

## **Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programs in Environmental Engineering**

### *Curriculum for Master of Philosophy (MPhil) Program in Environmental Engineering*

The Master of Philosophy (MPhil) program requires students to complete at least 15 credits of approved coursework taken from more than one department. Of the 15 credits, students are required to take at least 9 credits from courses offered by the School of Engineering in List A below. Students taking courses from List B or other courses outside the School of Engineering must have the prior approval from their thesis supervisors and the final endorsement of the Program Director. Students who do not have sufficient exposure to environmental courses need to take CIVL 3420 Water and Wastewater Engineering and/or CIVL 4470 Air Quality Control and Management, or equivalent courses as advised by the EVNG Program Committee.

In addition to the 15 credits, all full-time and part-time students are required to take and pass ENGG 6770 Professional Development in Engineering in their first 1.5 years of study. Students may be exempted from certain course events, subject to prior approval of the School. Part-time students may be given extension to complete the course, subject to prior approval of the School.

Full-time RPg students are required to take an English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) Speaking Test administered by the Center for Language Education before the start of their first term of study. Students whose ELPA Speaking Test score is below Level 4, or who failed to take the test in their first term of study, are required to take LANG 5000 Foundation in Listening & Speaking for Postgraduate Students until they pass the course by attaining at least Level 4 in the ELPA Speaking Test before graduation.

Students must complete LANG 5001 Postgraduate English for Engineering Research Studies during their study. Students can be exempted from taking LANG 5001 with the agreement of the Program Director.

The credits earned from ENGG 6770 and LANG 5001 cannot be counted toward the credit requirements.

Students must also participate in the graduate seminar program EVNG 6050 Environmental Engineering Seminar for at least 2 regular terms, and present at least one seminar during their study.

Students must demonstrate in their research thesis competence in environmental research and pass the oral defense examination.

List A Courses

Students are required to take at least 9 credits of coursework from the following courses offered by the School of Engineering. A maximum of 6 credits of 4000-level undergraduate courses may be taken.

CENG	5210	Advanced Separation Processes
CENG	5760	Advanced Physico-Chemical Treatment Processes
CENG	5840	Nanomaterials for Chemical Engineering Applications
CIVL	4430	Environmental Impact Assessment
CIVL	4460	Process Design of Environmental Engineering Facilities
CIVL	4470	Air Quality Control and Management
CIVL	4520	Municipal Hydrosystems Engineering and Management
CIVL	5410	Physical-Chemical Water/Wastewater Treatment
CIVL	5420	Biological Waste Treatment
CIVL	5430	Aquatic Chemistry
CIVL	5450	Hazardous Waste Treatment and Site Remediation
CIVL	5460	Landfill Engineering and Design
CIVL	5470	Industrial Wastewater Treatment
MECH	4350	Indoor Air Quality in Buildings
MECH	5210	Fluid Dynamics

List B Courses

The following are courses offered by departments outside the School of Engineering that may be counted toward the program requirements.

ENVR	5210	Environmental Microbiology
ENVR	6050	Introduction to Oceanography
EVSM	5220	Advanced Environmental Chemistry
SOSC	5620	Sustainable Development

***Curriculum for Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Program in Environmental Engineering***

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program requires students to complete at least 15 credits of approved coursework taken from more than one department. Of the 15 credits, students are required to take at least 9 credits from courses offered by the School of Engineering in List A below. Students taking courses from List B or other courses outside the School of Engineering must have the prior approval from their thesis supervisors and the final endorsement of the Program Director. Students admitted to this program should possess a master's degree. In exceptional circumstances, if outstanding students are admitted to the program without a master's degree, they may be required to take additional credits to fulfill the program requirements. Students with a master's degree in an Environmental Engineering or a

closely related field may be granted credit transfer by the Program Director on a case-by-case basis. Students are also required to fulfill the school requirements on PhD programs stipulated in the section of *School of Engineering*.

In addition to the 15 credits, all full-time and part-time students are required to take and pass ENGG 6770 Professional Development in Engineering and EVNG 6770 Professional Development in Environmental Engineering. Students may be exempted from certain ENGG 6770 events, subject to prior approval of the School. Part-time students may be exempted from a maximum of 50% of mini-workshops of EVNG 6770, subject to prior approval of the Program. Students are expected to complete the Professional Development courses in their first two years of study. Subject to approval, part-time students may be given extension to complete the courses. HKUST MPhil graduates in Environmental Engineering who have taken and passed ENGG 6770 before may be exempted from taking the same course, subject to prior approval from the Program Director and PG Coordinator.

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Students must complete LANG 5001 Postgraduate English for Engineering Research Studies during their study. Students can be exempted from taking LANG 5001 with the agreement of the Program Director.

The credits earned from ENGG 6770, EVNG 6770 and LANG 5001 cannot be counted toward the credit requirements.

Students must participate in the graduate seminar program EVNG 6050 Environmental Engineering Seminar for at least four regular terms, and present at least two terms during their study.

To become a doctoral candidate, the student must pass a qualifying examination within the first 18 months of study. The qualifying examination involves the submission of a research proposal and an oral/written examination given by the Thesis Supervision Committee. The purpose of the qualifying examination is to establish the student's ability to formulate and conduct original research in the chosen field of study. Upon completion of the coursework and the thesis, the candidate is required to defend the thesis before a Thesis Examination Committee.

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