD YAMIN

“Studying in the FPg, USIM gives me a new experience which I may not get in other universities or any other places. What I actually mean is that, here we have a very friendly environment which includes the relationship between lecturers, staff and students or between us and the patients. This kind of experience could help us develop our personal soft skills to communicate with patients, colleagues and supervisor in the future.”
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OF FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

The Integration of Naqli and Aqli Knowledge

In accordance with the philosophy, vision and mission of USIM, FPg applies the integration of Naqli (revealed) and Aqli (human) knowledge as the main guide to all educational programmes. In addition, we also harmonise the outcome-based education approach with USIM’s model of Integration of Naqli and Aqli. The outcome-based education emphasises on student-centered learning that encourages student involvement in all teaching learning activities done.

The principal feature used in the curriculum is the inclusion of human science strand to basic and clinical science strands. The human science strand incorporates Islamic-based courses, Behavioural Sciences and Community Dentistry courses. The course is designed to provide the scientific background, practical skills and desirable attitude infused with Islamic values needed for the safe and independent practice of dentistry.

Innovative Teaching and Learning

FPg adopts a hybrid system curriculum where integration of semester, block and traditional system are implemented. The curriculum format is diagonal where clinical sciences strand increases while basic sciences strand decreases.

The behavioural science permeates throughout the entire curriculum with elective courses offered by university to give students additional knowledge and skills. Teaching learning methods used focuses on student-centered activities such as blended learning, problem-based learning (PBL) and other similar methods. Different types of competency assessments are used to assess students. These include pen and paper test; essays, multiple choice questions (MCQ), modified essay questions (MEQ), group work presentation, research project and elective. Clinical competencies are conducted and assessed using log book format. Overall students need to undergo continuous assessment, mid-term assessment, end of semester examination and professional examinations conducted every year.

Role of Faculty of Dentistry

The role of FPg revolves around four major areas: education (dental), patient care (oral health care), research and services. The outpatient clinic that operates everyday enables delivery of emergency treatment to patients and also recruitment of suitable new patients for the students for their clinical practices. Specialist clinics ranging from Periodontics, Oral Surgery and Maxillofacial, Pediatric Dentistry, Restorative, Prosthodontics, Conservative Dentistry, Oral Pathology and Oral Medicine and Orthodontics are also available to offer expert consultation and treatment to patients who require it. The availability of advanced imaging using cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) enables good decision making and treatment planning.

Undergoing researches done at FPg focuses on various aspects that could improve oral health care. Initiatives are being made to further investigate and integrate Islamic values and knowledge into improvement of health, in particular oral health.
GREAT CAREER PROSPECT

Graduates will undergo compulsory service with the government for the first year as Dental Officers at main hospital in all states. The exposure to all branches of dentistry specialization (eg. Oral Surgery, Restorative, Orthodontics) will allow graduates to gain knowledge and experiences before embarking their career independently in either government hospital/clinic or private practices. For those who are interested to further specialize in specific area, there is opportunity to continue their studies at Master level locally or internationally. Being an academician is another alternative for those who are passionate in teaching and sharing knowledge. Opportunities to sustain and improve knowledge in dentistry for future career are available by ongoing seminars, courses and workshops organized by the Dental Associations at local and international levels.

They are highly demanded in the market as not only they knowledge reflect our uniquely tailored syllabus, they can also portray proficiency in both English and Arabic.

MANY GRADUATES FPG PROCEED STRAIGHT INTO WIDE-RANGING CAREER PROSPECT IN VARIOUS POSITIONS OF ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS:

ORAL SURGEONS, RESTORATIVE EXPERT, ORTHODONTIST, ACADEMICIAN
DEGREES AT A GLANCE

UNDERGRADUATE

We provide a five-year educational undergraduate programme with medium of instruction in English and Arabic language. Successful students will be awarded with Bachelor of Dental Surgery, BDS (USIM).

The programme consists of 2 phases: Pre-clinical and Clinical.

Phase I (Pre-clinical)
Also termed as the basic science phase, students will be equipped with all the basic fundamental knowledge and understanding of medical and dental sciences during the first and second years. Students will also be exposed to clinical skills learning with simulation exercises using models and phantoms head.

Phase II (Clinical)
The clinical phase is from year 3 to year 5 where students will be applying all the knowledge and skills in a clinical set-up, under close supervision and guidance of lecturers.

