Ph.D. Degree Programme (Full-time and Part-time)

Study Scheme
Applicable to students admitted in 2009-10

1. Coursework Requirement
(a) Excluding COM 900T, students are required to complete a minimum of 30 units of courses for graduation.

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<th>Required Courses</th>
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<td>COM 5250 Seminar on Thesis Development</td>
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<td>COM 5310* Statistical Analysis in Communication</td>
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<td>COM 5320 Quantitative Communication Research</td>
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<td>COM 6110 Independent Studies in Communication</td>
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<td>COM 6220# Global and Comparative Communication</td>
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<th>Elective Courses</th>
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<td>COM 5110 Topical Studies in Communication I</td>
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<td>COM 5775 Understanding Culture through Film</td>
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<td>COM 5811 Public Relations: Theories and Practices</td>
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<td>COM 5831 Theories in Advertising and Communication</td>
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<td>COM 5942 New Communication Technologies: Trends and Impacts</td>
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<td>COM 5960 Issues of ICTs in China</td>
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<td>COM 6210 Communication Patterns in Chinese Society</td>
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<td>COM 6310 Social Theories for Communication Research</td>
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A minimum of 3 units must be taken from the Division of Communication.

Students who have taken similar required or elective courses listed in the study scheme may apply for course/unit exemption. A maximum of 12 units of unit exemption can be granted upon approval of the Division Head.

Total: 30 units

* Students who have taken statistics course in Social Science or related disciplines may apply for course exemption from the Division Head.
# Students who have taken COM5120 should apply for course/unit exemption.

(b) COM 900T
Students are required to take COM 900T every term starting from the time of admission, throughout the preparation of thesis, until its completion. Students will gain the units each time they pass COM 900T.

(c) Students are required to present at least one paper in refereed international conference outside Hong Kong and Mainland before graduation.

2. Qualifying Examination
(a) Qualifying examination
Advancement to Ph.D. candidature is conditional upon passing qualifying examinations. The examinations consist of three papers. Paper I is on Research Methodologies, Paper II is on Communication Theories and Paper III is on a selected field of study.

(b) Every year we have a fixed timetable for PhD students to take qualifying examinations. They will have to finish the qualifying examinations before the third year of their study.
A student will be discontinued from studies if he cannot pass the qualifying examination within the maximum period (not less than one year from the admission date and at least six months before the normative study end date). However, in special cases, the Graduate Council may on the recommendation of the Graduate Division concerned grant a student extension beyond the above maximum period.

3. Study plan
Students must submit a study plan, with the advice of the supervisor, for the approval of the Graduate Panel of the Board of School of Journalism and Communication within six months after registration. The Division head will help the student search for a supervisor within the first semester of study.

4. Thesis
(a) Thesis proposal
A full-time Ph.D. student must submit a thesis proposal in the end of the 2nd term of the 2nd year whereas a part-time Ph.D. student must submit a thesis proposal by the end of the 4th year. Students are NOT allowed to change their thesis topic in the 2nd term of the 2nd year. (unless under special circumstances)

(b) Thesis supervisors
Students are NOT allowed to change their supervisors after the 2nd academic year begins. (unless under special circumstances)

(c) Students are required to submit a research thesis and pass an oral examination for graduation.

5. Other Requirements
(a) I.T. Test
A student shall complete the I.T. Proficiency Requirement before graduation.

(b) 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: www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/programmes/programmes.htm.

6. Unsatisfactory Performance
A student whose thesis/portfolio is not passed but re-submission is allowed and re-examination is required must re-write and re-submit the thesis/portfolio to the satisfaction of the Thesis/Assessment Committee before being recommended for the award of degree. Such re-submission must be made within twelve months from the date of the official notification of the result of the first examination and within the student’s prescribed maximum period of study. Only one re-submission of thesis/portfolio is allowed.

7. Remarks
With the approval of the Division Head, in lieu of the courses on the elective course list, students can take other courses within and/or outside the Division of Communication.
哲學博士課程 (全日制與兼讀制)

修讀辦法

二○○九至一○年度入學學生適用

一、課程要求

(1) 除了 COM900T 外，哲學博士須至少修畢 30 學分方可畢業。

必修科目：
- COM 5220 傳播理論
- COM 5250 論文研討
- COM 5310* 傳播研究之統計分析
- COM 5320 定量傳播研究
- COM 5330 定性傳播研究
- COM 6110 傳播獨立研究
- COM 6111 多變項傳播研究分析
- COM 6220 全球與比較傳播

選修科目：
- COM 5110 傳播專題研究 (一)
- COM 5111 傳播專題研究 (二)
- COM 5130 政治傳播
- COM 5191 文化研究：理論與實踐
- COM 5515 傳媒經濟學
- COM 5650 新聞理論與分析
- COM 5775 電影與文化
- COM 5811 公共關係：理論與實務
- COM 5831 廣告及傳播理論
- COM 5942 新傳播科技：趨勢與影響
- COM 5948 電訊政策
- COM 5960 中國信息傳播媒體研究
- COM 6120 傳播專題研究 (三)
- COM 6121 傳播專題研究 (四)
- COM 6210 中國社會的傳播模式
- COM 6310 傳播研究社會理論
- COM 6311 多變項傳播研究分析進階
- COM 6330 定質傳播研究進階

其中最少 3 學分須選自本學部課程。

研究生若曾修讀相關的必修或選修科目，可向學部主任申請最多十二學分的學分豁免。共 30 學分

* 曾修讀社會科學或相關統計科目的學生，可向學部主任申請科目豁免。

(2) COM 900T
哲學博士生在完成論文前，必須每學期修讀 COM 900T 論文撰寫課程，每次修讀而獲及格成績，均可獲得學分。

(3) 研究計劃
研究生須於入學後六個月內，在導師的指導下，向學部提交研究計劃。學部主任可協助研究生在入學第一個學期內，選定論文導師。

(4) 畢業前，博士生必須於香港及中國大陸以外舉行的有審稿制度的國際會議中，報告最少一篇論文。

二、資格考試

(1) 資格考試
研究生通過資格考試後，即獲得博士候選人資格，資格考試分為三部份：第一部份為研究方法；第二部份為傳播理論；第三部份為專題研究。

(2) 研究生可於完成所有必修科目後，參加資格考試，惟學部建議研究生於第二學年的第二學期參加資格考試。
(3) 論文
全日制的研究生須於第二學年的第二學期提交論文大綱，兼讀生則要在第四學年提交論文大綱。

三、 備註
如獲學部主任批准，哲學博士生可選讀本學部選修科目以外或其他學部的科目。