

**DEPARTMENT
OF CULTURAL
& RELIGIOUS
STUDIES**

**MA IN RELIGIOUS
STUDIES**

STUDENT MANUAL

2021-22



ORIENTATION

1. When you need help

- **Programme Director:** Prof. LAI Chi Tim. E-mail laichitim@cuhk.edu.hk
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- **Graduate School Hotline:** 3943 8976; Enquiry https://www.gradsch.cuhk.edu.hk/helpdesk/enquiry_form.aspx

2. What shall I do after accepting the offer?

Step 1: Submit student visa application (for non-local students only)

Step 2: Submit online registration

Step 3: Submit Postgraduate Halls application, if applicable

Step 4: Submit documents to fulfil admission condition(s), if any

Step 5: Complete online documents verification (for non-local students only)

Step 6: Activate MyCUHK account

Step 7: Collect your CU Link (Student ID Card)

Step 8: Perform course selection

For Details: <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions/registration/how-to-register>

3. Orientation Day for MA in Religious Studies Students

Date: August 28, 2021 (Sat)

Time: 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Venue: CUHK Campus - Cheng Yu Tung Building (CYT 202)

4. Orientation Programme for New Postgraduate Students 2021-22

- Students who are interested in the “*On-site Orientation Talks*” organized by Postgraduate Student Association of CUHK (CUPSA) and the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, CUHK (CSSA@CUHK) on **August 27, 2021 (Fri)**, please send register at <https://bit.ly/2UAKHnt>.
- You can learn more about CUHK via a series of tailor-made videos made by the Office of Student Affairs at <https://lces.osa.cuhk.edu.hk/pgso/>.
- Read “*Compass for Incoming Student*” at: <https://lces.osa.cuhk.edu.hk/non-local-services/non-local-compass/>
- Read “*A Guide for New Students Journey@CUHK*” at: <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/osa/journey/2018-19/CUHK%20journey@cuhk%202018-19-ENG.pdf>

5. Academic Writing Workshop (Compulsory)

The workshop will provide knowledge on the methodology, development and presentation of your academic paper

Date: October 9, 2021 (Sat)

Time: 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Venue: CUHK Campus - Cheng Yu Tung Building (CYT 202)

6. OnePass (CWEM) password

- After *completion of the online registration* and *fulfilment of all admission condition(s)*,
 - local students will receive their *v-code* from ITSC by email and/or SMS (for Hong Kong mobile only) about 2 weeks before the admission date (August 1 for TPg students normally).
 - non-local students will receive their *v-code* from ITSC by email after completion of online documents verification.
- You need the v-code to retrieve the OnePass (CWEM) password from the Student Computing Accounts Collection System (<https://cai.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/student/>) for course enrolment and other services via MyCUHK.

7. Email Account

- The Department, Graduate School and other units of the University will send announcements and notices to you via @Link mailbox (<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/o365>). Please check your @Link mailbox regularly.
 - ✓ Login ID: student-ID@link.cuhk.edu.hk
 - ✓ Password: OnePass (CWEM) Password
- For Technical problems (e.g. login ID, password, use of MyCUHK), please contact ITSC Service Desk (<https://servicedesk.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/> or 3943 8845).

8. Student ID Card (CU Link)

If you have fulfilled all admission condition(s) and completed your online registration, you may collect your Student ID Card from the CU Link Card Centre located at Room 804, 8/F, Wu Ho Man Yuen (WMY) Building. For details, please visit <http://www5.cuhk.edu.hk/culink/>.

9. Student Fee

Notification e-mails will be sent to students two weeks prior to the payment due date. Students have to check their @Link mailbox and login CUSIS to enquire the details of the fee debit notes.

