香港中文大學文化及宗教研究系
Department of Cultural and Religious Studies
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

MASTER OF ARTS IN
RELIGIOUS STUDIES
宗教研究
文學碩士課程

Student Handbook
學生手冊

ORIENTATION

1. **Contact Information**
   - *Department of Cultural and Religious Studies* (Tel: 3943 6508; Email: mars@cuhk.edu.hk)
   - *Graduate School Office* (Tel: 3943 8976; Email: gradschool@cuhk.edu.hk)

2. **Preparation for New Academic Year (2022-23)**
   - Submit documents to fulfil admission condition(s), if any
   - Complete online documents verification (for non-local students only) (Go)
   - Activate MyCUHK account (Go)
   - Read the general information for Course Selection and Add/Drop (Go)
   - Perform selection of courses in CUSIS for new academic year (Go)
   - Check the course selection schedule (Go)
   - Collect your CU Link / Student ID Card (Go)

   *** For details, please read: https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions/registration/how-to-register and
   https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/page/preparationfornewacademicyear

3. **Orientation Day for Newly Admitted MARS Students**
   Date: 10/09/2022 (Saturday)
   Time: 11:00 - 12:00nn
   Location: Cheng Yu Tung Building (CYT 215), CUHK
   Location Map:

4. **Orientation Programme and Guide for New Students**
   - New postgraduate students are encouraged to join the orientation programme organized by the Office of Student Affairs of the University. For details and application, please refer to: https://lces.osa.cuhk.edu.hk/pgso/
   - "Journey@CUHK 2022-23" regarding the studying, living and flourishing at CUHK can be accessed via the following website: https://www.orientation.cuhk.edu.hk/2022/uploads/Journey_Eng%20.pdf

5. **Academic Writing Workshop (Compulsory for Year 1 students)**
   Date: 29/10/2022 (Sat)
   Time: 11:00 - 12:30pm
   Location: to be confirmed
   Content: knowledge and skills of writing a good academic paper
   Location Map:

6. **OnePass (CWEM) password**
   - After *completion of the online registration* and *fulfilment of all admission condition(s)*,
     - local students will receive an individual *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 an individual *v-code* from ITSC by email after the completion of online documents' verification.

   - Students will need an individual 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 notifications to you via CUHK mailbox (http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/o365). Please check your CUHK 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 via https://servicedesk.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/ or at 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 https://culink.cuhk.edu.hk/

9. **Student Fee**
   Notification emails might be sent to students two weeks prior to the payment due date. Students are strongly advised to check your CUHK mailbox and login CUSIS for the debit notes of fee.

10. **Graduate School Website**
    - Please read the university's guidelines and regulations for the postgraduate students:
      - ✓ 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 are suggested to read the student handbook on the Graduate School Office's website (https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/page/PostgraduateStudentHandbook) for the details of programme requirements.

- Coursework Requirement
  Students are required to complete a minimum of 24 units (8 courses) for graduation. **One required 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. **Out of the 24 units, at least 18 units must be RELS-coded courses (applicable to students admitted in 2022-23 and thereafter).**

  - Required 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 Studies)

- 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/ or you can visit https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/download/General_Regulations_Pg.pdf

12. Course Registration

Term	School Term	Course Registration Period	Add / Drop Period
1	5 Sept – 3 Dec 2022	2 Aug, 10:00a.m. – 5 Aug, 5:30p.m.	5 Sept – 19 Sept 2022
2	9 Jan – 22 April 2023	*(enrol courses for both term 1 and term 2)*	9 Jan – 23 Jan 2023

- Regarding the detailed schedule of the course selection and add/drop, please refer to https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/page/CourseSelectionandAddDrop1
- Regarding the procedures of the course selection and add/drop via CUSIS, please read https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/page/CourseSelectioninCUSIS

- User Guides and FAQs of the course selection and add/drop, please refer to https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/cusis/faqs-enrollment.html
- 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 priority of course enrolment will be given to part-time final year students and full-time students.

