

Study Scheme

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

1. Coursework Requirement

Applicable to students admitted in 2013-14 and thereafter

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

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| (i) Required courses:
CHES6010 and CHES6020 | 6 units |
| (ii) Elective courses:
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. | 9 units |
| (iii) Thesis monitoring course:
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. | 12 units |
| <hr/> 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
	Part-time	42 months
Without research Master's:	Full-time	42 months
	Part-time	58 months

3. *Other Requirements*

- (a) Students must fulfill the Term Assessment Requirement. A student who obtains a cumulative grade point average (GPA) below 2.0 in the preceding term or receives a failure grade in thesis monitoring courses (for Research Postgraduate Programmes) will be put on academic probation. For details, please refer to Clause 14.0 "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/ipl/26.htm>.