

Program Information

Academic Program: Master of Philosophy in Chinese Studies

Academic Year: 2026

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Postgraduate Student Handbook 2026-27 (CHT-II)

FACULTY OF ARTS

China Studies

Study Scheme

M.Phil. Programme in Chinese Studies (Full-time)

Please read the Study Scheme in conjunction with the following emails:

1. "Completing certain Improving Postgraduate Learning modules in the first year of study (for fulfilment of Ph.D. and Taught Doctoral candidacy requirements) with retroactive effect from 2022-23 intake", dated 27 October 2023: <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/download/IPL.pdf>.

2. "Amendments to Research Data Management Practice and Requirements for Candidacy and Graduation -- applicable to RPg and taught doctoral students admitted in 2025/26 or thereafter", dated 20 February 2026: <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/download/Amendments.pdf>.

Applicable to students admitted in 2026-27 and thereafter

1. Coursework Requirement

Students are required to complete a minimum of 18 units of courses, including:

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| (i) Required courses: | 6 units |
| CHES6010 and CHES6020 | |
| (ii) Elective courses: | 6 units |
| Two elective seminars or courses from below: | |
| CHES5101, 5102, 5103, 5104, 5105, 5106, 5107, 5109, 5110, 5115, | |
| 5124, 5125, 5126, 5127, 5130, 5133, 5134, 5135, 5136, 5137, | |
| 5138, 5143, 5145, 5147, 5149, 5150, 5151, 5152, 5153, 5154, | |
| 5155, 5156, 5159, 5201, 5202 or 3-unit courses offered by other | |
| Divisions approved by Division Head. | |
| (iii) Thesis monitoring course: | 6 units |
| CHES8001 | |
| Students are required to take the course each term from the third | |
| term until the thesis is completed. | |

Total: 18 units

2. Other Requirements

- 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>.
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thesis and to pass an oral defence of the thesis. The thesis should be written and the oral defence conducted in English.

- (e) Students are required to complete an Improving Postgraduate Learning (IPL) module on "Observing Intellectual Property and Copyright Law during Research". This is an online module and relevant information can be accessed from the website: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipl.html>.
- (f) Students are required to complete and pass an IPL module on "Basics of Research Data Management" in their first year of study, with effect from the 2022-23 intake. This is an online module and relevant information can be accessed from the website: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipl.html> (under "Research Skills").
- (g) Students are required to submit a Data Management Plan (DMP) during the first year of study, with effect from the 2025-26 intake. The final DMP should have been shared to the CUHK community on DMPTool or the relevant platform that CUHK provides when submitting the final version of the thesis/portfolio to the Graduate School. The guide is available on Library's website: <https://libguides.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/rdm/mandate-support>.
- (h) Students are required to complete an online Research Ethics Training (RET) module on "Publication Ethics" offered by the Research Office (RO) and obtain a valid Publication Ethics Certificate for graduation. Relevant information can be accessed from the RET website at <https://www.research-ethics.cuhk.edu.hk/web/>.

Course List

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CHES5101	Selected Themes on Gender in China	3
CHES5102	Selected Themes on Chinese International Relations	3
CHES5103	Selected Themes on Chinese Literature	3
CHES5104	Selected Themes on Chinese Literature II	3
CHES5105	Selected Themes on Chinese History	3
CHES5106	Selected Themes on Chinese Anthropology	3
CHES5107	Selected Themes on Chinese Business	3
CHES5109	Selected Themes on Chinese Religion	3
CHES5110	Selected Themes on Chinese Media	3
CHES5115	Chinese Business and Economy	3
CHES5124	Housing and Urban Governance in Contemporary China	3
CHES5125	Selected Themes on Chinese Society	3
CHES5126	China on Screen	3
CHES5127	The Male Bond in Traditional China	3
CHES5130	China's Regions and their Global Interactions	3
CHES5133	Trauma and Memory in 20 th and 21 st Century China	3
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CHES5151	Selected Themes on Chinese Art History	3
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CHES5153	China and World History in the 20 th Century	3
CHES5154	Politics and Economy of China, 1900s – 1990s	3
CHES5155	Urban China	3
CHES5156	Political Economy of China's Reform	3
CHES5159	Financialization and China's Development	3
CHES5201	Independent Study Project	3
CHES5202	Research Lab	3
CHES6010	China Seminar I	3
CHES6020	China Seminar II	3
CHES8001	Thesis Guidance	3

Applicable to students admitted in 2025-26

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CHES6010 and CHES6020

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CHES8001
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Applicable to students admitted in 2024-25

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CHES8001
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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.

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