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 CUSIS (https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/cusis/howto/view-my-timetable.pdf) for the most updated timetable.

Term 1 (5 September 2022 – 3 December 2022)

Area	Course	Lecturer	Weekday	Venue
Core	RELS5005 Theories of Religious Studies	Prof. LAI Chi Tim	Monday (7:00 - 9:30pm)	ELB_302
2	RELS5314 Buddhism and Culture	Dr. TONG Sau Lin	Friday (7:00 - 9:30pm)	HYS_G01
3	RELS5323 Life and Death in World Religions	Dr. CHOW Wai Yin	Tuesday (7:00 - 9:30pm)	HYS_G01
4	RELS5331 Special Topics in Religious Studies I # Religion and Contemporary Society	Prof. HUANG Weishan	Saturdays (2:00 - 4:30pm)	ELB_401
1	THEO5226 Theology and Feminism	Prof. WONG Wai Yin	Wednesday (7:00 - 9:30pm)	CKB_109
1	THEO5906 Methods and Paradigms of Christian Studies	Prof. YAM Cheuk Yin	Wednesday (7:00 - 9:30pm)	SC_L3
1	THEO5910 New Testament in Contexts	Dr. XIE Ganlin David	Tuesday (7:00 - 9:30pm)	SB_UG06

Remark: # Religion and Contemporary Society is the Class Topic for the course of RELS5331 Special Topics in Religious Studies

Term 2 (9 Jan 2023 – 22 April 2023)

Area	Course	Lecturer	Weekday	Venue
2	RELS5143 Contemporary Issues in Ethics, Society & Religion	Prof. LAM Wing Kwan	Thursday (7:00 - 9:30pm)	ELB_202
2	RELS5273 Catholic Social Ethics	Prof. LAM Wing Kwan	Wednesday (7:00 – 9:30pm)	ELB_203
4	RELS5322 Research Paper in Religious Studies	Dr. CHOW Wai Yin	Wednesday (7:00 – 9:30pm)	YIA_403
3	RELS5328 Taoism, Health and Nourishing of Life	Prof. LAI Chi Tim Dr. LUK Tsing Tsing	Tuesday (7:00 - 9:30pm)	ELB_307
3	RELS5335 Understanding Religion through Film	Dr. TONG Sau Lin	Friday (7:00 - 9:30pm)	ELB_307
2	THEO5221 Protestantism in Reform China	Prof. YING Fuk Tsang	Tuesday (7:00 - 9:30pm)	HYS_G04
4	**RELS5332 Special Topics in Religious Studies II** : Religion and Gender Studies	**Prof. Guo Ting**	**Monday (7:00 - 9:30pm)**	**ELB_205**

Remark:

* The class topic for the course of RELS5332 Special Topics in Religious Studies II is subject to change.

Building Abbreviations:

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

SB   Sino Building 信和樓

SC   Science Centre 科學館

YIA   Yasumoto International Academic Park 康本國際學術園

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 academic dishonesty. Any related offence will lead to disciplinary action including termination of studies at the University. Students should read the content of this website (http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/) and avoid any practice that would not be acceptable.
- 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

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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 issues of study 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 students to download.

- **CU eLearning System - Blackboard**

  User Guides for Blackboard: https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student

  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**

  The App includes some 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

- Centre for Learning Enhancement and Research (CLEAR)
  http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/

- General Arrangement for Typhoons and Black Rainstorm Signal
  https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/download/IX-C.pdf

- Independent Learning Centre
  https://www.ilc.cuhk.edu.hk/EN/

- Information Technology Services Centre
  https://www.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/

- Office of Admission and Financial Aid
  http://www5.cuhk.edu.hk/oafa/

- Office of Student Affairs
  http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/osa/

- Postgraduate/Part-time Student Application for Parking Coupon
  http://www.scu.cuhk.edu.hk/

- University Almanac 2022-23 (Term dates and holidays)
  https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/download/UniversityAlmanac202223.pdf

- University Health Service
  http://www1.uhs.cuhk.edu.hk/

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