

Catalog of Postgraduate Programs and Curricula

Curriculum for PhD(HUMA) (For students admitted in 2010-11)

Program Requirements for Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Program in Humanities

Credits

1. To fulfill a **minimum of 24 credits** of coursework at PG level offered by the Division, excluding HUMA 610 *Independent Study*.
2. Subject to the approval of the Division's PG Committee, students may be granted credits transfer of up to 6 credits.
3. Students enrolled in the program may specialize in Linguistics, Literature, History and Anthropology, or Philosophy and Religion.
 - a) Linguistics Concentration:
 - (i) Of the 24 credits of required coursework, 9 must be from:
 - HUMA 516 *Chinese Historical Phonology*;
 - HUMA 524 *Chinese Dialectology*; and
 - HUMA 527 *Cantonese Linguistics*
 - (ii) 3 credits must be taken in a discipline other than Linguistics.
 - (iii) The remaining 12 credits can be taken in the student's chosen field, to be decided in consultation with the thesis supervisor.
 - b) Literature Concentration:
 - (i) Of the 24 credits of required coursework, 9 must be from:
 - HUMA 530 *Chinese Literary History*
 - HUMA 533 *Traditional Chinese Literary Theory and Criticism*;
 - HUMA 538 *Modern Literary Theory I*; or
 - HUMA 539 *Modern Literary Theory II*
 - (ii) 3 credits must be taken in a discipline other than Literature; and
 - (iii) The remaining 12 credits can be taken in the student's chosen field, to be decided in consultation with the thesis supervisor.
 - c) History and Anthropology Concentration:

Plan A - Chinese History

 - (i) Of the 24 credits of required coursework, 9 must be from:
 - HUMA 555 *Field Research: Theory and Practice*;
 - HUMA 556 *Methods in the Study of Source Materials*; and
 - HUMA 558 *Theories and Methods in East Asian History*
 - (ii) 3 credits must be taken in a discipline other than History and Anthropology.
 - (iii) The remaining 12 credits can be taken in the student's chosen field, to be decided in consultation with the thesis supervisor.

Plan B - Cultural Anthropology and Social History

- (i) Of the 24 credits of required coursework, 9 must be from:
 - HUMA 555 *Field Research: Theory and Practice*;
 - HUMA 556 *Methods in the Study of Source Materials*; and
 - HUMA 558 *Theories and Methods in East Asian History*
 - (ii) 3 credits must be taken in a discipline other than History and Anthropology.
 - (iii) The remaining 12 credits can be taken in the student's chosen field, to be decided in consultation with the thesis supervisor.
- d) Philosophy and Religion Concentration:
- (i) Of the 24 credits of required coursework, 3 must be from one of the following core courses:
 - HUMA 580 *Fundamentals of Chinese Philosophy*; or
 - HUMA 590 *Fundamentals of Comparative Philosophy*
 - (ii) 3 credits must be taken in a discipline other than Philosophy and Religion.
 - (iii) The remaining 18 credits can be taken in the student's chosen field, to be decided in consultation with the thesis supervisor.

Independent Study

If students wish to further broaden their interests and training in a special area, they may choose to take more coursework and/or enroll in an independent study course in addition to the regular 24-credit requirement. Under special circumstances, students may apply for substituting a regular course by an independent study course, subject to the approval of thesis supervisors and the PG Committee. However, no more than 2 independent study courses may be used for this purpose.

Language Requirements

In addition to English and Chinese, the PhD degree program requires students to acquire a level of competence in a third language (normally Japanese, French or German), as demonstrated either through satisfactory completion of a 2nd year language course taken within the last 5 years or through acceptable performance in a standardized examination. The third language requirement must be fulfilled no later than the semester in which the student completes the qualifying examination.

Qualifying Examination

To pass a written qualifying examination no later than the 6th semester of study (the 8th semester for part-time students).

Research and PhD Thesis Examination

1. To conduct research and enroll in HUMA 799 *Doctoral Thesis Research*; and
2. To defend the PhD thesis successfully.
 - (a) *A PhD thesis prospectus should be submitted to the PhD Thesis Supervision Committee no later than 6 months (9 months for part-time students) after successful completion of the qualifying examination.*
 - (b) *The thesis is normally written in English. If a student wishes to use Chinese as the thesis language, prior approval must be obtained.*