

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

Study Scheme Applicable to students admitted in 2024-25

1. Coursework Requirement

- (a) Excluding COMM 8200, students are required to complete a minimum of 30 units of courses for graduation.

Required Courses 24 units

COMM 5220	Communication Theories I
COMM 5250	Writing for Research and Publication
COMM 5310*	Statistical Analysis in Communication
COMM 5320	Quantitative Communication Research
COMM 5330	Qualitative Communication Research
COMM 6110	Independent Studies in Communication
COMM 6220	Communication Theories II
COMM 6320	Digital Research

Elective Courses 6 units

COMM 5110	Topical Studies in Communication I
COMM 5111	Topical Studies in Communication II
COMM 5650	Journalism Theory and Analysis
COMM 5775	Cultures in Media
COMM 5831	Theories in Advertising and Communication
COMM 5942	New Communication Technologies: Trends and Impacts
COMM 5960	Issues of ICTs in China
COMM 6111	Advanced Statistical Analysis in Communication
COMM 6120	Topical Studies in Communication III
COMM 6121	Topical Studies in Communication IV
COMM 6330	Advanced Qualitative Communication Research

A minimum of 3 units (elective courses) 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 courses in Social Science or related disciplines may apply for course exemption from the Division Head.

- (b) COMM 8200 Thesis in Progress

Students are required to take COMM 8200 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 COMM 8200.

- (c) Students should at least have one refereed international conference presentation that requires submission of full paper (e.g. Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Annual Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, National Communication Association Annual Convention or other equivalent conferences) and one single-authored or coauthored refereed Chinese or English-language journal article of any tier accepted/published before their graduation.

2. Qualifying Examination

- (a) Qualifying examination

Advancement to Ph.D. candidature is conditional upon passing qualifying examinations. The examinations consist of three parts. Part I is on Theory and Methodology, Part II is on Area of Specialization and Part III is a Proposal Defense.

- (b) Every year we have a fixed timetable for Ph.D. students to take qualifying examinations. The examinations time cannot be changed unless for specific reasons.
- (c) A student will be discontinued from studies if he/she cannot pass the qualifying examination.
- (d) 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

*With effect from 2014-15 intake, except (a) research M.Phil. degrees and (b) other research master's degrees offered by UGC-funded institutions, all other master's degree, including those from the mainland, will be regarded as non-research master's degrees and such applicants will be given a normative study period of 48 months. The University has the authority to decide whether the degree possessed by an incoming student is a research master's degree or not, and such decision will be communicated to the student through the letter of admission.

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 with research Master's degree must submit a thesis proposal by the end of the 1st term of the 3rd year whereas a part-time Ph.D. student must submit a thesis proposal by the end of the 1st term of the 4th year. Students are NOT allowed to change their thesis topic after the proposal defense (unless under special circumstances).

(b) Thesis supervisors

Students are NOT encouraged 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.

(d) Thesis Monitoring Course is listed below: COMM 8200

5. Other Requirements

(a) Students must fulfill the Term Assessment Requirement of the Graduate School. For details, please refer to Section 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) Students must achieve a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in order to fulfill the graduation requirement, unless special approval is granted by the Graduate Council.

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

(c) 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:

(d) 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: <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipl.html>.

(e) 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/>.

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.

修讀辦法
2024 至 2025 年度入學學生適用

一、課程要求

(1) 除了 COMM 8200 外，哲學博士須至少修畢 30 學分方可畢業。

必修科目：

24 學分

COMM 5220	傳播理論 (一)
COMM 5250	研究寫作與出版
COMM 5310*	傳播研究之統計分析
COMM 5320	定量傳播研究
COMM 5330	定質傳播研究
COMM 6110	傳播獨立研究
COMM 6220	傳播理論 (二)
COMM 6320	數碼研究

選修科目：

6 學分

COMM 5110	傳播專題研究 (一)
COMM 5111	傳播專題研究 (二)
COMM 5650	新聞理論與分析
COMM 5775	媒體與多元文化
COMM 5831	廣告及傳播理論
COMM 5942	新傳播科技：趨勢與影響
COMM 5960	中國信息傳播媒體研究
COMM 6111	傳播研究之統計分析進階
COMM 6120	傳播專題研究 (三)
COMM 6121	傳播專題研究 (四)
COMM 6330	定質傳播研究進階

