

Catalog of Postgraduate Programs and Curricula

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

Program Requirements for Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Program in Social Science

Credits

1. To complete **27 credits** of coursework, of which 12 must be from the following core research methodology courses:

SOSC 509	<i>Statistics in Social Science;</i>
SOSC 511	<i>Social Research Methods;</i>
SOSC 517	<i>Systematic Methods in Qualitative Research;</i> and
SOSC 534	<i>Quantitative Analysis in Social Science</i>
2. For the remaining 15 credits, at least 9 credits have to be taken as taught courses and 6 credits among courses designated by the PG Committee as relating to the students' major field of studies.

Language Requirements

For students whose native language is not English, who do not have a TOEFL score of over 600 (paper-based total) or 250 (computer-based total), or 100 (internet-based total) or an IELTS score of 6 or above, or a B grade or above in the Hong Kong "Use of English Examination", are required to take a course on English writing offered by the Language Center.

Qualifying Examinations

1. To pass a qualifying examination related to their specialization before the end of their 5th semester in order to become doctoral candidates.
2. Students who have been granted 9 or more transfer credits are required to pass the qualifying examination before the end of their 3rd semester of study.

Research and PhD Thesis Examination

1. To take SOSC 799 *Doctoral Thesis Research*; and
2. To defend the PhD thesis successfully.