

UGM Vocational School Offers Diploma IV on Banking

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Vocational School of Universitas Gadjah Mada (SV UGM) in academic year 2018/2019 has officially established a new study program, Diploma IV (four) on Banking. The establishment was realized after the Academic Senate of UGM approved the proposal on June 26, 2018.

“The Academic Senate has approved it and new students can apply for the program through the third selection process of SV UGM this year,” said Dean of SV UGM, Wikan Sakarinto, Ph.D., in UGM Fortakgama Room, Friday (7/6).

Wikan said the establishment of Diploma 4 on Banking was part of UGM Vocational School policy. Starting next year, the entire Diploma III (three) of SV UGM will stop accepting new students and accelerate the establishment of Diploma IV programs instead.

The establishment, Wikan stated, is a manifestation of link and match between education and industry. The link and match is not only a memorandum of understanding on a paper, but also how SV UGM refers to the competency certification system owned by Bank Mandiri in developing its curriculum.



“The competency certification is recognized as a standard for national banking. Therefore, we adopt the competency certification of Bank Mandiri in the curriculum. The implication is graduates will have at least two nationally recognized competency certificates in banking, not only by Mandiri but also other banks.”

The two certifications are level one general banking and risk management. They are recognized at the ASEAN and national levels. Certification is provided by Professional Certification Institute (LSP) in Banking with license from the National Body of Professional Certification (BNSP) of the Republic of Indonesia.

Wikan explained this year’s registration for Diploma 4 on Banking is available through the third wave of SV UGM student admission test. This program is accepting 45 students for the first year.

“We are starting with one class and will add more in the following years.”

Anastasia Widowati, Dean of Mandiri University Group, stated that Bank Mandiri provides support for the establishment of the new study program, including by giving advice on curriculum and teaching staff from the bank.

“Despite all the technology, in this era of tech disruption we are giving various courses on digital banking.”

Anastasia Widowati revealed that 94 percent of bank transactions are using e-banking. Therefore, various jobs including programmers, IT Security, and big data-related jobs will always be required in banking.

Ike Yuliani Andjani, M.Si, Head of Dept. of Economics and Business SV UGM added that D IV on Banking differs from Undergraduate Study in Economics. The differences can be found in the curriculum and teaching staff.

“The faculty does not only involve academic staffs, but also practitioners as required by the Ministry of Research, Technology, and Higher Education for vocational education,” she said.

A similar information was stated by Dr. Satriyo Dwi Cahyo. He mentioned that D IV on Banking is designed for vocational learning education, so there will be more practice than theory.

“As high as 60 percent of the lecture will be practice on how to skillfully work in banking, and 40 percent will be theories. Moreover, we are going to work with industries for the curriculum and also lectures because we need updated skills and latest information from the industry, so the link and match concept goes accordingly.”

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