

AL-GHAZALI'S DIALOGUE AT UPNM

A Basis for Producing Intellectual Leaders of Character

This programme is designed to develop students' communication skills using the case study approach. Students are given opportunities to improve all three critical aspects of their leadership development including the mind, practice and behaviour.

A2 and B1 with a total of 102 hours at three different levels

1 LEVEL 1 - UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE COURSE



Al-Ghazali's Dialogue: English Communication LEL1032 is a course that is compulsory for all students to take as a pre-requisite for their graduation. The total contact hours for the course is 42 hours, but only 30 hours are dedicated to using the case study approach to teaching and learning.

Students are assessed on several oral assessments including role play and forum. 2 credits will be awarded to students.

2 LEVEL 2 - UNIVERSITY GENERAL COURSE

To further enhance students' English language proficiency, another University core course is selected namely Nationhood and World Politics DUM2082 to use case studies as part of the teaching and learning approach.

Seven weeks are dedicated to discuss, debate and find possible solutions to various themed case studies. This is equivalent to 14 hours per semester. Another 2 credits will be awarded to students.



3 LEVEL 3 - UNIVERSITY LEVEL: BUILDING INTELLECTUAL LEADERS OF CHARACTER



Five days in total which amounts to 60 hours of training students to debate and reason in English



This programme will be conducted in Kongkoi Camp, Jelebu, Negeri Sembilan



One training session will have only 50 students



This programme includes in and out of classroom activities!

English language instructors and military trainers will be involved ...

EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF AL-GHAZALI'S DIALOGUE



Before:

Students were given enough resources and training to be effective speakers and communicators in English.

Perhaps, it was not enough ...

Now:

It is expected that students',

1. communication skills in English will be strengthened.
2. confidence in using English will be improved.
3. leadership skills will be further developed.
4. readiness to contribute to society will be enhanced.

IN SHORT ...

The training philosophy for this programme is threefold: (a) Fikrah – focusing on the cognitive aspect of participants' development; (b) Amal – focusing on the missions and operations, team work, communication and pitching; and (c) Akhlak – focusing on developing participants' behaviour and grooming.

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