

Your Premier Pre-University Choice

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Established in 1987, DISTED College, as Penang's pioneer private institution of higher learning, has evolved into a prominent institution in the region. With a vision to be the premier college in Penang, DISTED College offers a diverse range of programmes, including Certificate, Foundation, Diploma, and Bachelor Degree levels in fields such as Accounting, Business, Computing, Creative Multimedia, and Psychology. Allow me to spotlight DISTED's Pre-University programme for this issue of DISCOURSE.

DISTED has offered the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE International) programme since 1987. Serving as a gateway to global university studies, it provides pathways to various undergraduate programmes, including medicine, engineering, computer science, law, and mass communications.

In addition, DISTED offers the prestigious Cambridge A-Level programme, which has been successfully conducted since 1995. This programme serves as a solid foundation for tertiary studies in diverse fields, including medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, engineering, computer science, law, business, and psychology. It is widely regarded as the gold standard of Pre-University qualifications.

For science enthusiasts, DISTED's Foundation in Science programme focuses on biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics. Students can choose from two pathways: Health/Biological Sciences or Engineering/Physical Sciences, facilitating a smooth transition into science-related undergraduate degrees, locally or abroad. Whereas the Foundation in Arts programme at DISTED equips students with the knowledge and skills required for pursuing degrees in Psychology or Business. Offering a wide range of subjects, it prepares students for various undergraduate studies.

In conclusion, DISTED College's commitment to academic excellence and its diverse and established Pre-University programmes make it a top choice for students aspiring to excel in various fields of study. DISTED College sets students on the path to successful higher education and future careers.

Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair
President 院长



立达学院成立于 1987 年，作为槟城最早的私立高等教育机构，现已发展成为该地区的著名机构。立达学院的愿景是成为槟城首屈一指的学院，提供各种课程，包括会计、商业、电脑、创意多媒体和心理学等领域的证书、基础、文凭和学士学位级别。请允许我在本期 DISCOURSE 中重点介绍立达的大学本科课程。

自 1987 年以来，立达一直提供南澳教育证书国际 (SACE International) 课程。作为通往全球大学学习的通道，它提供了通往各种本科课程的途径，包括医学、工程、计算机科学、法律和大众传播。

此外，立达还提供著名的剑桥 A-Level 课程，该课程自 1995 年以来已成功举办过多次。该课程为医学、药学、牙科、工程学、计算机科学、法律、商业和心理学等不同领域的高等教育奠定了扎实的基础。它被广泛视为大学预科资格证书的黄金标准。

对于科学爱好者来说，立达的科学基础课程侧重于生物学、化学、物理和数学。学生可以选择两种途径：健康/生物科学或工程/物理科学，以促进顺利转入到本地或国外与科学相关的本科学位。立达的文科基础课程为学生提供攻读心理学或商科学位所需的知识和技能。它提供广泛的科目，为学生的各种本科学习做好准备。

总之，立达学院对学术卓越的承诺以及其多样化且成熟的大学预科课程使其成为渴望在各个学习领域取得优异成绩的学生的首选。立达学院帮助学生走上成功的高等教育和未来职业生涯的道路。

DISTED 学院： 您最佳的大学预 科选择

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Pre-U Studies

• **Cambridge A-Level (Science & Arts)**

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• **SACE International**

in Collaboration with South Australian Certificate (SACE) Board of South Australia

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• **Foundation in Arts**

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• **Foundation in Science**

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Why I Chose the SACE International Programme at DISTED College

I enrolled in the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) International Programme at DISTED College in September 2023. Out of the various educational programmes available, I made the deliberate choice to pursue the SACE International Programme due to its global recognition, setting me on a path to further my education at the university level.

What particularly appealed to me about the SACE International Programme is its remarkable flexibility. It allows me to customize my studies to align with my personal interests and future career aspirations, thereby

establishing a strong educational foundation for my academic journey ahead.

My chosen subjects within the SACE International Programme include English as an Additional Language, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematical Methods, and Psychology. These subjects were carefully selected to best support my academic goals and interests.

Excitingly, I recently learned that starting in the year 2024, DISTED College will be introducing new courses as part of its SACE Programme, including Visual Arts – Art and Business Innovation. This expansion of offerings promises to provide even more diverse educational opportunities for students like me.

I am attaching a photo that captures a moment shared with my mathematics lecturer, Ms. Geong Chooi Peng, and my fellow course-mates, as we embark on this educational journey together. I am eagerly looking forward to the learning experiences and opportunities that lie ahead.

Chung Yin Shuan
Student of SACE, Sept 2023 Intake



Navigating the Complex Landscape of Psychology: Insights from the 2023 Psychology Colloquium

The Psychology Colloquium 2023 at DISTED College was a vibrant and intellectually enriching event, bringing together lecturers and enthusiastic students to explore the multifaceted world of psychology. President, Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair inaugurated the colloquium with a compelling address, underscoring the pivotal role of research in advancing the field of psychology.

At the colloquium, students delved into a wide range of topics, investigating the connections between Fear of Missing Out (FoMO) and life satisfaction among K-pop enthusiasts, parental psychological control's impact on gaming addiction, vulnerable narcissism's relationship with phubbing behaviour, the influence of perceived social support on academic burnout, and FoMO's role as a predictor of repetitive negative thinking. These insightful presentations offered a comprehensive view of various psychological dynamics among undergraduates.

Furthermore, the lecturers showcased their expertise in

counselling, developmental, and clinical psychology, covering various topics. Their presentations provided valuable insights and contributed to the collective knowledge of the discipline. Engaging discussions and questions from faculty and students highlighted the academic community's dedication to exploring contemporary psychological themes.

