

# My journey to become a teacher

Different persons have different ambitions in life. It is always a good thing to have an ambition in one's life. My ambition in life is to become a teacher. Become a teacher is my ambition since I am young. It is because when I was younger, I often had the chance to be in the teacher's role. I have very large family, every time we met together, I take responsible to watching my younger cousins. I love every minute of it. At the time, I wanted to be a teacher.

When I finished my STPM and officially graduated, I didn't think too much and just registered a course in Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)- Arts with Education. After that, I entered this university after an interview and got offered from it.

It was not easy to become a teacher. Teaching is the profession which is the bases of all other professions in this world. When entered USM, we ready to prepare ourselves to become a teacher. In first semester, we have been offered some subjects which included PGA 101 Learner and Learning Needs, PGA 102 Adolescents Intrapersonal and Interpersonal Development, PGA 103 Teacher, School and Society, HTU 223 Islamic And Asian Civilization, and WUS 101 Core Entrepreneurship.

By taking PGA 101, we as a teacher-to-be will learn the theories of learning, the needs of a student and many more so that we would know how to be alert and sensitive to the different needs of students in their learning process. In PGA 102, we learnt intrapersonal and interpersonal development within each of us especially the youngsters, the communication skills, the building up of one's identity and so on. While PGA 103 introduced to us the history an development of the field of education in Malaysia. We also have been exposed to the knowledge of different cultures in Asia countries so that we will learn to tolerate and understand the differences among us especially the students that we are going to the teach in the future. A teacher will not only need to know the needs of a student in different aspects, to learn the communication skill, to know the cultures surrounding us, also to need to be an entrepreneur. By learning WUS 101, we get to know how to plan properly, how to organize our business, how to work with others and so on.

In semester two, we have been offered to wider subjects so that we could determine which major and minor we are going to take in coming semester. I took HMA 10 Introduction to Bahasa Melayu Studies, HGA 101 Introduction to Geography, HSA 101 Introduction to History, PGT 201E Instructional Technology Practices and SHE 101 Ethnic Relations. All these subject exposed me to the basic knowledge in the field of Malay language, Geography and History. While PGT 201E teaching us the skills in using technologies to teach or do something.

Since I obtained good result in HGA Geography and HSA History. Hence, I take subject Geography as my major and my minor as History. I took HGF 222 Physical Geography, HGM 239 Human Geography, HGT 222 Techniques in Geography, HGF 225 Environmental Processes, HGG 250 Society, Space and Environment and so on. I gained a lot of knowledge Geography after took that course.

Besides that, taking History as my minor also need to take a lot of subject History, such as HSM 216 Malaysian Political History to Early 20th Century, HSM 210 Socioeconomic History of Malaysia HSE 353E History of Modern Europe Since the 18th Century and so on. I done a lot of difficult assignment or research and learnt a lot knowledge due to take that subject.

Microteaching is one of the assignments I was most afraid. But through microteaching I can found some strength and weakness in myself. So, I can improve my skill of teaching to prevent I repeat my mistake. I really learnt a lot of things from the microteaching. This experience can be used for our practicum later as we will be dealing with real pupils that need more attention and clear instruction.

We also took PGT 203 Communication and Interpersonal Skills for Teachers, PGT 219 Introduction to Teaching Methods in the Humanities, PGT 202E Basic Educational Measurement & Evaluation, and PGT 436E Information and Communication Technology in Education.

The journey in becoming a teacher is still a long way to go. As a future teacher I know that in order to become a better teacher I will always have to strive to improve in order to become an even better teacher.