

## Program Information

Academic Program: Doctor of Philosophy in Chinese Studies

Academic Year: 2024

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## Study Scheme

Postgraduate Student Handbook 2024-25 (CHT-I)

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### FACULTY OF ARTS

#### China Studies

##### Study Scheme

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

Please read the Study Scheme in conjunction with the email on "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>.

##### Applicable to students admitted in 2024-25 and thereafter

###### 1. Coursework Requirement

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

(i) Required courses: **6 units**

CHES6010 and CHES6020

(ii) Elective courses: **9 units**

Three 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.

(iii) Thesis monitoring course: **12 units**

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.

**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.

(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) Students are required to pass the qualifying examination within the maximum period as listed

below:

With research Master's: Full-time 30 months

Without research Master's: Full-time 42 months

### 3. Other Requirements

- (a) 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>.
- (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.

Students are required to complete the following Improving Postgraduate Learning (IPL) in their first year of study for partial fulfillment of candidacy requirements:

- (e) Complete and pass an IPL module on "Basics of Research Data Management" in the 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>.  
In addition to completing the IPL modules stipulated for partial fulfillment of candidacy requirements, students are also required to complete the following IPL modules for graduation:
- (f) Complete an 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>.
- (g) 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 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> 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

CHES517	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 <sup>th</sup> 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

### Applicable to students admitted in 2023-24

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CHES6010 and CHES6020

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Three elective seminars or courses from below:  
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- (iii) Thesis monitoring course: **12 units**  
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.

**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.
- (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) Students are required to pass the qualifying examination within the maximum period as listed below:

With research Master's:	Full-time	30 months
Without research Master's:	Full-time	42 months

#### 3. Other Requirements

- (a) 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>.

- (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 is an online module and relevant information can be accessed from the website: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipl.html>.
- (f) Complete an IPL module on "Research Data Management Training". This is an online module and relevant information can be accessed from the website: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/download/IPL-Researchskills.pdf>. Students are required to complete and pass the module in their first year of studies, with effect from the 2022-23 intake.
- (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/>.

#### **Applicable to students admitted between 2019-20 and 2021-22**

##### **1. Coursework Requirement**

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

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| (i) Required courses:<br>CHES6010 and CHES6020  | <b>6 units</b>  |
| (ii) Elective courses:<br>Three elective seminars or courses from below:<br>CHES5101, 5102, 5103, 5109, 5115, 5124, 5130, 5133, 5135, 5136,<br>5138, 5145, 5149, 5150, 5151, 5152, 5153, 5154, 5201, 6001, 6002,<br>6003, 6004; or courses offered by other related programmes, as<br>approved by the Graduate Division Head. | <b>9 units</b>  |
| (iii) Thesis monitoring course:<br>CHES8001<br>Students are required to take the course each term from the third term<br>(for students admitted with a research master's degree) or the fifth term<br>(for students admitted without a research master's degree) until the thesis<br>is completed.                            | <b>12 units</b> |
| <hr/> <b>Total: 27 units</b>  |                 |

##### **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.
- (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) Students are required to pass the qualifying examination within the maximum period as listed