10. Graduate School Website

- Please go to <http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/> for all policies related to postgraduate students especially:
 - ✓ Preparation for the new academic year
<https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/page/PreparationforNewAcademicYear>
 - ✓ Postgraduate Student Handbook
<https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/page/PostgraduateStudentHandbook>
 - ✓ Code of Practice (Taught Postgraduate Studies)
<https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/page/CodeofPracticeTPg>
 - ✓ General Announcement
https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/general_announcements
 - ✓ Graduation
<https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/page/Graduation>

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11. Study Scheme

- Students should consult the student handbook from the Graduate School (<https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/page/PostgraduateStudentHandbook>) for details of programme requirements.
- Coursework Requirement:
Students are required to complete a minimum of 24 credit units (**one core course** and any **seven elective courses** from the four Areas prescribed in the course list with at least TWO Areas chosen from Area 1, 2 and 3) for graduation.
 - Core course – RELS5005 Theories of Religious Studies
 - Area 1 (Religion, Heritage and Context)
 - Area 2 (Religion, Society and Culture)
 - Area 3 (Religion, Life and Wisdom)
 - Area 4 (Special Topics in Religious)
- Other Requirements:
 - Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
 - Students must take at least one course per term throughout the normative study period stipulated in the “General Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies”.
 - Students must fulfill the Term Assessment Requirement of the Graduate School. For details, please refer to Clause 13.0 “Unsatisfactory Performance and Discontinuation of Studies” of the General Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies which can be accessed from the Graduate School Homepage: <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/>.

12. Course Registration

- Online Guide on Course Selection: <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/page/CourseSelectionAddDrop> and <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/page/CourseSelectioninCUSIS>

| Term | School Term | Course Registration Period | Add / Drop Period |
|------|-----------------------|---|-------------------|
| 1 | Sep 6 – Dec 4, 2021 | Aug 3 – 6, 2021 | Sep 6 – 20, 2021 |
| 2 | Jan 10 – Apr 23, 2022 | <i>(enrol courses for both term 1 and term 2)</i> | Jan 10 – 24, 2022 |

- For newly-admitted students who have paid tuition fee, completed online registration but not yet obtained your OnePass/CWEM password, you may use the "**Online Registration Login ID**" and "**Online Registration Password**" to login [here](#) to perform mock and authentic course registration during the Mock Course Registration and Course Registration Periods respectively.
- The enrolment priority of courses offered by the Programme is given to part-time students at their last year of studies or full-time students.
- Take **at least one course per term**. The maximum number of courses that can be taken per term is **four** and **two** for full-time students and part-time students respectively. Special request with official application and explanation will be considered by the programme director.

13. Timetable

- Assessment scheme and course outlines of RELS-coded courses can be found at <http://www2.crs.cuhk.edu.hk/programmes-courses/course-outlines>
- Please refer to Blackboard (<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/eLearning>) for the most updated timetable.
- If you wish to register course(s) outside your prescribed study scheme i.e. not appear on the course list under 'My Requirement'(courses with * in the timetable), please submit the complete ***Form CS-1*** to the programme officer (Ms. Ivy Chau) during the course registration period or add / drop period. (course quota will be allocated by first-come-first-served basis)

Term 1

| Area | Course | Lecturer | Weekday | Venue |
|------|---|----------------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Core | RELS5005 Theories of Religious Studies | Prof. LAI Chi Tim | Mon 7:00pm - 9:30pm | HYS G01 |
| 1 | *BUDS5006 Dunhuang Buddhist Iconography | Dr. LOK Wai Ying Irene | Tue 7:00pm - 9:30pm | HYS G04 |
| 1 | THEO5906 Methods & Paradigms of Christian Studies | Prof. YAM Cheuk Yin Colten | Tue 7:00pm - 9:30pm | ARC G03 |
| 3 | RELS5146 Religious Education and Personal Growth | Dr. CHOW Wai Yin | Wed 7:00pm - 9:30pm | ELB 403 |
| 2 | RELS5129 Taoism and Chinese Culture | Prof. YAU Chi On | Fri 7:00pm - 9:30pm | HYS G04 |
| 2 | THEO5221 Protestantism in Reform China | Prof. YING Fuk Tsang | Sat 9:30am - 12:15pm | CKB 123 |

