

UGM Inaugurates 1093 Post-Graduate Students

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Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) inaugurated 1093 graduates of post-graduate, consisting of 1021 master, 44 specialists, and 28 doctorates. The average study durations for this period are 2 years and 3 months for the S-2, 4 years and 8 months for the Specialist, and 4 years and 5 months for the S-3.

The shortest time study for the S-2 levels is achieved by Hamdan Kurniawan of Political Science Study Program, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, which is 1 year and 3 months. For the Specialist level the fastest time is achieved by Monica Santosa of Children's Dentistry Program, Faculty of Dentistry, by 2 years and 9 months, whereas for the levels of S-3, Gunggung Senoaji of Forestry Science Study Program, Faculty of Forestry, records 2 years and 7 months, study duration.

The number of regular S-2 graduates with cum laude in this period is 185 people or 18.12% of all graduates of the S-2. The Highest Cumulative Index result is achieved by Teguh Ariyanto of Chemical Engineering Study Program, the Faculty of Engineering with a GPA of 4.00. Meanwhile, the youngest graduate of the S-2 is Ahmad Almaududy Amri of Master of Law, Faculty of Law, who successfully earned master's degree at age 21 years 4 months 8 days old.

Senior Vice Rector for Education, Research, and Community Service, Prof. Dr. Retno Sunarminingsih Sudiby, M.Sc., Apt., in her welcoming speech said that UGM in the last ten years continues to improve the quality and quantity of post-graduate graduates. "One of them through quality assurance of academic process and improvement of cooperation with quality international universities," said Retno in the post-graduate graduation which took place at Graha Sabha Pramana, Wednesday (27/7).

Retno said in 2002, the total of S-2 graduates was more than 2,500 people. This number increased gradually up to 4200 in 2010. For the total graduate of S-3 also increased annually from approximately 35 people in 2002 to 113 in 2007. In 2010 the number had risen again despite the tightening of quality selection is maintained. "UGM strives to always maintain the quality of the learning process, including maintaining the quality of student input," she said.



The improvement of the study program quality was also conducted by UGM through the study program internationalization, namely the development of cooperation with quality international universities. The cooperation forged through student exchange, staff exchange and joint degree programs, such as double / dual degree programs, sandwich programs, students sharing programs, joint research, joint supervision, and credit earnings.

Opening 5 New Study Programs

Retno explained that UGM plans to establish five new study programs to meet the needs of the community, nation and state, i.e., D-3 Program of Metrology and Instrumentation, Master of Disaster Management study program, Higher Education Management study program, S-2 Nursing study program, and S -2 Midwifery study program. "Three of the five courses were immediately opened this year, while the two courses of S-2 Nursing and Midwifery are expected to be opened next year. We expect the presence of these new courses can strengthen the performance of UGM, Graduate Program in particular," she concluded.

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