其中最少 3 學分(選修科目)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) COMM 8200 論文撰寫

哲學博士生在完成論文前，必須每學期修讀 COMM 8200 論文撰寫課程，每次修讀而獲及格成績，均可獲得學分。

(3) 畢業前，學生必須於最少一個審稿制度而需要呈交全文的國際會議 (例如 Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Annual Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, National Communication Association Annual Convention 或其他同等水平的會議)中報告論文，以及出版(或已接納刊登)一份以中文或英文撰寫的獨著或合著論文。

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：第一部份為理論及方法；第二部份為專業領域；第三部分為論文開題報告。

(2) 學院會在第一年開學前訂立資格考試的時間表，除非有特別理由，否則資格考試時間不可更改。

(3) 研究生必須通過資格考試，否則將被退學。

(4) 研究生必須分別在入學後一定時間內通過資格考試：

擁有研究碩士學位*： 全日制 30 個月

兼讀制 42 個月

沒有研究碩士學位*：
全日制 42 個月
兼讀制 58 個月

*在 2014-15 年度或之後入學的學生，除了擁有 (a) 研究式哲學碩士，和 (b) 大學教育資助委員會撥款資助的院校的研究碩士的學生外，其他擁有碩士學位的學生包括來自內地的，將被視為非研究式碩士，而有關申請人的常規修業期為 48 個月。大學全權決定研究生所獲之學位是否屬於研究式碩士學位，是項決定將經入學通知書知會研究生。

三、研讀計劃

研究生須於入學後六個月內，經論文導師指導完成研讀計劃，並提交予學部通過。在入學第一個學期，學部主任會協助同學選定論文導師。

四、論文

- (1) 除非特殊情況，否則研究生在通過論文大綱的口試後，不得再更改論文主題。擁有研究碩士學位的全日制的研究生須於第三學年的第一學期提交論文大綱，兼讀生則要在第四學年的第一學期提交論文大綱。
- (2) 除非特殊情況，否則學部不鼓勵學生在第二學年或之後更換論文導師。
- (3) 研究生必須如期提交論文及通過口試，方可畢業。
- (4) 輔導研究生撰寫論文的課程：COMM 8200。

五、其他要求

- (1) 學生必須滿足研究院的學期評估要求。詳情可參閱「研究生總學則」(General Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies)第 13 條「成績低劣及退學」(Unsatisfactory Performance and Discontinuation of Studies)，此學則已上載於研究院網頁：<https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/>。
- (2) 除非獲研究院院務會批准之特殊情況，研究生的累計平均積點須達到 2.0 或以上方可畢業。

學生必須於第一學年完成 Improving Postgraduate Learning (IPL) 滿足候選人資格要求中的相關部分：

- (3) 在 2022-23 年度或之後入學的研究生，均需要在第一學年完成及通過 IPL 中的“Basics of Research Data Management”網上單元。此單元及相關資訊：<https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/download/IPL-Researchskills.pdf>。

除此之外，學生亦要完成以下單元，滿足畢業要求中的相關部分：

- (4) 完成 IPL 中的“Observing Intellectual Property and Copyright Law during Research”網上單元。此單元及相關資訊：<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipl.html>。
- (5) 完成研究及知識轉移服務處 (ORKTS) 提供的“Research Ethics Training (RET)”中的“Publication Ethics”網上單元，並獲取相關證書，詳情可瀏覽網址：<https://www.research-ethics.cuhk.edu.hk/web/>。

六、論文不獲通過

若同學的論文不獲通過，他／她必須在接獲通知的 12 個月內（而且必須是大學指定的最長修業期內），修改並重新提交論文予論文委員會評核，獲得通過後，方可畢業。每位同學只能重交論文一次。

七、備註

如獲學部主任批准，哲學博士生可選讀學部以內/以外的其他科目，以取代選修科目。