Term 2

| Area | Course | Lecturer | Weekday | Venue |
|------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| 2 | RELS5326 Chinese Religion and Literature | Prof. LAI Tsz Pang | Mon 2:30pm - 5:15pm | HYS G01 |
| 4 | RELS5322 Research Paper in Religious Studies | Dr. CHOW Wai Yin | Tue 7:00pm - 9:30pm | CKB UG03 |
| 3 | RELS5327 Wisdom in Religious Classics | Dr. CHOW Wai Yin Dr. TONG Sau Lin | Wed 7:00pm - 9:30pm | CKB UG05 |
| 1 | THEO5910 New Testament in Contexts | <i>To be confirmed</i> | Wed 7:00pm - 9:30pm | CKB 109 |
| 1 | RELS5300 The Study of Islam | Prof. James FRANKEL | Thu 7:00pm - 9:30pm | CKB 109 |
| 3 | RELS5329 Buddhism, Right Mindfulness and Meditation | Dr. TONG Sau Lin | Fri 7:00pm - 9:30pm | HYS G01 |

Medium of Instruction: Cantonese, English or Putonghua

Classroom venue:

ARC - Lee Shau Kee Architecture Building 李兆基建築學大樓

CKB - Chen Kou Bun Building 陳國本樓

ELB - Esther Lee Building 利黃瑤璧樓

HYS - Hui Yeung Shing Building 許讓成樓

LSK - Lee Shau Kee Building 李兆基樓

14. Guidelines to Academic Honesty

- The University places very high importance on honesty in academic work submitted by students, and adopts a policy of zero tolerance on cheating and plagiarism. Any related offence will lead to disciplinary action including termination of studies at the University. Students should read through the University guidelines: <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>
- All assignments should be submitted to **VeriGuide** (<https://academic.veriguide.org/academic/>) for checking and accompanied by a signed declaration statement when handing in to teachers.
- **VeriGuide** User Manual: http://phil.arts.cuhk.edu.hk/~phidept/MA/Veriguide_for_Students.pdf

USEFUL INFORMATION

15. Useful Platforms

- **MyCUHK and CUSIS**

CUSIS User Guide: https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/cusis/login/cu_portal_info.pdf

You can access different information related to the University and study via MyCUHK (<https://portal.cuhk.edu.hk/>). You can update your contact information, perform course registration, view academic results and other study related matters via CUSIS.

- **Graduate School Platform – Student**

You may login the GS Platform (Students) by using your Student ID and CWEM password at https://www.gradsch.cuhk.edu.hk/pgstudent/login_cwem.aspx, various application forms are available for download, e.g., Course Registration Form CS-1, Leave of Absence, Change of Expected Graduation Date, etc.

- **CU eLearning System - Blackboard**

User Guides for Blackboard: <https://elearning.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/blog/?p=2431>

You may download the course materials and conduct online discussion of each course via CU eLearning System – Blackboard Learn (<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/eLearning>)

- **CUHK Mobile App**

Including detailed information (calendar, map, restaurant, timetable of shuttle bus etc) about CUHK. (<https://campusapps.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/store/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fstore>)

16. Useful Links

- Campus Map
<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/english/campus/cuhk-campus-map.html>
- University Almanac 2021-22 (Term dates and holidays)
<https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/page/Calendar>
- General Arrangement for Typhoons and Black Rainstorm Signal
<https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/download/IX-C.pdf>
- Postgraduate/Part-time Student Application for Parking Coupon
<http://www.scu.cuhk.edu.hk/>
- University Health Service
<http://www1.uhs.cuhk.edu.hk/>
- Information Technology Services Centre
<https://www.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/>
- Office of Student Affairs
<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/osa/>
- Office of Admission and Financial Aid
<http://www5.cuhk.edu.hk/oafa/>
- Centre for Learning Enhancement and Research (CLEAR)
<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/>
- Independent Learning Centre
<https://www.ilc.cuhk.edu.hk/EN/>