

Program Information

Academic Program: Master of Philosophy in Chinese Studies

Academic Year: 2024

Select Language:

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Postgraduate Student Handbook 2024-25 (CHT-II)

FACULTY OF ARTS

China Studies

Study Scheme

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

Applicable to students admitted in 2024-25 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: CHES6010 and CHES6020 | 6 units |
| (ii) Elective courses: Two elective seminars or courses from below: CHES5101, 5102, 5103, 5104, 5105, 5106, 5107, 5109, 5115, 5124, 5125, 5126, 5127, 5130, 5133, 5135, 5136, 5137, 5138, 5143, 5145, 5147, 5149, 5150, 5151, 5152, 5153, 5154, 5155, 5201, 5202 or 3-unit courses offered by other Divisions approved by Division Head. | 6 units |
| (iii) Thesis monitoring course: CHES8001 Students are required to take the course each term from the third term until the thesis is completed. | 6 units |

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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- Students are required to complete and pass an IPL module on "Basics of Research Data Management" in their first year of study for completion of the University-specified requirement, 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/download/IPL-Researchskills.pdf>.

(g) Students are required to complete an online Research Ethics Training (RET) module on "Publication Ethics" offered by the Office of Research and Knowledge Transfer Services (ORKTS) 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

| <u>Code</u> | <u>Course Title</u> | <u>Unit</u> |
|-------------|---|-------------|
| 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 |
| 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 |
| CHES5135 | State and Civil Society in Contemporary China | 3 |
| CHES5136 | Hong Kong and Mainland China: Interaction and Integration | 3 |
| CHES5137 | Justice and Law in Modern China | 3 |
| CHES5138 | Chinese Political and Economic Reforms since the Early 1980s | 3 |
| CHES5143 | Comparative Politics and China | 3 |
| CHES5145 | Chinese Art in the World after 1900: Aesthetics and History | 3 |
| CHES5147 | Modern Chinese Literature | 3 |
| CHES5149 | China and Regional Order in Asia | 3 |
| CHES5150 | Chinese Painting: Aesthetics and History | 3 |
| CHES5151 | Selected Themes on Chinese Art History | 3 |
| CHES5152 | "Ethnic Minorities" in China: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Issues in Anthropology | 3 |
| CHES5153 | China and World History in the 20 th Century | 3 |
| CHES5154 | Politics and Economy of China, 1900s – 1990s | 3 |
| CHES5155 | Urban China | 3 |
| CHES5201 | Independent Study Project | 3 |
| CHES5202 | Research Lab | 3 |
| CHES6010 | China Seminar I | 3 |
| CHES6020 | China Seminar II | 3 |
| CHES8001 | Thesis Guidance | 3 |

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| CHES6001 | Critical Cultural History of China: Early China | 3 |
| CHES6002 | Critical Cultural History of China: Modern China | 3 |
| CHES6003 | Chinese Literature Seminar | 3 |
| CHES6004 | Selected Topics in China's Political Economy | 3 |
| CHES6010 | China Seminar I | 3 |
| CHES6020 | China Seminar II | 3 |
| CHES8001 | Thesis Guidance | 3 |

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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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