The colloquium emphasised the importance of nurturing the next generation of psychologists and fostering an environment that nurtures their intellectual growth. The School of Psychology is eager to expand the colloquium, encouraging greater student involvement in sharing their research findings and reflections on the challenges and opportunities within the field.

Dylan Aw
Lecturer and Clinical Psychologist
School of Psychology



Into the Lens: DISTED, NIKON and PYDC Join Forces for Photography and Videography Workshop

On 30th of August 2023, DISTED students had the unique opportunity to learn from the best as NIKON and the Penang Youth Development Centre (PYDC) collaborated to host an exciting Photography and Videography workshop at DISTED College.

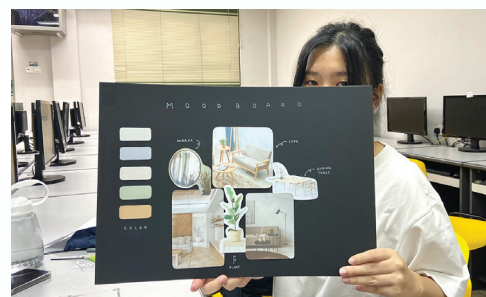
The event, which was eagerly anticipated by both amateur and professional photographers alike, promised to be a day filled with valuable insights, hands-on experience, and the chance to interact with like-minded individuals who share a passion for visual storytelling.

NIKON, a household name in the world of photography and imaging, brought their expertise and cutting-edge equipment to the workshop, 18 DSLR cameras to be exact. As a brand known for its innovation and excellence in imaging technology, NIKON's presence at the event was a testament to their commitment to nurturing the next generation of photographers and videographers.

The workshop was facilitated by the team from Atlantic By Motion in Style led by Mr. Low Chin Siang. One of the highlights of the event was the live demonstrations using NIKON's state-of-the-art cameras and lenses. Participants were able to get hands-on experience with the latest gear, gaining a deeper understanding of how to make the most of their equipment for stunning shots and videos.

The workshop was a resounding success, leaving participants inspired, informed, and ready to take their photography and videography skills to the next level.

Khairu Nisa Binti Wazir
Lecturer, School of Computing and Engineering



The Rationale for Incorporating Economics Into Academic Studies

Incorporating economics subject into DISTED's diploma and foundation programme offers numerous benefits to students. Economics equips students with a profound understanding of how societies allocate resources, make decisions, and manage scarcity. At a fundamental level, it fosters critical thinking and analytical skills, which empower students to evaluate and respond to complex issues. Through this subject, students can comprehend the functioning of markets and the government's role and better understand public policies, taxation, and social welfare. This knowledge is invaluable in making informed decisions about personal finances, investments, and career choices.

Economics consists of microeconomics and macroeconomics that focus on different levels of economic analysis, providing insights into various aspects. Generally, microeconomics focuses on the behaviour of consumers, firms, and industries in making decisions

regarding resource allocation, consumption, production, and pricing. Microeconomics equips students with the knowledge of the forces of supply and demand, exploring how individual choices influence prices and quantities of goods and services. On the other hand, macroeconomics takes a broader perspective, studying the economy as a whole. The discussion on inflation, unemployment, national income, and overall economic growth provide essential knowledge in preparing our students to be an informed citizen. Overall, incorporating economics into education cultivates well-rounded individuals.

Dr. Jesselin Ong
Programme Lead, School of Business and Hospitality





Journey of Success and Gratitude



Song SiHyun's Remarkable Study Experience at DISTED College

I am a Korean student currently enrolled at DISTED College, and I have been residing in Malaysia for approximately nine years. I would like to express my utmost satisfaction with my study experience at DISTED College.

My journey at DISTED College began in September 2021 when I applied for an 18-month A-level program. The college's marketing department directed me to Mr. Kelvin Lim, who played a pivotal role in facilitating all my visa applications and meticulously reviewing my IGCSE results. Despite many students pursuing the same course as me, I found that this enhanced my learning experience and allowed me to concentrate more on my lectures and studies.

One aspect that stood out during my time at DISTED College was the unwavering dedication of the lecturers. They were always eager to assist students whenever we encountered difficulties, fostering an environment where I felt comfortable asking questions. Moreover, the college staff's friendly and approachable demeanour made my experience more enjoyable. Overall, my experience at DISTED College has been truly pleasant, and I couldn't be happier with the quality of education and support I have received.

Song SiHyun
Student of Cambridge A-Level



DISTED-CASUGOL Digital Transformation Programme **CASUGOL**

DISTED College, in collaboration with CASUGOL, an international certification body based in Singapore, presents the DISTED-CASUGOL Digital Transformation Programme.


This programme offers a wide range of certification courses in digital transformation and emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, data science/analytics, machine learning, and data strategy/implementation. The programme is designed to equip business leaders, professionals, and learners from diverse backgrounds with the knowledge, skills, and strategies needed to drive successful digital transformation initiatives.


In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, traditional business models are being disrupted, and core competencies are being redefined. To survive and thrive in this dynamic environment, business leaders must take adequate measures to navigate the complex digital transformation journey. They require support and a comprehensive roadmap that can guide them through this transformative process and enhance their digital literacy.


Join us on a transformative journey where you will gain the insights, skills, and confidence to navigate the digital era successfully. Discover how DISTED-CASUGOL's Digital Transformation Programme can help you seize the opportunities of the digital age and position your organisation




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