



Citizenship Studies

What is this About?

Kiniacademy aims to educate students on their role as Malaysian citizens, and to equip them with necessary information and skills to participate as citizens. This includes a comprehensive set of knowledge regarding voting and election processes, how the federal system works in Malaysia and the objectives of the Rukun Negara.

The Citizenship Studies programme will further navigate students on the concept of voting and the importance of their role as the younger voices. Through the recent constitutional amendment on making the official minimum voting age to 18, the younger generation has a bigger responsibility towards the future of the country. They are the new and fresh voices in the process of nation-building and advocates for change. Hence, this programme will enhance their awareness of their role towards a more progressive country.

Who Should Apply?

Young pupils from secondary schools (especially aged from 15 to 17 years) are highly encouraged to join this course in order to increase political literacy.

What are the Objectives?

To help the students understand better of their roles as young citizens of the nation

To educate students on the government structure, elections and voting systems

To create awareness that age is not a barrier in understanding the political scene in Malaysia

To guide students to become more responsible voters

Unit 1 : Malaysia as a Sovereign State

What's The Plan?

1. What Is Malaysia? Malaysia As A Sovereign Democratic State
2. Rukun Negara
3. The Malaysian Constitution
4. Who Runs The Country? Government And Administration
5. On Your Marks, Get Set, Vote: The Electoral Process

What Will I Gain From This?

- Understand the structural and conceptual aspects of Malaysia as a “sovereign democratic state”
- Familiarise with the abstract principles and concrete processes of Malaysia’s democratic system
- Know the significance of the electoral process and how it connects to one’s own choices

Unit 2 : Domestic and International Issues

What's The Plan?

1. Challenging Times: Domestic Issues In Malaysia
2. Overseas Connections: Malaysia And The Wider World

What Will I Gain From This?

- Recognise the issues discussed regarding domestic concerns
- Understand the nature of each issue
- Critically think of ideas on how to solve the issues discussed

Unit 3 : Media Literacy, Speech and Expression

What's The Plan?

1. True Or False? Fake News, Misinformation, And Media Bias
2. Opinions Matter: Having A Stand On National Issues
3. Debate And Discussion: How To Defend Your Arguments
4. Lend Me Your Ears: Getting Your Point Across
5. Getting Involved: Civic Engagement And Advocacy

What Will I Gain From This?

- Recognise the importance of skills required for effective civic engagement
- Identify the use of these hands-on skills for wider contribution in your social and national communities
- Apply these skills in daily life

Who Is My Trainer?



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Adib graduated with a double major in English and History, with a First Class in History from the University of Adelaide. He is currently working at kiniaacademy, with his focus being the development of the Citizenship Studies curriculum. Amongst other things, his work includes conceptualising, writing and directing the course videos. He also created the course structure, and supervises the creation of course materials.

He is also a published author, with his work being featured in the Sacred Web journal, and the online news portal Malaysiakini. Adib is a proud product of Malaysian government schools, which he regards as an important national institution. He believes that citizenship awareness, a knowledge of local history and a multicultural environment are essential for a healthy and happy Malaysia.

Note: The trainer may change due to availability.

What Is kiniaacademy?

kiniaacademy, the training arm of Malaysiakini, offers courses in media studies and youth programmes. Our aim is to develop the next generation of independent thinkers, journalists and media professionals, both, in Malaysia and the region; by providing highly practical courses developed by professionals and delivered by professionals. kiniaacademy helps trainees get work-ready and future-ready.

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