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# Code of Practice

## Research Postgraduate Studies

This *Code of Practice* sets out the University's guidelines and references for research postgraduate (RPg) studies, i.e., studies leading to the degrees of Ph.D., D.Mus., M.Phil., M.Mus. and M.F.A. It offers practical advice and good practice guidance on procedures handling academic and student matters for RPg students, Supervisors and personnel supporting RPg programmes.

The *Code of Practice* should be read in conjunction with:

- University regulations, in particular the *General Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies*;
- *Guidelines and Procedures for Thesis Submission/Assessment for Research Postgraduate and Taught Doctoral Programmes*;
- *General Information for Thesis Preparation and Submission – A Guide for Research Postgraduate and Taught Doctoral Students*;
- the latest version of the *Postgraduate Student Handbook*; and
- any other guidelines provided by the Graduate School and the relevant Graduate Divisions, Departments and Faculties.

RPg students must familiarise themselves with this *Code of Practice* and the above documents. In particular, the *General Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies* and the *General Information for Thesis Preparation and Submission – A Guide for Research Postgraduate and Taught Doctoral Students* contain detailed information on course load, academic probation, leave of absence, thesis related matters, graduation assessment, etc. These documents can be downloaded from the Graduate School website ([www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk](http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk)).

The *Code of Practice* is applicable to all current RPg students, unless otherwise specified and is updated annually. Students and personnel concerned are highly recommended to check the latest version of the online *Code of Practice* for any amendments and changes.

While the *Code of Practice* provides the general guidelines on studies at CUHK, students and staff will find it useful to refer to circulars, notices, prescribed forms and notes for applicants, etc., for purposes of their day-to-day academic activities. The Graduate School has prepared a collection of such useful information and documents on its website for easy reference or use by students and staff. Students are advised to visit the Graduate School website regularly to keep themselves well-informed of any latest announcements and activities.