

Undergrads must take basic business course

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SINTOK: The Higher Education Ministry will introduce a basic business course at all universities from the July academic session.

Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said the course module would expose students to basic business skills and help them become more independent after graduation.

He said currently, only three universities - Universiti Institut Teknologi Mara, Universiti Malaysia Sabah and Universiti Utara Malaysia - offer the course.

"The module will be made compulsory to all students. However, it will be up to the universities to decide which semester the students should take the course," he said.

Mustapa said the ministry had provided training programmes for the lecturers handling the course.

The 20-credit-hour course would mostly involve practical training and some would be conducted at companies.

"We have received input from the private sector on the module and we believe that the course would provide the students with additional skills

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before they enter the job market," he told newsmen after launching the Universiti Utara Malaysia Career Fair here yesterday.

The three-day fair will end tomorrow.

On the career fair, Mustapa said the ministry will organise the second National Career Fair at Universiti Putra Malaysia in May. Last year it was held at Universiti Islam Antarabangsa.

The fair allows students to look into job opportunities and attend on-the-spot interviews with certain participating companies.