

Study Scheme

Postgraduate Student Handbook 2014-15 (EAS-I)

INTER-FACULTY PROGRAMME

China Studies

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Ph.D. Programme in Chinese Studies (Full-time)

1. Coursework Requirement

Students are required to complete a minimum of 27 units of courses, including:

- (i) Required courses: **6 units**

CHES6010 and CHES6020

- (ii) Elective courses: **9 units**

Three elective seminars or courses from below:

CHES5103, 5115, 5124, 5126, 5130, 5133, 5134, 5135, 5136, 5138, 5140, 5141, 5143, 5144, 5146, 5147, 5201, 6001, 6002; or courses offered by other related programmes, as approved by the Graduate Division Head.

- (iii) Thesis monitoring course: **12 units**

CHES8001

Students are required to take the course each term from the third term (for students admitted with a research master's degree) or the fifth term (for students admitted without a research master's degree) until the thesis is completed.

Total: 27 units

2. Qualifying Examination

- (a) Students must pass both parts of the qualifying examination.

Part 1 - Submission of a Thesis Proposal with critical Literature Review of at least 8,000 words outlining the full scope and organization of the final thesis.

Part 2 - A comprehensive oral examination conducted by a Qualifying Examination Committee consisting of no less than 3 members, the content of which would be based on the work submitted in Part 1, and on at least one other selected area of Chinese studies.

- (b) Students must pass both parts of the qualifying examination after one year from the admission date and six months before the normative study end date (applicable to students admitted in 2010/11 and thereafter).

- (c) Should a student fail the qualifying examination at the first attempt, he/she should resit the examination once within three months after the first examination date, unless otherwise approved by the Programme Committee for Research Postgraduate Programme in Chinese Studies.

- (d) **Applicable to students admitted on 1 August 2010 and thereafter:**

Students are required to pass the qualifying examination within the maximum period as listed below:

With research Master's:	Full-time	30 months
Without research Master's:	Full-time	42 months

3. *Other Requirements*

- (a) Students must fulfill the Term Assessment Requirement of the Graduate School. For details, please refer to Section 13.0 "Unsatisfactory Performance and Discontinuation of Studies" of the General Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies which can be accessed from the Graduate School Homepage: <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/gss>.
- (b) Chinese Proficiency Test. At the completion of their programme students will be required to demonstrate enhanced capabilities in the Chinese language and in particular the ability to read Chinese articles in academic journals in their field of specialization. Students are encouraged to pass the Test before applying to take the Qualifying Examination.
- (c) Students are required to submit a research thesis and pass an oral examination for graduation.
- (d) Students, under the guidance of a supervisor, are required to complete a Ph.D. thesis which should make substantial contribution to scholarship in the chosen field of specialization and to pass an oral defence of the thesis. The thesis should be written and the oral defence conducted in English.
- (e) Complete an Improving Postgraduate Learning (IPL) module on "Observing Intellectual Property and Copyright Law during Research". This will be an online module and relevant information can be accessed from the website: <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/ip/26.htm>.

Course List

<u>Code</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Unit</u>
CHES5103	Selected Themes on Chinese Literature	3
CHES5115	Chinese Business and Economy	3
CHES5124	Housing and Urban Governance in Contemporary China	3
CHES5126	China on Screen	3
CHES5130	China's Regions and their Global Interactions	3
CHES5133	Trauma and Memory in 20 th and 21 st Century China	3
CHES5134	East Asian Film Genres in a Globalizing World	3
CHES5135	State and Civil Society in Contemporary China	3
CHES5136	Hong Kong and Mainland China: Interaction and Integration	3
CHES5138	Chinese Political and Economic Reforms since the Early 1980s	3
CHES5140	China and the World	3
CHES5141	US-China Relations	3
CHES5143	Comparative Politics and China	3
CHES5144	China's Regional Foreign Relations	3
CHES5146	Human Rights and China's International Relations	3

CHES5147	Modern Chinese Literature	3
CHES5201	Independent Study Project	3
CHES6001	Critical Cultural History of China: Early China	3
CHES6002	Critical Cultural History of China: Modern China	3
CHES6010	China Seminar I	3
CHES6020	China Seminar II	3
CHES8001	Thesis Guidance	3

Learning Outcomes

1. Our research programmes aim to educate researchers to embark on careers that would allow them to become world leaders in their fields, working as university professors, principal investigators in research institutes, senior managers in enterprises, or experts in other professions related to the pursuit and application of knowledge.

2. The University expects **doctoral degree graduates** of research programmes to have acquired in-depth knowledge in a number of major areas of an academic discipline while maintaining a broad understanding of other related fields. Doctoral degree graduates should have accumulated enough educational experience and background learning to be capable of performing independent research to advance scholarship, with global standards. In particular, doctoral graduates should have the ability to identify research trends and opportunities, venture into new research areas when appropriate, define long-term research objectives, formulate original research problems, and originate and develop solution methodologies. Doctoral graduates should be capable of producing research output at a level that can either lead to publications in high-ranking scholastic venues, or to novel applications in relevant industrial, commercial, or other public sectors, or to other forms of useful knowledge transfer to society. They should have gained proficiency in techniques of knowledge dissemination through presentation and writing and some teaching experiences through student tutoring.

3. The University expects **master's degree graduates** of research programmes to have acquired advanced knowledge in major areas of an academic discipline while maintaining a broad understanding of other related fields. Master's degree graduates should have gained enough background knowledge to enable them to perform research with minimal supervision. In particular, they should have the ability to formulate individual research tasks and to develop solution methodologies under minimal supervision. Master's degree graduates should be capable of producing original, innovative research output, some of which may lead to publication in well-respected scholastic venues. They should have gained proficiency in techniques of knowledge dissemination through presentation and writing.

4. For graduates of research programmes at both doctoral and master's level, communication and language skills at a level appropriate to university graduates are

expected already at the time of admission. In particular, fluent communication skills are expected in the language(s) essential to their research areas. In general, a high level of proficiency in English is expected as it is commonly regarded as the default international research language. Ability in a second language is encouraged.