Collaboration with Ministry of Health involving Hospital Ampang, Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia (HUSM), Hospital Serdang, Hospital Ipoh and Hospital Temerloh for hospital field visits and attachments organised as part of the learning requirements for General Medicine and General Surgery in year 3 and Oral Surgery and Maxillofacial in year 3, 4 and 5. These programmes have allowed exposure to hospital setting and situation to prepare students for future working environment.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

- Pass Tamhidi USIM (Medicine/ Dentistry/ Science and Technology) with CGPA of at least 3.00 and above;

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  - Biology;
  - Chemistry;
  - Physics or Mathematics

- Pass SPM/Any other qualification equivalent with at least B in the following subjects:
  - Biology;
  - Chemistry;
  - Physics;
  - Mathematics or Additional Mathematics;
  - Either ONE (1) other subject.

- Obtained at least a Band 3 in the Malaysian University English Test (MUET);

- Pass the interview;

- All candidates must declare if they are found:
  - guilty of any criminal offence;
  - having physical illness or mental illness that is serious; and/or
  - having infectious disease that is serious

- One who has any of the following is not qualified to undertake the medical program:
  - found guilty in offences involving the human body;
  - dishonest whether in serious or new offences, for example cheating during examinations, document falsification, plagiarism;
  - physical or mental illness that is serious;
  - infectious disease that is serious.

- The failure to declare information that has influence on the suitability of a student in the medical practice may cause the termination to continue studies because honesty, integrity and a clean bill of health are important traits for a doctor and a medical student.
YOUR STUDY EXPERIENCE

Situated near Middle Ring Road 2 (MRR2) highway, FPg is only a mere 15 minutes away from Kuala Lumpur and approximately 45 minute drive from our main campus in Nilai, Negeri Sembilan. FPg with Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FPSK), is located together at Tower B, MPAJ building, Pandan Indah, Kuala Lumpur.

FPg occupies level 15 to 18 while FPSK occupies level 9 to 14. Several facilities in FPSK are commonly used by both faculties such as the library, computer lab and pre-clinical laboratories for medicine and health sciences subjects located at level 9, 11 and 12. Each level in FPg is equipped with facilities for teaching and learning activities, practical, research and dental services. Level 15 are mainly focused on administration office and lecturer’s room. There is also 1 main lecture theatre for 100 students and classroom/tutorial rooms provided. Level 16 consists of 1 student dental clinic with 32 dental chairs, 5 lecturer’s clinic, simulation laboratory and preclinical laboratory. Level 17 are focused on dental clinic and services with a larger student dental clinic equipped with 43 dental chairs, 5 consultation rooms and 10 lecturer’s clinic. The newly operating level 18 is equipped with a large examination hall that could fit 300 students, a larger dental laboratory with 40 workstations, an oral biology laboratory, a research laboratory, tutorial rooms, lecturer’s rooms and prayer room.

Annual Internationalisation programme will provide the opportunity for students to explore and discover dental school and programmes in other countries. So far, we have visited Universitas Padjajaran, Bandung, Indonesia; University of Thamasad, Bangkok, Thailand; University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. These international programmes not only help broaden their mind to different cultures and people, it could also improve their social interaction skills for future networking at international level.

Community services to orphanage/poor homes, elderly and secondary schools for exhibition and promotion of oral health empowers the students with the development of soft skills that involves communication, critical thinking and problem solving, teamwork, professional ethics, moral and leadership skills. It also help to infuse volunteerism spirit to the future graduates.
Global Open Access Learning System

At USIM, you will benefit from access to the GOALS (Global Open Access Learning System), which is a comprehensive and flexible e-learning platform that is designed to provide students and lecturers with a single dashboard that integrate information, administration, teaching & learning, communication and support services. GOALS provide a seamless growth path from the basic function of delivering online courses, to the creation and administration of online communities right up to the management of teaching and learning for the entire online campuses.

Soft Skills

As a USIM student, you will be part of the university vision to produce graduates who possess noble values. Besides university and program courses, there are diversity curriculum courses which are focused on developing major soft skills, namely Communication, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Teamwork, Learning and Information Management, Entrepreneurial Skills, Professional Ethics and Moral and Leadership Skills. These courses provide spaces for acquiring knowledge and skills through experiential and practical learning. There are three core programs, namely VOLUNTEERISM, CULTURE and SPORTS.
APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

We are looking for students who possess positive attitudes, active, who have the ability and motivation to benefit from our courses and who will make a valued contribution to the faculty and the university. We welcome applications from all over the world and it is our aim to make the process as seamless as possible.

For full details on the programs we offer and detailed entrance requirements, visit http://fpg.usim.edu.my

For Malaysian candidates, applications for full-time undergraduate study are made via http://upu.mohe.gov.my

For international candidates, the full details of entrance requirements, application processes and fees for undergraduate programs are available at: http://bpa.usim.edu.my/en/studies-info/international-student

For full details on the graduate programs, including admission processes and fee structures, visit http://cgs.usim.edu.my/en
Visiting us
If you wish to make an informal visit to USIM prior to applying here, you are welcome to do so. Please contact us in advance if you wish to visit the department and we will do our best to assist.

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